

Jamaica

- Population: 2,812,090 (July 2018 estimate)
- Median Age: 28.6 years
- Language(s): English; English patois
- Government: Parliamentary democracy under a constitutional democracy
- Chief of State: Queen Elizabeth II (since February 6, 1952)
- Governor General: Dr. Patrick L. Allen (since February 26, 2009)
- Prime Minister: Andrew Holness (since March 3, 2016)
- Independence Day: August 6, 1962
- Land Area: 4,244 square miles (about half the size of New Jersey; slightly smaller than Connecticut)
- Capital: Kingston
- Agricultural Land: 41.4% (2011 estimate)
- Forest: 31.1% (2011 estimate)
- Natural Resources: bauxite, gypsum, limestone
- Agricultural Products: sugarcane, bananas, coffee, citrus, yams, ackees, vegetables, poultry, goats, milk, shellfish
- Currency: 128.38 Jamaican Dollars = 1 US Dollar

Fun Facts

- Discovered by Christopher Columbus in 1494
- Jamaica is the first Caribbean country to gain independence and the third largest island in the Caribbean
- Jamaica is a “musical” country. One of the world's most influential musician is Jamaican reggae artist, Robert (Bob) Marley
- Jamaica was the first tropical country to participate in the Winter Olympics. They sent a bobsled team
- Jamaica was the first commercial producer of bananas in the western hemisphere. Jamaica produces Blue Mountain Coffee, one of the rarest coffees in the world
- Jamaica has the fastest people in the world! Jamaican Usain Bolt holds the world record in 100 and 200 meters

