



SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Building Communities...Building Jamaica
BUFF BAY SUMMARY PROFILE



Development Area : Buff Bay

Constituency : Portland,

Western

Districts (3) : Buff Bay proper, Craig Mill, Mount Vernon, Kildare, White River, Diamond Ridge

Community Borders:

North : Caribbean Sea
South : CharlesTown & Belvedere
East : Orange Bay
West : Windsor Castle

No. of active CBOs: Four (4)

Demographic Data

- Estimated population size – **6023**
- Estimated Number of Households – **1610**
- Average household Size – **3.7**
- **47.0%** of households are headed by males
- An estimated **47.8%** of household heads had no academic qualification
- **32.2%** of household heads are unemployed

Community Priority Issues

1. High levels of adult unemployment
2. High levels of youth unemployment
3. Poor Parenting
4. Low skill levels
5. Poor representation by elected political leaders.

AGE AND GENDER DISTRIBUTION

AGE COHORT (YRS)	%AGE MALES	%AGE FEMAL ES	TOTAL
0-14	14.4	14.6	29.0
15-34	15.1	15.6	30.7
35-64	17.5	15.2	32.7
65+	4.1	3.5	7.6
TOTAL	51.1	48.9	100.0

Social and Physical Amenities

Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 70.7% of respondents owned the house in which they live while 20.7% lived in rented house and 5.4% lived rent free.
Utilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 53.5% of residents have public water piped into their dwelling, and 26.4% have public water piped into their yards. ● 96.7% of residents use electricity for lighting while 3.2% use kerosene.
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 97.8% of residents have access to telephone services, 86.4% of households had access to the internet.
Sanitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 66.8% of residents have their garbage picked up by truck, while 25.8% burn their garbage. ● 55.4% had sewer/water closet not linked to a central sewer system; 17.7% of households utilized pit latrines. And 26.6% used sewers linked to the main sewer

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