

# Jamaica

Latin America and the Caribbean

UPPER MIDDLE INCOME

Population (millions, 2009)	2.7
Population growth (avg. annual %, 2000-09)	0.5
Population density (people per km <sup>2</sup> , 2008)	248.3
Labor force (millions, 2008)	1.2
Unemployment rate (% of labor force, 2008)	10.6
Urban population (% of pop., 2009)	53.5
Surface area (1,000 km <sup>2</sup> , 2008)	11.0
GNI (US\$ billions, 2009)	14.1
GNI per capita, Atlas method (US\$, 2009)	4,990
GDP growth (avg. annual %, 2005-09)	1.1
Poverty headcount ratio at national poverty line (% of pop., 2005)	0.3
Age dependency ratio (2009)	59.1

## Migration

### EMIGRATION, 2010

- Stock of emigrants: **985.5 thousands**
- Stock of emigrants as percentage of population: **36.1%**
- Top destination countries: the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Cayman Islands, The Bahamas, Antigua and Barbuda, Germany, Netherlands Antilles, Australia, Barbados

### SKILLED EMIGRATION, 2000

- Emigration rate of tertiary-educated population: **85.1%**
- Emigration of physicians: **2,026** or **41.6%** of physicians trained in the country (*Source: Bhargava, Docquier, and Moullan 2010*)

### IMMIGRATION, 2010

- Stock of immigrants: **30.0 thousands**
- Stock of immigrants as percentage of population: **1.1%**
- Females as percentage of immigrants: **49.4%**
- Refugees as percentage of immigrants: **0.0%**
- Top source countries: the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, India

## Remittances

US\$ millions	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010e
<b>Inward remittance flows*</b>	<b>1,398</b>	<b>1,623</b>	<b>1,784</b>	<b>1,946</b>	<b>2,144</b>	<b>2,180</b>	<b>1,924</b>	<b>2,020</b>
<i>of which</i>								
Workers' remittances	1,270	1,466	1,621	1,769	1,964	2,021	1,794	—
Compensation of employees	110	135	140	154	158	135	99	—
Migrants' transfers	19	22	22	23	21	24	19	—
<b>Outward remittance flows</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>—</b>
<i>of which</i>								
Workers' remittances	283	340	317	300	303	313	239	—
Compensation of employees	39	51	52	58	93	51	32	—
Migrants' transfers	19	34	41	54	58	54	43	—

a. For comparison: net FDI inflows US\$1.4 bn, net ODA received US\$0.1 bn, total international reserves US\$1.8 bn in 2008.

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