

PRESS RELEASE
POPULATION CENSUS 2001 PRELIMINARY REPORT

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The Statistical Institute of Jamaica recently released the Population Census 2001 Preliminary report. The report presents the preliminary findings of the recently concluded census exercise, which began September 10, last year. Highlights of the report were presented at a Press Conference at the Hilton Kingston Hotel on September 12, 2002. The report shows that twenty years ago the population was growing at an annual rate of 1.42 percent, there was a slight decrease in the rate of growth seen from the previous intercensal period, in 1991 it fell from 0.93 percent to 0.88 percent a year. The overall increase in the ten years since 1999 was 218,668. The report shows that female accounted for 1,321,426 of the population compared with 1,277,908 males, Other areas covered are the fastest growing parish capitals these include Sav-la-mar, May Pen, Mandeville, Spanish Town and Montego Bay. The fastest growing urban areas are listed, Old Harbour, Portmore/Hellshire, Ewarton, Bog Walk, Linstead, Ocho Rios, Negril, Porus, Little London, and Williamsfield. The number of private dwellings increased by 27.2 percent over 1991, this increase resulted in the lowering of the average persons per dwelling from 4.2 percent in 1991 to 3.6 percent in 2001.