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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.**



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## Twentieth century censuses

- 1911, 1921, 1943, 1960, 1970, 1982, 1991, 2001
- 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**



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- **Electronic databases available for 1982, 1991, 2001**
- **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.**



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**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**



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- **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.**



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- **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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**Thanks to Bob for the  
opportunity to be here!**



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**Thank you**

