

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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Independence City Summary Profile

Development Area: Portmore

Constituency: St. Catherine South East

Community: Independence City

Districts: Independence City Proper and Westchester

Community Borders:
North: Gregory Park
South: Bridgeport
East: Passagefort
West: Cumberland

Community Representation

Members of Parliament: Collin Fagan

Councillors: Shane Dalling & Keith Blake

Community Priority Issues

- 1. Mosquito control
- 2. Opportunities for employment
- 3. Community sports and recreational centres
- 4. CBO's and community activities

Number of active Community

Based Organizations: Six (6)

Demographic Data

- Estimated population size 9,351
- Estimated Number of Dwellings 2, 420
- Average household Size 3.9
- 56.6% of households were headed by females
- Approximately 51.6% of household heads were unemployed

Age Sex Distribution of Population

Age Cohort	Male	Female	Average Total
0-14	12.5	11.3	23.8
15-24	9.1	13	22.1
25-29	3.1	3.8	7
30-64	16.6	23.1	39.5
65+	2.6	5	7.7
TOTAL	43.9	56.2	100.1

Social and Physical Amenities

Housing	All of the houses in the community of Independences City were constructed with
	concrete.
	Approximately 75% of the houses within the community were deemed to be in
)	good condition and the remaining 25% fair.
	Most of the households within the community owned the land on which they
	lived (71%). As with the land tenure most (71%) households owned the house in
	which they live.
Utilities	Most of the households within the community sourced their water supply from
	pipes publicly piped into dwelling (98.2%).
	Almost all of the households reported having electricity (99.1%).
Sanitation	Garbage disposal via pickup trucks (99.1%) was the most popular method of
	garbage disposal used among households.
	The large majority of the households used sewer/water closets as their toilet
	facility (97.3%).