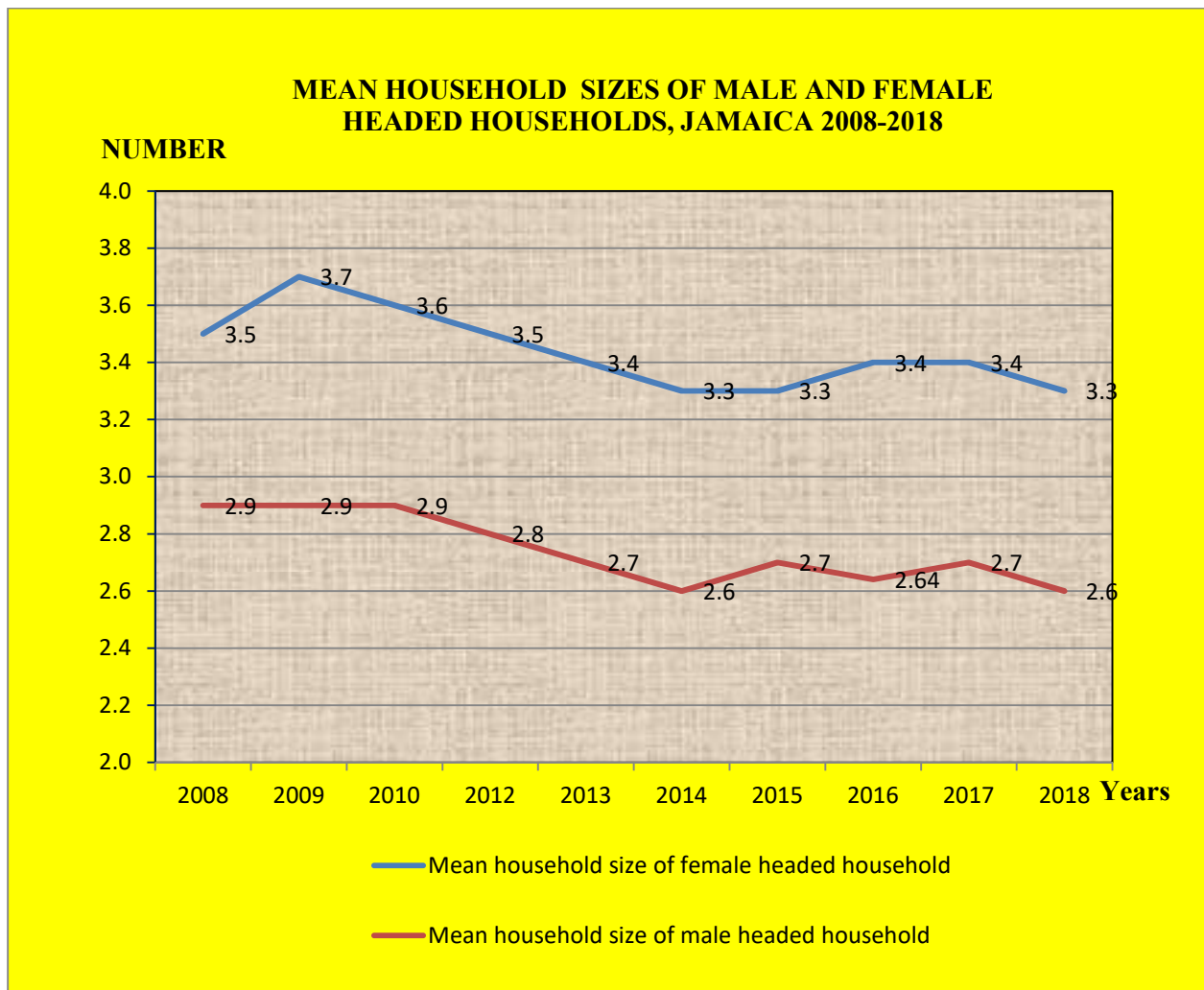


## MEAN HOUSEHOLD SIZES OF MALE AND FEMALE HEADED HOUSEHOLDS, JAMAICA 2008-2018

**Definition:** The mean household size of a male or female headed household is the average number of persons living in the said household that is headed by a male or female.

This estimate is computed by disaggregating all households into male or female headed. So for the male headed households the total number of household members is divided by the number of households headed by males in the survey. The same computation/procedure is carried out for female headed households.

Mean Household Size (male/female headed) = Total Number of Household members in (male /female headed) households divided by Total Number of Households headed by (males/females)



The data above shows that female headed household sizes ranges from a high of 3.7 persons per household to a low of 3.3 persons per household over the period in review. In the year 2009, the highest household size of 3.7 persons per household was recorded, whereas in the years 2014, 2015 and 2018 the lowest household size of 3.3 persons per household were recorded.

For the male headed households their household sizes ranges from a high of 2.9 persons per household to a low of 2.6 persons per household. The years 2008, 2009 and 2010 recorded the highest values while the years 2014 and 2018 recorded the lowest number of persons per household.

Comparing male headed household with that of female headed households, it is evident that the trajectory for both household sizes is downward. With the rate of decline in both instances seeming to be about the same; nonetheless, male headed households has consistently recorded lower number of persons per household.

#### **Data Collection and Source**

Population Censuses is conducted by the Statistical Institute of Jamaica (STATIN) every ten years. The Jamaica Survey of Living Conditions (JSLC) is a living standards and measurement survey conducted annually. It is a household survey based on a representative sample of the population.