JAMAICA

Population: 2,768,941
Gross national income per capita: US$ 5,190
Income group: Middle
Income inequality: 45.51

ACTION PLANS, POLICIES AND LAWS RELEVANT TO SEVERAL TYPES OF VIOLENCE

National action plans

- Interpersonal violence: Yes
- Youth violence: Yes
- Sexual violence: Yes

Against elder abuse in institutions

- No
- Public information campaigns: Yes
- Professional awareness campaigns: Yes
- Non-contact sexual violence: Yes
- Allowing removal of violent spouse from home: Yes
- Against rape in marriage: Yes
- Non-contact sexual violence: Yes
- Elder abuse: No

National and social educational policies

- Incentives provided for high-risk youth to complete schooling: Yes
- Housing policies to de-concentrate poverty: Yes

Alcohol

- Adult (15+) per capita consumption (litres of pure alcohol): 4.9
- Patterns of drinking score: Least Risky
- Excise taxes: Beer: Yes, Wine: Yes, Spirits: Yes

Firearms

- Mandatory background check: Yes
- Handguns/long guns/automatic weapons: Yes/Yes/Yes
- Carrying firearms in public: Yes
- Programmes to reduce civilian firearm possession and use: Yes

Laws to regulate civilian access

- Legal age of marriage (male/female): 18 / 18
- Against child marriage: Yes
- Against statutory rape: Yes
- Against female genital mutilation: No
- Ban on corporal punishment (all settings): Yes (No)

Youth violence laws

- Against weapons on school premises: Yes
- Against gang or criminal group membership: No

Intimate partner violence laws

- Against rape in marriage: Yes
- Allowing removal of violent spouse from home: Yes

Sexual violence laws

- Against rape: Yes
- Against contact sexual violence without rape: Yes
- Against non-contact sexual violence: Yes

Elder abuse laws

- Against elder abuse: No
- Against elder abuse in institutions: No

LAWs AND PREVENTION PROGRAMMES BY TYPE OF VIOLENCE

Child maltreatment laws

- Legal age of marriage (male/female): 18 / 18
- Against child marriage: Yes
- Against statutory rape: Yes
- Against female genital mutilation: No
- Ban on corporal punishment (all settings): Yes (No)

Child maltreatment prevention programmes

- Legal age of marriage (male/female): Enforced
- Against child marriage: Home visiting
- Against statutory rape: Parenting education Training to recognise / avoid sexually abusive situations
- Against female genital mutilation: Yes

Child maltreatment prevention programmes implementation

- No response/don’t know – Limited
- Partial
- Full

Intimate partner violence laws

- Against rape in marriage: Yes
- Allowing removal of violent spouse from home: Yes

Intimate partner violence prevention programmes

- Against rape in marriage: Dating violence prevention in schools
- Allowing removal of violent spouse from home: Microfinance and gender equity training

Intimate partner violence prevention programmes implementation

- No response/don’t know – Once/few times
- Larger scale

Sexual violence laws

- Against rape: Yes
- Against contact sexual violence without rape: Yes
- Against non-contact sexual violence: Yes

Sexual violence prevention programmes

- Against rape: School and college programmes
- Against contact sexual violence without rape: Physical environment changes
- Against non-contact sexual violence: Social and cultural norms change

Sexual violence prevention programmes implementation

- No response/don’t know –

Elder abuse laws

- Against elder abuse: No
- Against elder abuse in institutions: No

Elder abuse prevention programmes

- Against elder abuse: Professional awareness campaigns
- Against elder abuse in institutions: Public information campaigns

Elder abuse prevention programmes implementation

- Yes

VICTIM LAWS

- Providing for victim compensation: Yes
- Providing for victim legal representation: Yes

VICTIM SERVICES

- Providing for victim compensation: Adult protective services
- Providing for victim legal representation: Child protection services

DATA ON VIOLENCE

National prevalence surveys for non-fatal violence

- Child maltreatment: Yes
- Youth violence: Yes
- Intimate partner violence: Yes
- Sexual violence: Yes
- Elder abuse: No

Mechanism of homicide

- Other 11%
- Sharp force 19%
- Firearm 70%

Reported homicides (2011) N= 1133, Rate= 42/100,000 (89% M, 11% F)

Sources: Mechanism: Police; Reported homicides: Police

Trends in homicides

Rate per 100,000 population


Subnational.