

# Jamaica

Official Title: Jamaica



## General Information:

<b>Capital</b>	Kingston	<b>Population (million)</b> 2.829
<b>Total Area</b>	10,991 km <sup>2</sup>	
<b>Currency</b>	1 CAN\$=93.33831 Jamaican \$ (JMD) (2016 - Annual average)	
<b>National Holiday</b>	August 6 (1962, Independence Day)	
<b>Language(s)</b>	English and English patois	

## Political Information:

**Type of State** Commonwealth Country

### Type of Government

Constitutional monarchy. Bicameral parliament featuring a Senate of 21 appointed members, and a House of Representatives of 63 members elected for five year terms.



### Head of State

Governor General (Queen Elizabeth II)  
Sir Patrick Allen

### Head of Government

Prime Minister  
Andrew Holness

**Ministers:** Foreign Affairs & Foreign Trade: Kamina Johnson Smith

### Main Political Parties

Jamaican Labour Party (32), People's National Party (31).

**Elections:** Last: 25 February 2016; Next: By 2021.

## Economic Information: (2016)

IMF/Statistics Canada

	Jamaica	Canada
<b>GDP: (billion)</b>	\$18.49	\$2,026.59
<b>GDP per capita:</b>	\$6,534.14	\$55,938.56
<b>GDP Growth rate: (%)</b>	1.54	1.43
<b>Inflation: (%)</b>	3.83	1.41
<b>Unemployment: (%)</b>	12.84	7.00

## Product Trade and Investment: (2016)

Statistics Canada

<b>Canadian Exports:</b>	\$113,612,169
<b>Canadian Imports:</b>	\$204,446,288
<b>Foreign Direct Investment in Canada</b>	n/a (million)
<b>Canadian Direct Investment in Jamaica</b>	n/a (million)

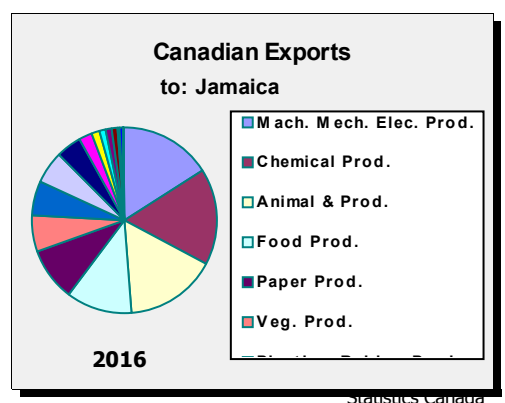
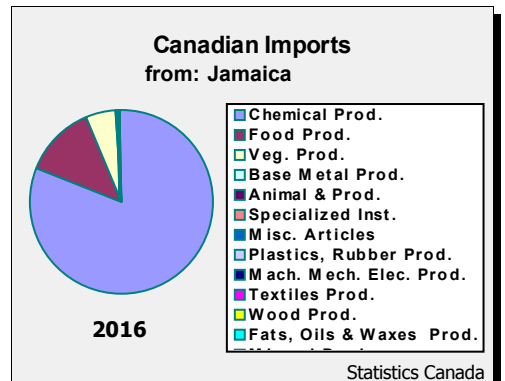
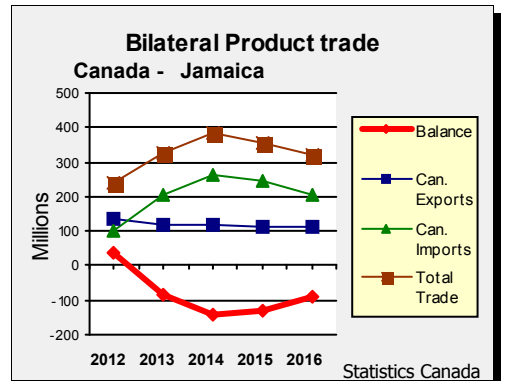
## Representation:

### Foreign Representation in Canada

High Commissioner Janice Avonne Miller

### Canadian Representation Abroad

High Commissioner Sylvain Fabi



Sources:  
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