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Change in Missing Children's Statistics (Jan-Jun, 2015/2014)

The Office of the Children's Registry (OCR) was established as a provision of the Child Care and Protection Act 2004 (CCPA) on January 1, 2007. A statutory body under the Ministry of Youth and Culture (MYC), the OCR is a central repository used to receive, record, assess and refer reports that are made by persons who know or suspect that a child is being or is at risk of being abused, neglected or otherwise in need of care and protection. The information from these reports forms the basis of the statistics that are presented by the OCR.

General notes:

- (i) A total of **44,782** reports were made to the OCR during the period 2007 – 2013.
- (ii) Statistics on the number of *reports* represent children who were **alleged** victims of physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, trafficking **or** child labour. They also include children who were reported to exhibit behavioural problems or who were otherwise in need of care and protection.
- (iii) Unless otherwise stated, figures shown below reflect original reports made about a particular child and do not include subsequent reports made to the OCR regarding the same, or any other incident of abuse pertaining to the same child.
- (iv) Reports of incidents that are received by the OCR are regarded as allegations; investigations by the relevant agencies may either confirm an incident as reported or indicate otherwise.
- (v) Where presented, "n/a" means not applicable.
- (vi) Where presented, *N* = Total count.
- (vii) **Statistics shown are not final and hence, are subject to change.**
- (viii) Missing Children data are compiled in collaboration with the Missing Person Monitoring Unit
- (ix) Unless otherwise stated the figures for missing children reflect original and subsequent report(s) of a particular child given there is record of the child's recovery prior to the subsequent report(s).
- (x) Please see *next page* for captioned data.
- (xi) Additional statistics on child abuse may be found in the **downloads** or **statistics** section of our website.
<http://www.ocr.gov.jm/index.php/statistics> or <http://www.ocr.gov.jm/index.php/download>

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Missing Children Statistics - A comparison of Jan – Jun 2014 versus Jan – Jun 2015

Preliminary statistics sourced from the Missing Person Monitoring Unit (MPMU) of the Jamaica Constabulary Force, indicated that during the period of January to June 2015, one thousand and seventy seven (1077) children were reported missing. This reflected a three per cent (3%) decline in the number of children reported missing over the same period in 2014. Eighty per cent (80%) of the children reported missing were females, while the remaining twenty per cent (20%) were males.

The data also revealed that approximately eight (8) out of every ten (10) children reported missing in the period have since returned home. Though there was a decline in the number of children reported missing, as at 13 July 2015, it was observed that there was a more than twofold increase (146 %) in the number of children who were still missing when compared to the corresponding period in 2014. The number of children reported still being missing at the end of June 2015 increased to 202 children, from the 82 recorded at period end in 2014.

The period also saw an increase in the number of children who were reported dead. This group increased from two (2) in 2014 to five (5) in 2015. See Tables 1a to 4b for details.

Table 1a. Change in Missing Children's Statistics (Jan-Jun 2015/2014)

Month	Reported Missing 2015			Reported Missing 2014			% Change 2015/2014			# Change 2015/2014		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
January	153	32	121	156	31	125	-2%	3%	-3%	-3	1	-4
February	184	38	146	211	53	158	-13%	-28%	-8%	-27	-15	-12
March	203	42	161	192	50	142	6%	-16%	13%	11	-8	19
April	156	31	125	166	33	133	-6%	-6%	-6%	-10	-2	-8
May	192	39	153	197	38	159	-3%	3%	-4%	-5	1	-6
June	189	37	152	185	44	141	2%	-16%	8%	4	-7	11
	1077	219	858	1107	249	858	-3%	-12%	0%	-30	-30	0

Source: Missing Person Monitoring Unit

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Table 1b. Change in Missing Children's Statistics (Jan-Jun 2015/2014)

Period	Comparison of Cumulative Data			
	2015 Missing	2014 Missing	% Change	# Change
Jan	153	156	-2%	-3
Jan - Feb	337	367	-8%	-30
Jan - Mar	540	559	-3%	-19
Jan - Apr	696	725	-4%	-29
Jan - May	888	922	-4%	-34
Jan - Jun	1077	1107	-3%	-30

Table 2a. Change in Returned Children Statistics (Jan-Jun 2015/2014)

Month	Returned 2015			Returned 2014			% Change 2015/2014			# Change 2015/2014		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
January	129	27	102	143	30	113	-10%	-10%	-10%	-14	-3	-11
February	159	31	128	198	48	150	-20%	-35%	-15%	-39	-17	-22
March	175	34	141	180	44	136	-3%	-23%	4%	-5	-10	5
April	135	28	107	160	30	130	-16%	-7%	-18%	-25	-2	-23
May	141	30	111	176	33	143	-20%	-9%	-22%	-35	-3	-32
June	131	28	103	166	40	126	-21%	-30%	-18%	-35	-12	-23
	870	178	692	1023	225	798	-15%	-21%	-13%	-153	-47	-106

Source: Missing Person Monitoring Unit

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Table 2b. Change in Returned Children Statistics (Jan-Jun 2015/2014)

Period	Comparison of Cumulative Data			
	2015 Returned	2014 Returned	% Change	# Change
Jan	129	143	-10%	-14
Jan - Feb	288	341	-16%	-53
Jan - Mar	463	521	-11%	-58
Jan - Apr	598	681	-12%	-83
Jan - May	739	857	-14%	-118
Jan - Jun	870	1023	-15%	-153

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Table 3a. Change in Still Missing Children's Statistics (Jan-Jun 2015/2014)

Month	Still Missing 2015			Still Missing 2014			% Change 2015/2014			# Change 2015/2014		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
January	23	5	18	13	1	12	77%	400%	50%	10	4	6
February	24	6	18	11	4	7	118%	50%	157%	13	2	11
March	28	8	20	12	6	6	133%	33%	233%	16	2	14
April	19	2	17	6	3	3	217%	-33%	467%	13	-1	14
May	50	8	42	21	5	16	138%	60%	163%	29	3	26
June	58	9	49	19	4	15	205%	125%	227%	39	5	34
	202	38	164	82	23	59	146%	65%	178%	120	15	105

Source: Missing Person Monitoring Unit

Note: Statistics presented are as reported by the Missing Person Monitoring Unit

Table 3b. Change in Still Missing Children's Statistics (Jan-Jun 2015/2014)

Period	Comparison of Cumulative Data			
	2015 Still Missing	2014 Still Missing	% Change	# Change
Jan	23	13	77%	10
Jan - Feb	47	24	96%	23
Jan - Mar	75	36	108%	39
Jan - Apr	94	42	124%	52
Jan - May	144	63	129%	81
Jan - Jun	202	82	146%	120

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Table 4a. Change in Missing Children reported dead Statistics (Jan-Jun 2015/2014)

Month	Deceased 2015			Deceased 2014			% Change 2015/2014			# Change 2015/2014		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
January	1	0	1	0	0	0				1	0	1
February	1	1	0	2	1	1	-50%	0%		-1	0	-1
March	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	0
April	2	1	1	0	0	0				2	1	1
May	1	1	0	0	0	0				1	1	0
June	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	0
	5	3	2	2	1	1	150%	200%	100%	3	2	1

Source: Missing Person Monitoring Unit

Note: Statistics presented are as reported by the Missing Person Monitoring Unit

Table 4b. Change in Missing Children reported dead Statistics (Jan-Jun 2015/2014)

Period	Comparison of Cumulative Data			
	2015 Deceased	2014 Deceased	% Change	# Change
Jan	1	0		1
Jan - Feb	2	2	0%	0
Jan - Mar	2	2	0%	0
Jan - Apr	4	2	100%	2
Jan - May	5	2	150%	3
Jan - Jun	5	2	150%	3