

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Building Communities...Building Jamaica BUFF BAY SUMMARY PROFILE

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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 : Charles Town

Belvedere

East : Orange BayWest : Windsor Castle

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.

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

AGE AND GENDER DISTRIBUTION			
AGE	%AGE	%AGE	
COHORT	MALES	FEMAL	TOTAL
(YRS)		ES	
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

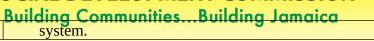
Social and Physical Amenities

Housing	70.7% of respondents owned the house in which they live while 20.7% lived in
	rented house and 5.4% lived rent free.
	• 53.5 % of residents have public water piped into their dwelling, and 26.4 % have
Utilities	public water piped into their yards.
	• 96.7 % of residents use electricity for lighting while 3.2 % use kerosene.
Communicati	• 97.8 % of residents have access to telephone services, 86.4 % of households had
on	access to the internet.
Sanitation	• 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

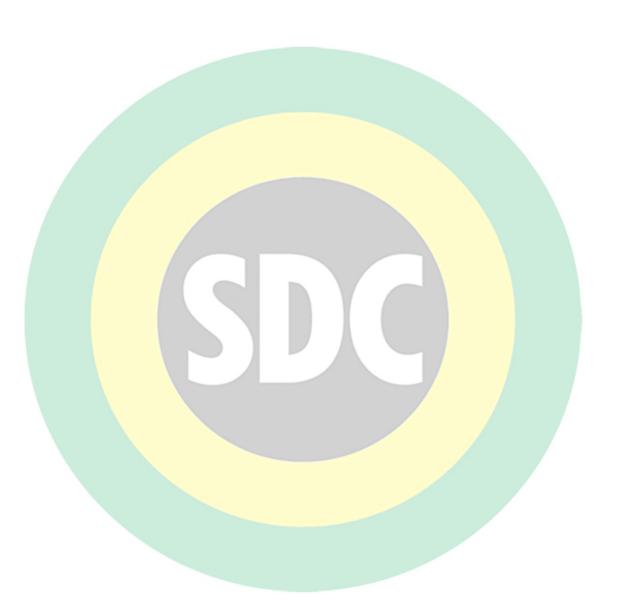
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