



Remittance Service Providers as at December 2020

	Dec-2019	Dec-2020
New locations licensed	59	42
Locations closed	30	27
Number of locations	482	497
Licences relinquished/revoked	42	60
New Licences Issued	77	80
Number of licences	679	699
Number of primary agents	6	6

Macroeconomic Indicators (Cy)*

Remittances/Population (US\$)	885.0	858.1	858.7
Remittances/GDP	16.4	16.0	15.3
Remittances/Tourist Expenditure	82.1	75.7	67.1
Remittances/Exports	173.7	123.8	168.1
Remittances/FDI Inflows	259.9	302.8	362.9
Remittances/Imports	47.8	43.1	38.1

* in relation to Remittance Inflows
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Chart 1: Growth in Net Remittances (y-o-y) (per cent)

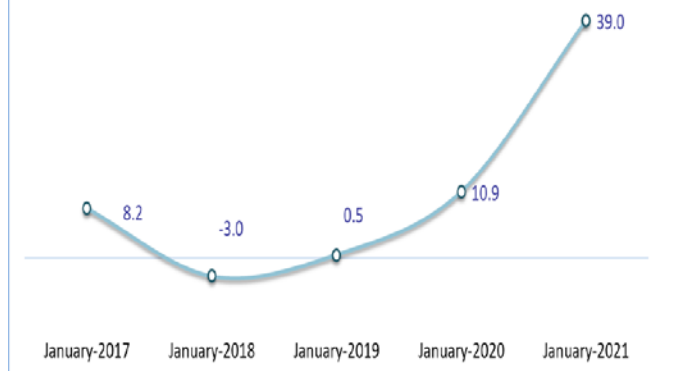


Table 1: Jamaica's Remittances (US\$ Millions)

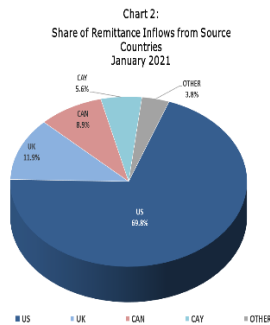
	Jan 2020	Jan* 2021	chg	%chg	Apr-Jan 2019/20	Apr-Jan* 2020/21	chg	%chg
Total Remittance Inflows	181.5	241.0	59.4	32.7	2031.8	2580.1	548.3	27.0
Remittance Companies [^]	154.8	211.7	56.9	36.8	1696.6	2227.7	531.1	31.3
Other Remittances	26.7	29.3	2.5	9.5	335.2	352.4	17.3	5.2
Total Remittance Outflows	20.0	16.6	-3.5	-17.3	221.4	180.8	-40.7	-18.4
Net Remittances	161.5	224.4	62.9	39.0	1810.4	2399.4	589.0	32.5

*Provisional

**Growth relative to the corresponding period of the previous year

[^]Flows through Remittance Companies

	2017*	2018**	2019**
Remittances/Population (US\$)	885.0	858.1	858.7
Remittances/GDP	16.4	16.0	15.3
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Remittances for Selected Countries January 2021 (year-over-year % Growth)

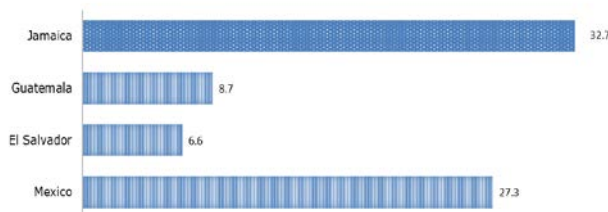
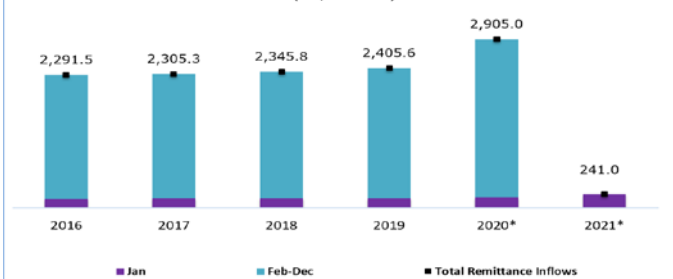


Chart 4: Remittance Inflows to Jamaica (US\$ Millions)



January 2021:

Net remittance inflows of **US\$224.4 million** increased by **39.0 per cent** or **US\$62.9 million** relative to January 2020 (Chart 1). This increase resulted from an increase in gross remittance inflows of **32.7 per cent** or **US\$59.4 million** along with a decline of **17.3 per cent** or **US\$3.5 million** in outflows. The increase in gross remittance inflows stemmed from an increase of **36.8 per cent** in Inflows via *Remittance Companies* as well as an increase in Other Remittances of **5.2 per cent** for the month of January (Table 1).

April to January 2020/21:

Net remittance inflows of **US\$2399.4 million** increased by **32.5 per cent** or **US\$589.0 million** relative to the previous corresponding period. This improvement resulted from an increase of **27.0 per cent** or **US\$548.3 million** in total remittance inflows further aided by a fall off of **18.4 per cent** or **US\$40.7 million** in total remittance outflows. The improvement in inflows is as a result of an increase of **31.3 per cent** in *Remittance Companies flows*, while *Other Remittances* recorded an increase of **5.2 per cent** (Table 1).

Source of Remittance Inflows:

The largest source market of remittance flows to Jamaica for January 2021 was the USA. Remittances from the USA accounted for **69.8 per cent**, of total flows up from **65.2 per cent** recorded for January 2020. Other source countries which contributed a notable share of remittances for the month were the UK at **11.9 per cent**, followed by Canada and the Cayman Islands at **8.9 per cent** and **5.6 per cent**, respectively (Chart 2).

Comparison with Other Countries:

For the month of January 2021 Jamaica's growth recorded for remittance inflows of **32.7 per cent** is higher than that of Mexico which registered a growth rate of **27.3 per cent** (Chart 3). Guatemala and El Salvador also registered growth for the period, with increases of roughly **8.7 per cent** and **6.6 per cent** respectively.

Appendix A: Calendar Year

Jamaica's Historical Remittances (Calendar Year)													
US\$ Millions													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Remittance Companies													
2013	129.3	132.5	155.1	148.8	149.9	143.4	148.3	154.6	140.2	146.9	142.7	168.9	1760.6
2014	134.9	143.1	160.9	154.2	162.6	149.8	155.8	160.0	155.2	154.9	143.0	181.5	1855.8
2015	139.3	144.8	166.4	160.7	169.1	166.0	167.1	162.4	160.7	166.7	145.9	186.0	1935.0
2016	136.7	151.8	171.9	173.8	166.8	164.8	167.6	168.6	169.4	161.7	152.3	193.0	1978.3
2017	143.5	152.0	179.0	167.4	172.4	167.1	169.1	165.1	166.5	158.0	147.7	182.4	1970.2
2018	143.2	147.7	182.4	164.4	172.2	176.5	168.6	173.4	164.2	166.8	150.1	184.8	1994.3
2019	140.7	148.6	175.5	169.7	172.3	162.4	176.9	182.7	163.9	167.3	163.2	183.6	2006.6
2020*	154.8	156.9	161.4	150.6	212.6	234.5	254.0	241.2	228.5	231.1	201.5	262.0	2489.1
2021*	211.7												
year/year growth rate (%):2020/2021	36.8												
CYTD growth rate (%):2020/2021	36.8												
Other Remittances													
2013	24.7	27.7	23.3	31.3	31.7	22.7	22.2	23.1	23.2	23.9	25.1	25.6	304.4
2014	24.4	25.3	26.4	26.3	26.1	18.5	27.3	23.9	26.9	24.7	27.9	23.5	301.2
2015	26.9	23.1	27.7	26.4	20.3	22.5	23.0	23.2	22.7	24.9	25.4	24.9	291.0
2016	23.5	28.3	25.0	28.9	27.8	25.7	27.8	25.5	24.3	21.3	25.8	29.3	313.2
2017	25.7	23.8	27.5	25.3	28.0	28.0	23.8	24.5	31.5	36.9	26.4	33.8	335.1
2018	22.3	21.1	36.6	19.9	28.2	26.1	32.1	35.0	22.8	34.8	36.4	36.2	351.5
2019	25.5	23.4	41.6	31.9	35.0	31.9	36.3	31.0	29.3	37.1	36.8	39.1	398.9
2020*	26.7	28.8	37.1	31.2	27.2	40.6	38.6	38.3	31.2	40.9	35.9	39.3	415.8
2021*	29.3												29.3
year/year growth rate (%):2020/2021	9.5												
CYTD growth rate (%):2020/2021	9.5												
Total Remittance Inflows													
2013	154.0	160.1	178.4	180.1	181.5	166.0	170.5	177.8	163.4	170.7	167.8	194.5	2064.9
2014	159.3	168.3	187.3	180.5	188.7	168.3	183.2	183.9	182.0	179.7	170.8	204.9	2157.0
2015	166.2	167.8	194.0	187.2	189.4	188.4	190.0	185.6	183.4	191.7	171.3	210.9	2226.0
2016	160.3	180.1	196.9	202.7	194.5	190.5	195.3	194.1	193.7	183.0	178.1	222.3	2291.5
2017	169.2	175.8	206.5	192.7	200.3	195.0	192.9	189.5	198.0	194.9	174.2	216.2	2305.3
2018	165.5	168.8	219.0	184.4	200.4	202.7	200.8	208.4	187.0	201.5	186.5	221.0	2345.8
2019	166.2	172.0	217.1	201.7	207.2	194.3	213.3	213.7	193.2	204.3	199.9	222.7	2405.6
2020*	181.5	185.8	198.5	181.8	239.7	275.1	292.6	279.5	259.7	272.0	237.4	301.3	2905.0
2021*	241.0												241.0
year/year growth rate (%):2020/2021	32.7												
CYTD growth rate (%):2020/2021	32.7												
Total Remittance Outflows													
2013	24.2	19.3	17.6	20.3	19.7	20.3	20.9	22.3	18.5	18.5	18.4	20.6	240.5
2014	19.3	16.5	16.4	21.1	17.1	14.8	22.1	20.4	19.9	19.4	19.5	20.8	227.3
2015	18.9	18.7	19.6	20.9	14.3	15.2	22.1	21.0	19.7	20.4	19.6	22.4	232.8
2016	22.3	19.0	19.8	19.2	16.8	15.7	21.3	19.4	19.0	20.0	22.6	20.1	235.4
2017	20.0	20.9	22.6	14.8	18.9	20.5	19.7	22.1	20.7	22.0	23.4	26.4	251.9
2018	20.6	17.4	23.2	14.3	22.1	20.9	22.0	21.5	21.5	21.6	21.3	22.6	249.0
2019	20.6	20.1	20.6	26.6	24.7	21.0	22.2	22.1	20.3	20.1	24.2	20.2	262.7
2020*	20.0	22.9	19.0	22.1	15.9	16.8	18.0	18.7	17.7	19.7	16.5	19.0	226.2
2021*	16.6												16.6
year/year growth rate (%):2020/2021	-17.3												
CYTD growth rate (%):2020/2021	-17.3												
Net Remittances													
2013	129.8	140.8	160.8	159.9	161.9	145.7	149.6	155.5	144.8	152.3	149.4	173.9	1824.4
2014	140.0	151.8	170.9	159.4	171.6	153.6	161.1	163.5	162.2	160.3	151.4	184.2	1929.8
2015	147.4	149.1	174.4	166.3	175.1	173.3	167.9	164.6	163.7	171.3	151.6	188.6	1993.2
2016	138.0	161.1	177.0	183.5	177.7	174.8	174.0	174.7	174.7	163.0	155.5	202.2	2056.1
2017	149.3	154.9	183.9	177.9	181.4	174.6	173.2	167.5	177.2	172.9	150.8	189.8	2053.4
2018	144.8	151.4	195.8	170.1	178.2	181.8	178.8	186.9	165.5	179.9	165.2	198.4	2096.9
2019	145.6	151.9	196.5	175.1	182.6	173.3	191.0	191.6	172.9	184.3	175.7	202.5	2142.9
2020*	161.5	162.8	179.5	159.7	223.9	258.3	274.7	260.8	242.0	252.2	220.9	282.4	2678.8
2021*	224.4												224.4
year/year growth rate (%):2020/2021	39.0												
CYTD growth rate (%):2020/2021	39.0												
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Appendix B: Fiscal Year

Jamaica's Historical Remittances (Fiscal Year)													
US\$ Millions													
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	TOTAL
Remittance Companies													
2012/2013	153.4	141.9	151.3	145.0	146.4	140.1	141.3	137.1	170.5	129.3	132.5	155.1	1743.9
2013/2014	148.8	149.9	143.4	148.3	154.6	140.2	146.9	142.7	168.9	134.9	143.1	160.9	1782.6
2014/2015	154.2	162.6	149.8	155.8	160.0	155.2	154.9	143.0	181.5	139.3	144.8	166.4	1867.4
2015/2016	160.7	169.1	166.0	167.1	162.4	160.7	166.7	145.9	186.0	136.7	151.8	171.9	1945.0
2016/2017	173.8	166.8	164.8	167.6	168.6	169.4	161.7	152.3	193.0	143.5	152.0	179.0	1992.4
2017/2018	167.4	172.4	167.1	169.1	165.1	166.5	158.0	147.7	182.4	143.2	147.7	182.4	1968.8
2018/2019*	164.4	172.2	176.5	168.6	173.4	164.2	166.8	150.1	184.8	140.7	148.6	175.5	1985.9
2019/2020*	169.7	172.3	162.4	176.9	182.7	163.9	167.3	163.2	183.6	154.8	156.9	161.4	2015.0
2020/2021*	150.6	212.6	234.5	254.0	241.2	228.5	231.1	201.5	262.0	211.7			2227.7
year/year growth rate (%)	-11.3	23.4	44.4	43.6	32.1	39.5	38.1	23.5	42.7	36.8			
FYTD/FYTD growth rate (%)	-11.3	6.2	18.5	25.0	26.5	28.6	29.9	29.1	30.8	31.3			
Other Remittances													
2012/2013	26.7	24.7	23.8	23.9	23.8	19.3	22.1	20.7	25.7	24.7	27.7	23.3	286.2
2013/2014	31.3	31.7	22.7	22.2	23.1	23.2	23.9	25.1	25.6	24.4	25.3	26.4	304.8
2014/2015	26.3	26.1	18.5	27.3	23.9	26.9	24.7	27.9	23.5	26.9	23.1	27.7	302.8
2015/2016	26.4	20.3	22.5	23.0	23.2	22.7	24.9	25.4	24.9	23.5	28.3	25.0	290.1
2016/2017	28.9	27.8	25.7	27.8	25.5	24.3	21.3	25.8	29.3	25.7	23.8	27.5	313.4
2017/2018	25.3	28.0	28.0	23.8	24.5	31.5	36.9	26.4	33.8	22.3	21.1	36.6	338.1
2018/2019*	19.9	28.2	26.1	32.1	35.0	22.8	34.8	36.4	36.2	25.5	23.4	41.6	362.0
2019/2020*	31.9	35.0	31.9	36.3	31.0	29.3	37.1	36.8	39.1	26.7	28.8	37.1	401.1
2020/2021*	31.2	27.2	40.6	38.6	38.3	31.2	40.9	35.9	39.3	29.3			352.4
year/year growth rate (%)	-2.3	-22.2	27.1	6.3	23.4	6.2	10.3	-2.4	0.7	9.5			
FYTD/FYTD growth rate (%)	-2.3	-12.7	0.1	1.8	5.8	5.9	6.6	5.4	4.8	5.2			
Total Remittance Inflows													
2012/2013	180.1	166.6	175.1	168.9	170.2	154.0	164.0	157.8	196.2	154.0	160.1	178.4	2025.4
2013/2014	180.1	181.5	166.0	170.5	177.8	163.4	170.7	167.8	194.5	159.3	168.3	187.3	2087.3
2014/2015	180.5	188.7	168.3	183.2	183.9	182.0	179.7	170.8	204.9	166.2	167.8	194.0	2170.2
2015/2016	187.2	189.4	188.4	190.0	185.6	183.4	191.7	171.3	210.9	160.3	180.1	196.9	2235.2
2016/2017	202.7	194.5	190.5	195.3	194.1	193.7	183.0	178.1	222.3	169.2	175.8	206.5	2305.8
2017/2018	192.7	200.3	195.0	192.9	189.5	198.0	194.9	174.2	216.2	165.5	168.8	219.0	2307.0
2018/2019*	184.4	200.4	202.7	200.8	208.4	187.0	201.5	186.5	221.0	166.2	172.0	217.1	2347.9
2019/2020*	201.7	207.2	194.3	213.3	213.7	193.2	204.3	199.9	222.7	181.5	185.8	198.5	2416.1
2020/2021*	181.8	239.7	275.1	292.6	279.5	259.7	272.0	237.4	301.3	241.0			2580.1
year/year growth rate (%)	-9.8	15.7	41.6	37.2	30.8	34.4	33.1	18.7	35.3	32.7			
FYTD/FYTD growth rate (%)	-9.8	3.1	15.5	21.2	23.2	24.9	26.1	25.2	26.4	27.0			
Total Remittance Outflows													
2012/2013	21.3	24.3	22.1	22.5	22.3	18.4	22.1	21.8	24.5	24.2	19.3	17.6	260.4
2013/2014	20.3	19.7	20.3	20.9	22.3	18.5	18.5	18.4	20.6	19.3	16.5	16.4	231.7
2014/2015	21.1	17.1	14.8	22.1	20.4	19.9	19.4	19.5	20.8	18.9	18.7	19.6	232.2
2015/2016	20.9	14.3	15.2	22.1	21.0	19.7	20.4	19.6	22.4	22.3	19.0	19.8	236.8
2016/2017	19.2	16.8	15.7	21.3	19.4	19.0	20.0	22.6	20.1	20.0	20.9	22.6	237.7
2017/2018*	14.8	18.9	20.5	19.7	22.1	20.7	22.0	23.4	26.4	20.6	17.4	23.2	249.6
2018/2019*	14.3	22.1	20.9	22.0	21.5	21.5	21.6	21.3	22.6	20.6	20.1	20.6	249.1
2019/2020*	26.6	24.7	21.0	22.2	22.1	20.3	20.1	24.2	20.2	20.0	22.9	19.0	263.4
2020/2021*	22.1	15.9	16.8	18.0	18.7	17.7	19.7	16.5	19.0	16.6			180.8
year/year growth rate (%)	-16.9	-35.7	-20.1	-19.2	-15.6	-13.1	-1.6	-32.0	-6.2	-17.3			
FYTD/FYTD growth rate (%)	-16.9	-26.0	-24.3	-23.1	-21.6	-15.2	-13.5	-15.9	-15.0	-15.2			
Net Remittances													
2012/2013	158.8	142.3	153.0	146.4	147.9	135.6	141.9	136.0	171.7	129.8	140.8	160.8	1765.0
2013/2014	159.9	161.9	145.7	149.6	155.5	144.8	152.3	149.4	173.9	140.0	151.8	170.9	1855.7
2014/2015	159.4	171.6	153.6	161.1	163.5	162.2	160.3	151.4	184.2	147.4	149.1	174.4	1938.0
2015/2016	166.3	175.1	173.3	167.9	164.6	163.7	171.3	151.6	188.6	138.0	161.1	177.0	1998.4
2016/2017	183.5	177.7	174.8	174.0	174.7	174.7	163.0	155.5	202.2	149.3	154.9	183.9	2068.1
2017/2018	177.9	181.4	174.6	173.2	167.5	177.2	172.9	150.8	189.8	144.8	151.4	195.8	2057.3
2018/2019*	170.1	178.2	181.8	178.8	186.9	165.5	179.9	165.2	198.4	145.6	151.9	196.5	2098.8
2019/2020*	175.1	182.6	173.3	191.0	191.6	172.9	184.3	175.7	202.5	161.5	162.8	179.5	2152.7
2020/2021*	159.7	223.9	258.3	274.7	260.8	242.0	252.2	220.9	282.4	224.4			2399.4
year/year growth rate (%)	-8.8	22.6	49.0	43.8	36.2	40.0	36.9	25.7	39.5	39.0			
FYTD/FYTD growth rate (%)	-8.8	7.3	20.9	27.0	28.9	30.7	31.6	30.8	31.5	32.1			
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