

10 Things to know about



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BUDGET SCORECARD 2024

Transparency, Participation
and Oversight in the
Government Budget Process



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The Open Budget Survey (OBS) is the International Budget Partnership's tool for assessing transparency, participation and oversight in the budgeting process of 125 countries, including Jamaica.

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Jamaica produces seven of the eight budget documents evaluated for transparency. A pre-budget statement is the one of eight required documents that is not published in Jamaica.

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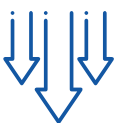
Jamaica is at or above the global average in all aspects of openness: transparency, participation, and oversight.

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Only two of the seven budget documents assessed in the 2023 survey received scores deemed "sufficient" (>61%) for their content.

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Jamaica's budget transparency score of 50 out of 100 has not improved since the last OBS assessment in 2021 and is below the average score of countries in the Latin American and Caribbean region.

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Jamaica has two operational budget oversight bodies: the Auditor General's Department and the Public Accounts and Appropriations Committee. The Independent Fiscal Commission will soon become operational as the third oversight body.

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Since the first OBS assessment in 2019, Jamaica's oversight score of 54 out of 100 has only increased two points and remains below the average score of countries in the Latin American and Caribbean region.

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Jamaica received an overall score of 41 out of 100 across budget transparency, public participation, and oversight, which is deemed "insufficient".

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Jamaica's public participation score of 18 out of 100 is average for the Latin American and Caribbean region but has not improved since the last OBS assessment in 2021.

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The Jamaican government considers that, though there are no formal or structured mechanisms for public participation in the budget formulation stage, the budget process is highly participatory and reflects the will of the people, as channeled through their members of parliament.