

DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS 2002

The Statistical Institute of Jamaica recently released the Demographic Statistics 2002 report. This report is the first in the series to be based on the 2001 population census. With the finalization of the 2001 census count all previous end of year estimates for the intercensal years, 1991-2001 have been revised. Additionally this report features information on births, deaths, passenger movements, marriages and divorces.

In 2001, 53,659 thousand births were registered; the crude birth rate was 20.6 compared with 54,035 thousand for 2000 when the crude birth rate was 20.87. The life expectancy at birth for the period 1991-2000 is 73.3 years for both sexes combined, for men it is 70.9 percent and for women 75.6 percent.

The number of non-immigrants to the United States of America increased significantly. In 2001, 271,000 thousand non-immigrants were admitted to the United States showing a steady increase from the 1980s to present, a rise in excess of 100 percent.

Total marriages for 1999 and 2000 were 56,153, while total divorces granted in 2002 were 1,745, a 32 per cent increase over the 2001 figure of 1,691.

The Demographic Statistics 2002 further outlines additional information and may be obtained at our Distribution Office located at 9 Swallowfield Road, Kingston 5.