

STATIN calls for participation in 2011 census

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The director general of the Statistical Institute of Jamaica (STATIN), Sonia Jackson is encouraging participation in the 2011 Population and Housing Census.

The census themed: Every one Counts - You, Me, All a Wi! is slated to begin on April 4, 2011 and last until July.

However, the planning process and a public education campaign are currently underway.

Meanwhile, Jackson is seeking to assure that the personal information provided by citizens will be kept in strict [confidence](#).

The STATIN Director General says census takers, like all members of staff at the institute have signed confidentiality agreements for which breaches are punishable by law.

She's also making a special appeal to the occupiers and managers of gated communities and apartment complexes to allow census takers access.

The census is the process of collecting, compiling and publishing demographic, social and economic data pertaining to a specified time for all persons in a country.

The last population and housing census was conducted in 2001.

At that time, the population count was just over 2.6 million.