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Workshop 'Integrating Global Census Microdata'
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Jamaica has a long history of census taking dating back to the nineteenth century.

Nineteenth century censuses: 1844, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891.
Twentieth century censuses

- 1943 census regarded as first modern census in the Caribbean—processing done mechanically for the first time
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- 1943-Central Bureau of Statistics
- 1960, 1970-Department of Statistics, processing by University of the West Indies
- 1982-Department of Statistics
- 1991, 2001-Statistical Institute of Jamaica

Made available to users.

Specific conditions
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- The data shall not be used for resale.
- STATIN gives no warranty for the non-existence of errors, although all care and diligence has been exercised in the processing, analyzing and extracting of the information.
To protect the identity and confidentiality of persons/or businesses providing information the data have been aggregated in such a manner so as to prevent any person from identifying such person/or business establishment pursuant to Section 8 (2) of the Statistics Act.
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- De jure censuses
- Interviewer method- house to house visits with direct interviews for residents in private households and some institutions. Administrative records provide source for other institutions.
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- Extended data collection periods due to unresponsive population.
- Imputation in 1982
- Adjustment to data in 2001
- Sampling for the first time in 2001
Data base contains full 100% of population and housing characteristics for sample selection to be done by IPUMS.

For 2001 database includes 10% sample
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- Harmonization Issues
- Concepts and definitions mostly consistent for the three censuses.
- Differences arise due to additional questions to capture changes in socio-economic conditions.
Next Steps: To provide IPUMS with databases and documentation.

Data already prepared, process of search for and retrieval of documentation tedious. In most cases, not in electronic form.
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- Continue to retrieve and prepare documentation- forms, dictionaries, manuals, data processing reports.
- All deliveries to IPUMS to be completed by November 2009.
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