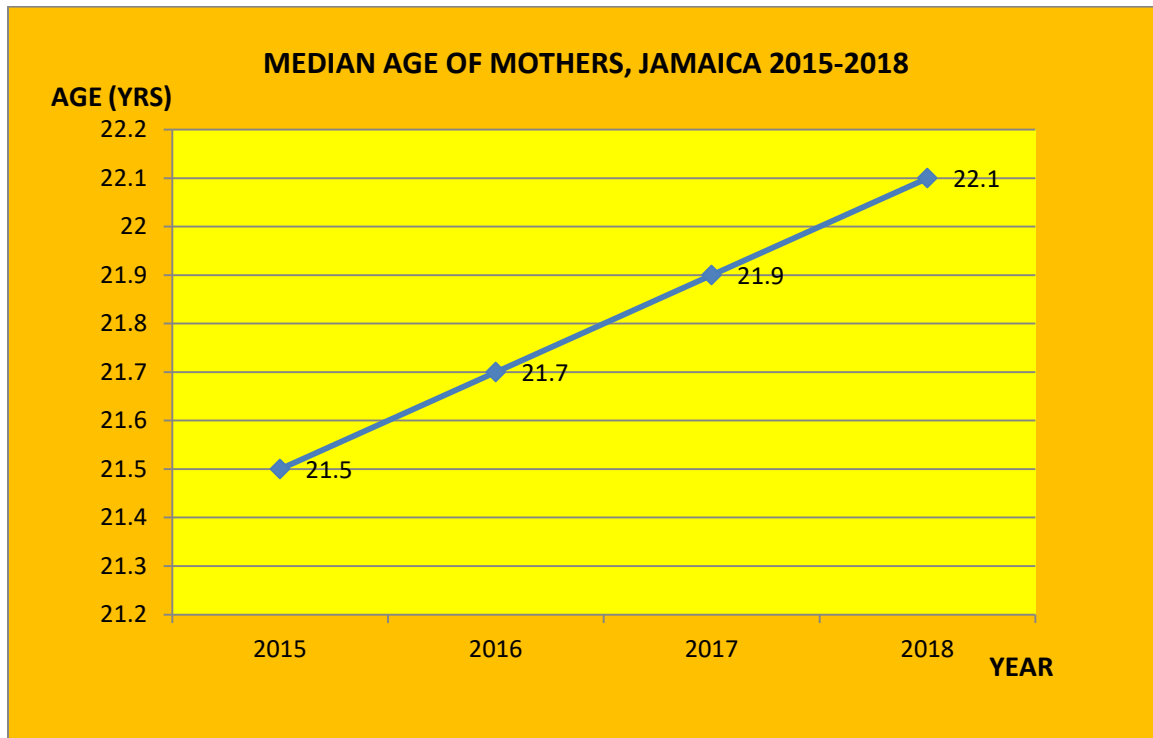


MEDIAN AGE OF MOTHERS, JAMAICA 2015-2018

Definition: The Median Age of mothers is the average age of all first-time mothers for the specified year



Computed from Demographic Statistics 2016-2018

Based on the data for the period, it is observed that there is a gradual or steady rise in the median age of first-time mothers. This moved from a low of 21.5 years in 2015 to a high of 22.1 years in 2018. This reflects positively on the work of the National Family Planning Board which has responsibility for sexual and reproductive health information and services in Jamaica. It is expected that the trend will continue based on the work of the board in encouraging females to be responsible and guard against unwanted pregnancies. A similar trend is observed outside of Jamaica, particularly in other middle-income and developed countries.