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The level of trust Jamaicans have in the police is now at its highest in nine years.

This is according to the corruption watchdog group National Integrity Action (NIA), which says that assertion is based on the findings of the latest corruption perception survey conducted last year by the Latin American Public Opinion Project (LAPOP).

Director of the NIA, Professor Trevor Munroe, did not provide statistics to support the assertion, but says details of the survey will be made public on June 10.

He says the improvement in the trust level between the police and citizens was due to the efforts of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) to improve relations with the public and the work of the Major Organised Crime and Anti-Corruption Agency.

The LAPOP survey measures citizen views on system support, political tolerance, citizen participation, local government, corruption and many other topics related to democratic politics and opinion.

Meanwhile, Munroe says the survey has shown that in the last nine years, the number of persons willing to take bribes in Jamaica has declined significantly.

The NIA director explains that in 2006, the LAPOP survey had found that 36 per cent of those questioned admitted that they were willing and able to accept bribe. This, he says, was well above the global average of 27 per cent.

However, Munroe says in last year's survey, that number has fallen to 12 per cent.



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