

## **News Release**

### **Employment, Earnings & Hours Worked in Large Establishments 2002-2005**

The latest publication of the Employment Earnings and Hours worked in Large Establishments 2002-2005, released by the Statistical Institute of Jamaica, shows total quarterly employment estimates for the period March 2002 to September 2005 increased by (1.16 per cent), moving from 168,781 to 170,745, with consistent increases in the employment level between March 2004 and September 2005.

Three sub-sectors, Retail Trade (13.35 per cent), Real Estate and Business Services (10.51 per cent) and Hotels, Rooming Houses and Lodging Places (10.40 per cent) of total employment in September 2005.

Salaried employees increased from 71,301 in March 2002 to 78,289 in September 2005, an increase of (9.80 per cent) with Retail Trade, Financial Institutions and Community, Social and Personal Services industries being the main contributors to the increase.

Wage earners declined by 5.15 per cent, from 97,480 to 92,456 for the period March 2002 to September 2005.

Annual average weekly earnings increased by 16.11 per cent, from \$8,895 in 2002 to \$10,328 in 2005. The industry groups that showed significant increases in average earnings over the period were Construction, Trade, Hotels and Restaurants, and Mining.

**Additional information may be obtained from the distribution office located at 7 Cecelio Avenue, Kingston 10.**