



Remittances Bulletin

May 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

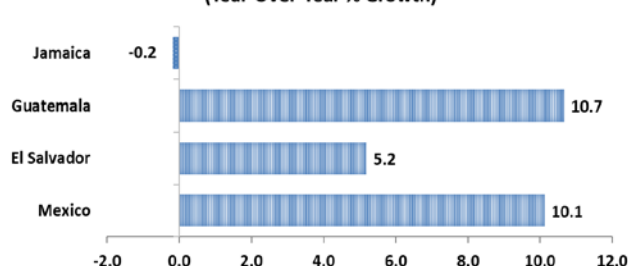
Macroeconomic Indicators (Cy)*

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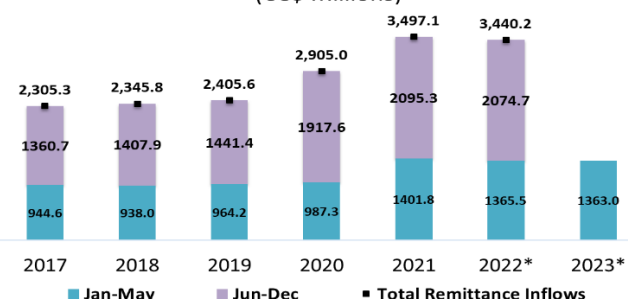
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* data represents %age ratios unless otherwise stated
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**Chart 3: Remittances for Selected Countries
January-May 2023
(Year-Over-Year % Growth)**



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



**Chart 1: Growth in Net Remittances (y-o-y)
(per cent)**



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

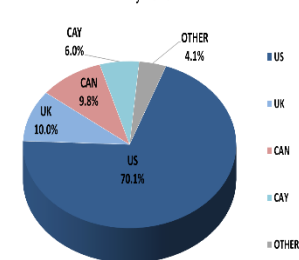
	May 2022	May* 2023	chg	%chg	Jan-May 2022	Jan-May* 2023	chg	%chg
Total Remittance Inflows	283.4	290.4	6.9	2.4	1365.5	1363.0	-2.5	-0.2
Remittance Companies	250.3	253.4	3.1	1.2	1184.8	1173.0	-11.8	-1.0
Other Remittances [^]	33.1	36.9	3.8	11.6	180.7	190.0	9.3	5.1
Total Remittance Outflows	12.3	17.5	5.2	42.4	100.7	91.8	-8.9	-8.8
Net Remittances	271.2	272.9	1.7	0.6	1264.8	1271.2	6.4	0.5

* Provisional

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

[^] Representing flows via commercial banks and building societies

**Chart 2: Share of Remittance Inflows from Source Countries
May 2023**



May 2023:

Net remittance inflows of **US\$272.9 million** for May 2023, represented growth of **0.6 per cent** or **US\$ 1.7 million** in comparison to May 2022 (Chart 1). This was primarily due to the **US\$6.9 million** or **2.4 per cent** increase in total remittances, partly offset by an increase in remittance outflows of **US\$5.2 million** or **42.4 per cent**. The increase in gross remittance inflows emanated primarily from growth in inflows via *Other Remittances* of **11.6 per cent**, supported by **1.2 per cent** increase in inflows via *Remittance Companies* (Table 1).

Calendar Year-to-Date 2023:

Net remittance inflows of **US\$ 1,271.2 million** increased by **0.5 per cent** or **US\$6.4 million** relative to the corresponding period in 2022. This growth stemmed from a reduction of **8.8 per cent** or **US\$8.9 million** in total remittance outflows partly offset by a decline of **0.2 per cent** or **US\$2.5 million** in total remittance inflows (Table 1).

Source of Remittance Inflows:

The largest source market of remittance flows to Jamaica for May 2023 continued to be the USA. Remittances from the USA accounted for **70.1 per cent** of total flows, down from the **70.7 per cent** recorded for May 2022. Other source countries which contributed a notable share of remittances for the month were UK at **10.0 per cent**, followed by Canada and the Cayman Islands at **9.8 per cent** and **6.0 per cent**, respectively (Chart 2).

Comparison with Other Countries:

For the January to May 2023 period remittance inflows to Jamaica amounted to **US\$1,363.0 million** (Chart 4). This outturn represented a decline of **0.2 per cent** relative to January to May 2022. Jamaica's decline of **0.2 per cent** is compared to the growth of **10.7 per cent**, **10.1 per cent** and **5.2 per cent** recorded by Guatemala, Mexico and El Salvador respectively.

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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	215.7	256.4	235.0	253.4								1173.0
year/year growth rate (%)2022/2023	2.7	-1.4	0.1	-7.0	1.2								
CYTD growth rate (%)2022/2023	2.7	0.6	0.4	-1.6	-1.0								
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	45.2	37.0	36.9								190.0
year/year growth rate (%)2022/2023	-1.9	-3.6	16.9	2.5	11.6								
CYTD growth rate (%)2022/2023	-1.9	-2.7	4.1	3.7	5.1								
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	250.4	301.6	272.0	290.4								1363.0
year/year growth rate (%)2022/2023	2.0	-1.7	2.3	-5.8	2.4								
CYTD growth rate (%)2022/2023	2.0	0.1	0.9	-0.9	-0.2								
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	19.9	19.2	18.8	17.5								91.8
year/year growth rate (%)2022/2023	-28.2	-33.4	4.8	8.6	42.4								
CYTD growth rate (%)2022/2023	-28.2	-31.2	-21.9	-15.9	-8.8								
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	230.5	282.4	253.2	272.9								1271.2
year/year growth rate (%)2022/2023	5.1	2.6	2.1	-6.8	0.6								
CYTD growth rate (%)2022/2023	5.1	3.8	3.2	0.5	0.5								
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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	256.1	2990.3
2022/2023*	252.8	250.3	250.8	255.5	258.7	246.1	244.9	234.7	280.9	212.5	215.7	256.4	2959.2
2023/2024*	235.0	290.4											525.4
year/year growth rate (%)	-7.0	16.0											
FYTD/FYTD growth rate (%)	-7.0	4.4											
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	45.2	488.4
2023/2024*	37.0	36.9											73.9
year/year growth rate (%)	2.5	11.6											
FYTD/FYTD growth rate (%)	2.5	6.8											
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	294.8	3486.0
2022/2023*	288.9	283.4	288.4	305.5	307.3	289.9	280.3	277.4	325.9	248.6	250.4	301.6	3447.6
2023/2024*	272.0	327.3											599.3
year/year growth rate (%)	-5.8	15.5											
FYTD/FYTD growth rate (%)	-5.8	4.7											
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	19.9	19.2	220.0
2023/2024*	18.8	18.8											37.5
year/year growth rate (%)	8.6	52.7											
FYTD/FYTD growth rate (%)	8.6	26.9											
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	276.5	3240.0
2022/2023*	271.6	271.2	271.4	287.3	289.8	271.6	262.8	250.2	306.7	232.2	230.5	282.4	3227.7
2023/2024*	253.2	308.5											561.8
year/year growth rate (%)	-6.8	13.8											
FYTD/FYTD growth rate (%)	-6.8	3.5											
* Provisional International Accounts Section Statistics Dept. Research & Economic Programming Division Bank of Jamaica													