



SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
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Arcadia Summary Profile

Development Area: Port Morant
Constituency: Eastern St. Thomas
Districts: None (0)

Community Borders:
North: Pear Tree River
South: Barking Lodge
East: Winchester
West: Port Morant

Community Representation

Member of Parliament: Fenton Ferguson

Councillor: Michael Hue

Community Priority Issues

1. High levels of adult (25yrs and over) unemployment
2. High levels of youth (15-24 yrs) unemployment
3. Poor Roads
4. Low skills level
5. Limited/no opportunity for training and

Number of active Community

Based Organizations: Six (6)

Demographic Data

- Estimated population size - 1,015
- Estimated Number of Households - 290
- Average household Size – 3.5
- 49% of households were headed by males
- An estimated 62.3% of household members had no academic qualification.
- 46.2% of household heads were unemployed

Age Sex Distribution of Population

Age Cohort	Male	Female	Average Total
0-14	19.8	13.3	33.0
15-24	8.6	7.0	15.6
25-29	4.2	2.5	6.7
30-64	17.6	19.4	37.1
65+	4.2	3.4	7.6
TOTAL	54.4	45.6	100.0

Social and Physical Amenities

Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 50% of houses were made from board, and 45% from block. ● 74.5% owned their houses and 9.7% rented ● 40% of respondents lived on family owned land while 31.7% owned the land.
Utilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 32.4% of residents received public water piped into yard and 121.4% received public water piped into dwelling. ● 90.3% of residents used electricity for lighting
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 95.2% of residents have access to telephone services; of these households 99.3% used cellular phones and 0.7% used both cellular and land line phones.
Sanitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 78.6% of households' garbage is picked up by truck. ● Approximately 64.8% of households utilized pit latrine and 19.3% of all households shared toilet facilities.

*Data was compiled from socio-economic survey conducted by SDC, 2009. A comprehensive community profile of Arcadia Community can be obtained at the St. Thomas Parish Office, 2 Springfield Road, Morant Bay P.O.
 Tel: 982-2512/982-0232*