



Remittances Bulletin

February 2023

Remittance Service Providers January to December

	2021	2022
New locations licensed	35	40
Locations voluntarily closed	25	40
Locations suspended	44	0
Number of active locations	463	507
Licences relinquished/revoked	114	73
New Licenses Issued	31	83
Total Licenses Issues	782	772
Number of primary agents in operation	6	8

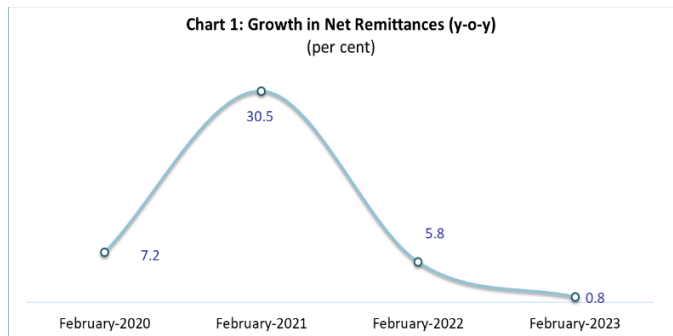


Table 1: Jamaica's Remittances (US\$ Millions)

	February 2022	February* 2023	chg	%chg	Apr-Jan 2021/22	Apr-Jan* 2022/23	chg	%chg
Total Remittance Inflows	254.7	247.3	-7.4	-2.9	3191.2	3142.9	-48.3	-1.5
Remittance Companies	218.6	212.6	-6.1	-2.8	2734.2	2699.7	-34.5	-1.3
Other Remittances ^A	36.0	34.8	-1.3	-3.6	457.0	443.2	-13.8	-3.0
Total Remittance Outflows	29.9	20.8	-9.1	-30.5	227.6	201.6	-26.0	-11.4
Net Remittances	224.8	226.6	1.8	0.8	2963.6	2941.3	-22.3	-0.8

* Provisional

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

^A Representing flows via commercial banks and building societies

Macroeconomic Indicators (CY)*

	2019	2020	2021
Remittances/Population (US\$)	879.8	976.7	977.0
Remittances/GDP	15.6	21.1	19.5
Remittances/Tourist Expenditure	66.8	206.1	135.1
Remittances/Exports	145.5	238.4	201.6
Remittances/FDI Inflows	361.5	893.6	906.4
Remittances/Imports	37.3	61.2	58.0

* data represents %age ratios unless otherwise states

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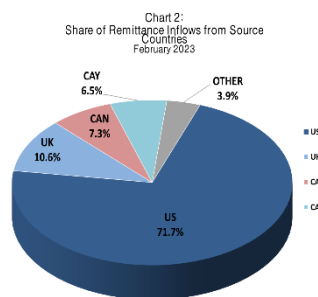


Chart 3: Remittances for Selected Countries
January-February 2023
(year - over-year % Growth)

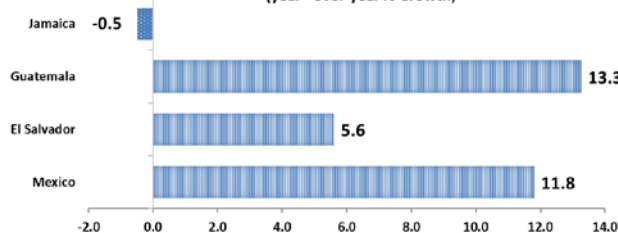
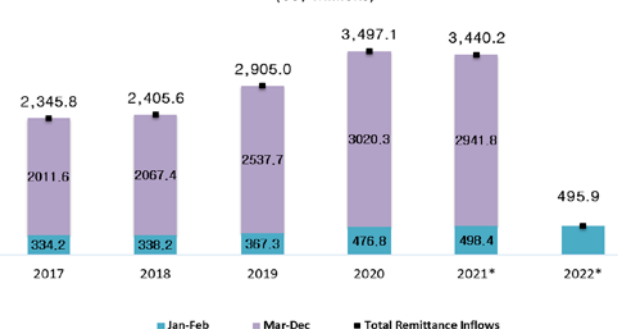


Chart 4: Remittance Inflows to Jamaica (US\$ Millions)



February 2023:

Net remittance inflows of **US\$226.6 million**, increased by **0.8 per cent** or **US\$ 1.8 million** in comparison to February of 2022 (Chart 1). This was primarily due to the **US\$9.1 million** or **30.5 per cent** reduction in total remittance outflows partly offset by a decline in total remittance inflows of **US\$7.4 million** or **2.9 per cent**. The drop in gross remittance inflows reflected declines in inflows via *Remittance Companies* and *Other Remittances* by **2.8 per cent** and **3.6 per cent** respectively (Table 1).

Fiscal- Year-to- February 2022/23:

Net remittance inflows of **US\$ 2941.3 million** declined by **0.8 per cent** or **US\$22.3 million** relative to the corresponding period in FY 2021/22. This decline resulted from a reduction of **1.5 per cent** or **US\$48.3 million** in total remittance inflows partly offset by a decline of **11.4 per cent** or **US\$26.0 million** in total remittance outflows (Table 1).

Source of Remittance Inflows:

The largest source market of remittance flows to Jamaica for February 2023 continued to be the USA. Remittances from the USA accounted for **71.7 per cent**, of total flows up from **70.8 per cent** recorded for February 2022. Other source countries which contributed a notable share of remittances for the month were UK at **10.6 per cent**, followed by Canada and the Cayman Islands at **7.3 per cent** and **6.5 per cent**, respectively (Chart 2).

Comparison with Other Countries:

For the January to February 2023 period remittance inflows to Jamaica amounted to **US\$495.9 million** (Chart 4). This outturn represented a decline of **0.5 per cent** in contrast to the growth recorded by Guatemala and Mexico which registered growth of **13.3 per cent** and growth of **11.8 per cent** respectively, El Salvador also registered growth of **5.6 per cent** for the period (Chart 3).

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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													
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	212.5	279.1	254.9	264.3	258.6	275.7	225.9	258.3	253.7	237.8	279.4	3011.8
2022*	206.9	218.6	256.1	252.8	250.3	250.78	255.5	258.7	246.1	244.9	234.7	280.9	2956.3
2023*	212.5	212.6											425.1
year/year growth rate (%):2022/2023	2.7	-2.8											
CYTD growth rate (%):2022/2023	2.7	-0.1											
Other Remittances													
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	23.4	48.4	34.0	44.2	44.0	47.9	46.8	46.2	42.1	36.7	42.3	485.2
2022*	36.8	36.0	38.7	36.1	33.1	37.6	50.0	48.5	43.8	35.4	42.7	45.0	483.9
2023*	36.1	34.8											70.9
year/year growth rate (%):2022/2023	-1.9	-3.6											
CYTD growth rate (%):2022/2023	-1.9	-2.7											
Total Remittance Inflows													
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	235.9	327.5	289.0	308.5	302.6	323.6	272.7	304.5	295.9	274.5	321.6	3497.1
2022*	243.7	254.7	294.8	288.9	283.4	288.4	305.5	307.3	289.9	280.3	277.4	325.9	3440.2
2023*	248.6	247.3											495.9
year/year growth rate (%):2022/2023	2.0	-2.9											
CYTD growth rate (%):2022/2023	2.0	-0.5											
Total Remittance Outflows													
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	23.4	22.3	18.3	17.8	19.3	21.2	22.4	21.7	18.0	18.1	18.0	237.1
2022*	22.9	29.9	18.3	17.3	12.3	17.0	18.2	17.5	18.3	17.5	27.2	19.2	235.5
2023*	16.5	20.8											37.2
year/year growth rate (%):2022/2023	-28.2	-30.5											
CYTD growth rate (%):2022/2023	-28.2	-29.5											
Net Remittances													
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	212.5	305.2	270.7	290.7	283.3	302.4	250.3	282.8	277.9	256.4	303.6	3260.0
2022*	220.8	224.8	276.5	271.6	271.2	271.4	287.3	289.8	271.6	262.8	250.2	306.7	3204.6
2023*	232.2	226.6											458.7
year/year growth rate (%):2022/2023	5.1	0.8											
CYTD growth rate (%):2022/2023	5.1	2.9											
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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	212.5	279.1	2719.3
2021/2022*	254.9	264.3	258.6	275.7	225.9	258.3	253.7	237.8	279.4	206.9	218.6	275.0	3009.2
2022/2023*	252.8	250.3	250.8	255.5	258.7	246.1	244.9	234.7	280.9	212.5	212.6		2699.7
year/year growth rate (%)	-0.9	-5.3	-3.0	-7.3	14.5	-4.7	-3.5	-1.3	0.5	2.7	-2.8		
FYTD/FYTD growth rate (%)	-0.9	-3.1	-3.1	-4.2	-0.9	-1.5	-1.8	-1.7	-1.5	-1.1	-0.1		
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	23.4	48.4	424.2
2021/2022*	34.0	44.2	44.0	47.9	46.8	46.2	42.1	36.7	42.3	36.8	36.0	38.7	495.7
2022/2023	36.1	33.1	37.6	50.0	48.5	43.8	35.4	42.7	45.0	36.1	34.8		443.2
year/year growth rate (%)	6.0	-25.1	-14.5	4.4	3.8	-5.1	-15.9	16.3	6.5	-1.9	-3.6		
FYTD/FYTD growth rate (%)	6.0	-11.5	-12.6	-7.8	-5.3	-5.3	-6.7	-4.3	-3.1	-3.0	-2.7		
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	235.9	327.5	3143.5
2021/2022*	289.0	308.5	302.6	323.6	272.7	304.5	295.9	274.5	321.6	243.7	254.7	313.7	3504.9
2022/2023*	288.9	283.4	288.4	305.5	307.3	289.9	280.3	277.4	325.9	248.6	247.3		3142.9
year/year growth rate (%)	0.0	-8.1	-4.7	-5.6	12.7	-4.8	-5.3	1.1	1.3	2.0	-2.9		
FYTD/FYTD growth rate (%)	0.0	-4.2	-4.4	-4.7	-1.5	-2.1	-2.5	-2.1	-1.7	-1.4	-0.5		
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	23.4	22.3	226.5
2021/2022*	18.3	17.8	19.3	21.2	22.4	21.7	18.0	18.1	18.0	22.9	29.9	18.3	246.0
2022/2023*	17.3	12.3	17.0	18.2	17.5	18.3	17.5	27.2	19.2	16.5	20.8		201.6
year/year growth rate (%)	-5.8	-31.0	-11.8	-14.4	-21.9	-15.6	-2.6	50.1	6.5	-28.2	-30.5		
FYTD/FYTD growth rate (%)	-5.8	-18.2	-15.9	-15.5	-17.0	-16.7	-14.9	-7.4	-6.0	-8.5	-29.5		
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	212.5	305.2	2917.0
2021/2022*	270.7	290.7	283.3	302.4	250.3	282.8	277.9	256.4	303.6	220.8	224.8	295.4	3258.9
2022/2023*	271.6	271.2	271.4	287.3	289.8	271.6	262.8	250.2	306.7	232.2	226.6		2941.3
year/year growth rate (%)	0.3	-6.7	-4.2	-5.0	15.8	-3.9	-5.4	-2.4	1.0	5.1	0.8		
FYTD/FYTD growth rate (%)	0.3	-3.3	-3.6	-4.0	-0.4	-1.0	-1.6	-1.7	-1.4	-0.9	2.9		
* Provisional International Accounts Section Statistics Dept. Research & Economic Programming Division Bank of Jamaica													