

# United Nations Statistics Division

## QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE ECONOMIC CENSUS

	Country:	<b>JAMAICA</b>
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#	Questions	Response*
1	Do you conduct periodic censuses of economic units? <i>If No, please go to question 8.</i>	<b>No</b> <sup>1</sup>
2	In what year was the <b>first</b> census of economic units conducted in your country?	
3	In what year was the <b>most recent</b> census of economic units conducted in your country?	
4	How often do you conduct censuses of economic units? ( <i>e.g., every 5 or 10 years etc.</i> )	
5	In the most recent economic census, units from what kind of economic activity were not covered? <i>Please tick the applicable items:</i>	
	Agriculture	
	Public administration	
	Other ( <i>please specify</i> )	
6	Do you apply a threshold (in terms of employment or revenues/turnover) when defining the population of units to be completely enumerated in the economic census? <i>If Yes, please define your threshold.</i>	
7	How do you cover units below that threshold? <i>Please tick the applicable items:</i>	
	Using information from sample surveys (incl. household types surveys)	
	Using information from the most recent population census	
	Using administrative sources of data	
Other ( <i>please specify</i> )		
8	If you conducted the economic censuses in the past, what was the year of the <b>last</b> census?	<b>1967</b>
9	If you do not conduct an economic census, how is the compilation of the basic information about economic units organized in your country? <i>Please tick the applicable items:</i>	
	Using the systematically updated statistical business register	<b>Yes</b> <sup>2</sup>
	Using results of regular economic surveys programme	Yes
	Using administrative sources of data	Yes
Other ( <i>please specify</i> )	<b>Yes</b> <sup>2</sup>	
10	Do you have plans to conduct an economic census in the future?	<b>Yes</b> <sup>3</sup>

\* For some countries the questionnaire is pre-filled. Please check the accuracy of the pre-filled responses. Additional sheets can be used to provide any extended responses as well as any clarifications/comments if necessary.

Please provide the address of your website where we can access materials describing your country practices in economic census: [www.statinja.com](http://www.statinja.com)

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## FOOTNOTES:

### **Conduct of censuses of Economic Units** <sup>1</sup>

Jamaica conducts a decennial census of Agriculture in which data are collected on farms as the primary economic unit. Other economic censuses have not been undertaken recently. The last census of establishments was conducted in 1967.

### **Compilation of Information about Economic Units** <sup>2</sup>

STATIN maintains a Business register of Establishments that is systematically updated using the following sources:

#### ***Results of Economic Surveys:***

*Regular quarterly and annual economic surveys that are administered to a sample of establishments in the 20-29 employee size group and to all establishments that employ 50 persons and over. These are utilized to regularly update the business Frame.*

#### ***Administrative Records:***

*Administrative records such as obtained from the Registrar of Companies on births and deaths of establishments, the Tax Administration Departments and information from Professional Associations on their membership.*

#### ***CREU Questionnaire:***

*The Central Register of Economic Units (CREU) Questionnaire is administered to new and existing establishments for obtaining background information on their form of economic organization, history, structure and business activities.*

#### ***Other***

*The local daily and business newspapers and annual telephone directory are consistently consulted for new information that is used to update the Business Register.*

### **Plans for an Economic Census in Jamaica** <sup>3</sup>

Jamaica has been exploring the possibility of conducting an Economic Census but is constrained by cost and competing interests for available resources.