

ABSTRACT

Street side food vending in Kingston and St. Andrew Metropolitan Area and its public health implications.

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Street side food vending in Jamaica appears to be on the rise despite occasional attempts to repress it. This study was done at the Kingston Freezone, Papine and New Port West with special emphasis on purchasing, storage, preparation and vending of food. These areas were selected as the sampling frame after a mini survey was done.

Information was obtained by utilizing a structured interview schedule as well as on the spot inspection by the researcher. A comparison was made between mobile and stationary vendors with respect to compliance with public health requirements.

Results were tested statistically and it was found that there was a greater level of compliance to public health regulations by stationary vendors than mobile vendors.

It appears as if it is better to find a new positive approach to street side food vending rather than futile attempts at abolition.