



# SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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## HOPE BAY SUMMARY PROFILE



**Development Area :** Swift River

**Constituency** : Portland,  
Western

**Districts (3)** : Hope Bay proper,  
Hopefield, Content, Caenwood

**Community Borders:**

**North** : Caribbean Sea  
**South** : Fruitfulvale  
**East** : St. Margaret's Bay  
**West** : Orange Bay

**Community Representation**

**Community Priority Issues**

1. High levels of adult unemployment
2. Low skill levels
3. Poor roads
4. Poor representation by elected political leader
5. Low water pressure/ no water supply

**No. of active CBOs:** Four (4)

**Demographic Data**

- Estimated population size – **1942**
- Estimated Number of Households – **534**
- Average household Size – **3.6**
- **53.0%** of households are headed by males
- An estimated **84.3%** of household heads had no academic qualification
- **46.0%** of household heads are unemployed

AGE AND GENDER DISTRIBUTION			
AGE COHORT (YRS)	%AGE MALES	%AGE FEMAL ES	TOTAL
0-14	17.3	24.2	41.5
15-34	15.0	14.4	29.4
35-64	15.6	13.3	28.9
65+	3.2	4.6	7.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48.2</b>	<b>51.8</b>	<b>100</b>

**Social and Physical Amenities**

<b>Housing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>68.3%</b> of respondents owned the house in which they live while <b>22.0%</b> lived in rented house and <b>2.4%</b> leased.</li> </ul>
<b>Utilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>50.2%</b> of residents have public water piped into yard, and <b>24.3%</b> have public water piped into dwelling.</li> <li>● <b>95.2%</b> of residents use electricity for lighting while <b>4.8%</b> use kerosene.</li> </ul>
<b>Communication</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>97.6%</b> of residents have access to telephone services, <b>90.2%</b> of households had access to the internet.</li> </ul>
<b>Sanitation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>85.2%</b> of residents have their garbage picked up by truck, while <b>15%</b> burn their garbage.</li> <li>● <b>84.0%</b> had sewer/water closet not linked to a central sewer system; <b>16.0%</b> of households utilized pit latrines.</li> </ul>

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