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Preliminary Statistics on Missing Children reported in Jamaica January – March 2016

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 Education, Youth and Information (MoEYI), 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 **56,531** reports were made to the OCR during the period 2007 – 2014.
- (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.
- (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: January – March 2016

Preliminary statistics sourced from the Missing Person Monitoring Unit (MPMU) of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF), indicated that during the period of January to March 2016, four hundred and seventy six (476) children were reported missing. This reflected a ten per cent (10%) decline in the number of children reported missing over the same period in 2015. Seventy seven per cent (77%) of the children reported missing were females, while the remaining twenty three per cent (23%) were males.

At the end of the January to March 2016 period, of all the children reported missing in the period, thirteen (13) per cent of them remained missing. For the revised period January to March 2015 this ratio was six per cent (6 %). The number of children reported still missing at the end of March 2016 was 63 children, relative to the 34 recorded for the revised data at period end in 2015.

The data revealed that approximately nine (9) out of every ten (10) children reported missing in the period have since returned home.

The period also saw no change in the number of children who were reported dead. Two of the children who were previously reported missing during the period were reported dead. This was the same count observed in the corresponding period in 2015. *See Tables 1 to 4b for details*

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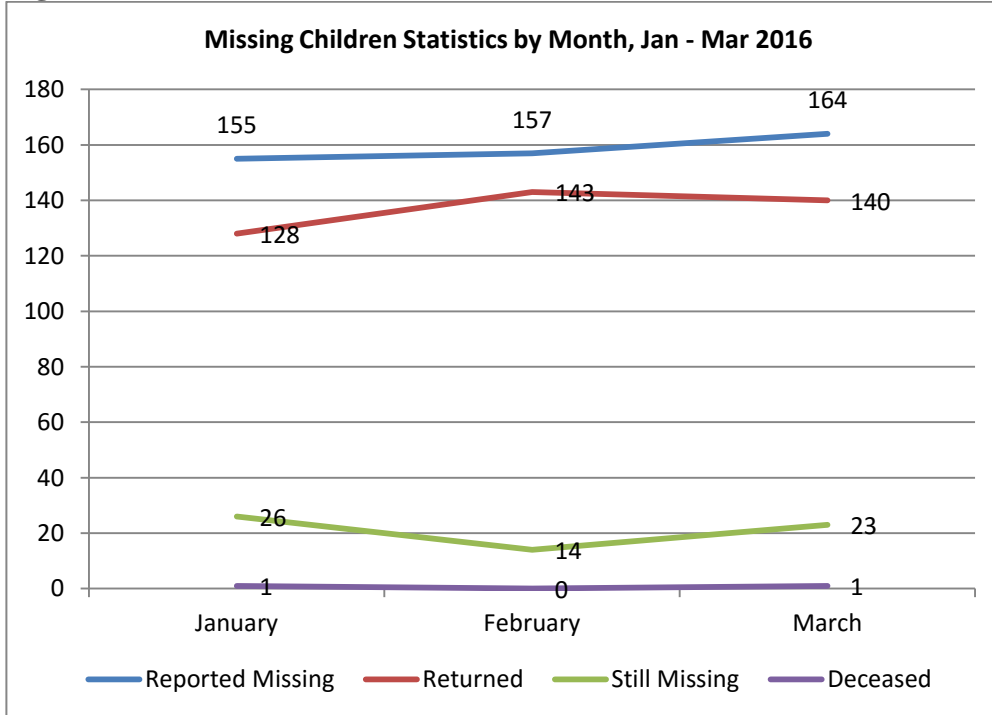
Table 1a. Change in Missing Children's Statistics (Jan-Mar 2016/2015)

Month	Reported Missing 2016			Reported Missing 2014			% Change 2016/2015			# Change 2016/2015		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
January	155	32	123	154	35	119	1%	-9%	3%	1	-3	4
February	157	46	111	180	36	144	-13%	28%	-23%	-23	10	-33
March	164	30	134	197	41	156	-17%	-27%	-14%	-33	-11	-22
	476	108	368	531	112	419	-10%	-4%	-12%	-55	-4	-51

Source: Missing Person Monitoring Unit

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

Fig. 1



Source: Office of the Children's Registry/Missing Person Monitoring Unit

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Table 1b. Change in Missing Children's Statistics (Jan-Mar 2016/2015)

Period	Comparison of Cumulative Data			
	2016 Missing	2015 Missing	% Change	# Change
Jan	155	154	1%	1
Jan - Feb	312	334	-7%	-22
Jan - Mar	476	531	-10%	-55

Table 2a. Change in Returned Children Statistics (Jan-Mar 2016/2015)

Month	Returned 2016			Returned 2015		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
January	128	27	101	140	31	109
February	143	44	99	170	32	138
March	140	24	116	185	35	150
	411	95	316	495	98	397

Source: Missing Person Monitoring Unit

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

Table 2b. Change in Returned Children Statistics (Jan-Mar 2016/2015)

Period	Comparison of Cumulative Data				Period
	2016 Returned	2015 Returned	% Change	# Change	
Jan	128	140	-9%	-12	Jan
Jan - Feb	271	310	-13%	-39	Jan - Feb
Jan - Mar	411	495	-17%	-84	Jan - Mar

Table 3a. Change in Still Missing Children's Statistics (Jan-Mar 2016/2015)

Month	Still Missing 2016			Still Missing 2015		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
January	26	4	22	13	4	9
February	14	2	12	9	3	6
March	23	5	18	12	6	6
	63	11	52	34	13	21

Source: Missing Person Monitoring Unit

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Table 3b. Change in Still Missing Children's Statistics (Jan-Mar 2016/2015)

Period	Comparison of Cumulative Data			
	2016 Still Missing	2015 Still Missing	% Change	# Change
Jan	26	13	100%	13
Jan - Feb	40	22	82%	18
Jan - Mar	63	34	85%	29

Table 4a. Change in Missing Children reported dead Statistics (Jan-Mar 2016/2015)

Month	Deceased 2016			Deceased 2015		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
January	1	1	0	1	0	1
February	0	0	0	1	1	0
March	1	1	0	0	0	0
	2	2	0	2	1	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-Mar 2016/2015)

Period	Comparison of Cumulative Data			
	2016 Deceased	2015 Deceased	% Change	# Change
Jan	1	1		0
Jan - Feb	1	2	-50%	-1
Jan - Mar	2	2	0%	0

Source: Missing Person Monitoring Unit

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