



Remittances Bulletin

April 2017

Remittance Service Providers as at 31 December

	2015	2016
New locations licensed	28	41
Locations closed	27	21
Number of locations	402	422
New licences issued	131	82
Licences relinquished/revoked	46	61
Number of licences	658	679
Number of primary agents	8	9

Macro-economic Indicators*

Remittance/Population (US\$)	793.0	818.4	839.4
Remittances/GDP	15.5	15.9	16.3
Remittances/Tourist Expenditure	95.6	92.7	90.3
Remittances/Exports	148.9	177.4	191.8
Remittances/FDI Inflows	233.2	240.7	289.8
Remittances/Imports	36.5	43.9	47.9



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

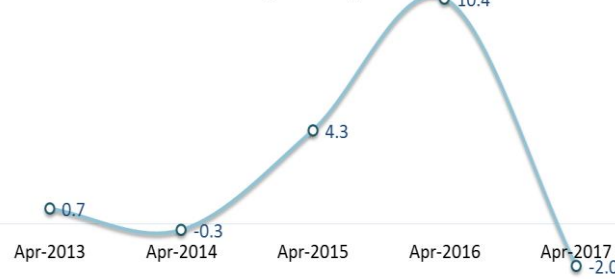


Table 1: Jamaica's Remittances (US\$ Millions)

	April 2016	April* 2017	chg	%chg	Jan-Apr 2016	Jan-Apr* 2017	chg	%chg
Total Remittance Inflows	202.7	194.7	-8.0	-3.9	740.0	752.3	12.3	1.7
Remittance Companies [^]	173.8	169.4	-4.3	-2.5	634.2	650.1	15.8	2.5
Other Remittances	28.9	25.3	-3.7	-12.7	105.7	102.2	-3.5	-3.3
Total Remittance Outflows	19.2	14.8	-4.4	-22.9	80.4	78.2	-2.2	-2.7
Net Remittances	183.5	179.9	-3.6	-2.0	659.6	674.1	14.5	2.2

* Provisional

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

[^] Flows through Remittance Companies

April 2017:

Net remittance inflows of **US\$179.9 million** declined by **2.0 per cent** or **US\$3.6 million** relative to April 2016 (Chart 1). This outturn reflected a decrease of **US\$8.0 million** or **3.9 per cent** in gross remittance inflows offset by a decrease of **US\$4.4 million** or **22.9 per cent** in remittance outflows. The decrease in inflows was reflective of declines of **2.5 per cent** and **12.7 per cent** in flows through *Remittance Companies* and *Other Remittances*, respectively (Table 1).

January to April 2017:

Net remittances inflows of **US\$674.1 million** increased by **2.2 per cent** or **US\$14.5 million** relative to the previous corresponding period. The increase reflected growth of **1.7 per cent** or **US\$12.3 million** in remittance inflows coupled with a marginal decrease of **2.7 per cent** or **US\$2.2 million** in outflows. The increase in inflows was largely influenced by growth of **2.5 per cent** through *Remittance Companies* while the *Other Remittances* sub-category recorded a **3.3 per cent** decline (Table 1).

Source of Remittance Inflows:

The largest source market of remittances to Jamaica in April 2017 remained the USA, whose share increased to **66.1 per cent**, from **64.8 per cent** recorded April 2016. The remaining share of remittances for April 2017 came from UK at **11.9 per cent**, followed by Canada and the Cayman Islands at **9.4 per cent** and **6.1 per cent**, respectively (Chart 2).

Comparison with Other Countries:

Jamaica's growth rate of **1.7 per cent** was below Guatemala which registered a growth of **13.6 per cent**. El Salvador and Mexico registered growth rates of **10.6 per cent** and **6.8 per cent**, respectively (Chart 3).

Overall, the January to April 2017 period had strong remittance inflows totalling **US\$752.3 million**, which puts us on course for another record high in a calendar year for remittance inflows (Chart 4).

	2014*	2015*	2016**
Remittance/Population (US\$)	793.0	818.4	839.4
Remittances/GDP	15.5	15.9	16.3
Remittances/Tourist Expenditure	95.6	92.7	90.3
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* in relation to Remittance Inflows
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Chart 2: Share of Remittance Inflows from Source Countries April 2017

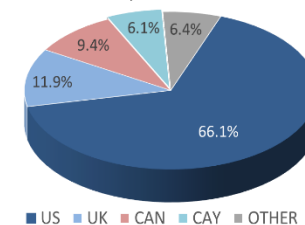


Chart 3: Remittances for Selected Countries January - April 2017 (Year-over-year % Growth)

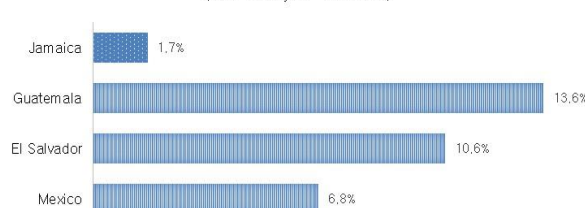
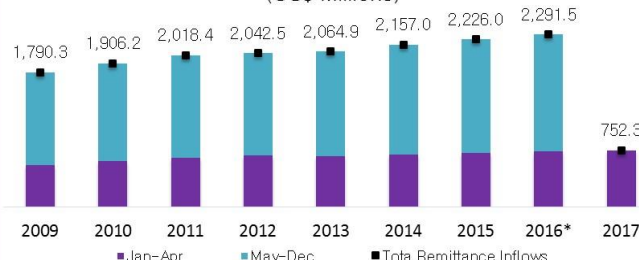


Chart 4: Remittance Inflows to Jamaica (US\$ Millions)



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													
2012	126.1	142.4	162.5	153.4	141.9	151.3	145.0	146.4	140.1	141.3	137.1	170.5	1758.2
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*	145.6	154.0	181.0	169.4									650.1
month/month growth rate (%):2015/2016	6.4	1.5	5.3	-2.5									
CYTD growth rate (%):2015/2016	6.4	3.8	4.4	2.5									
Other Remittances													
2012	23.6	24.8	25.3	26.7	24.7	23.8	23.9	23.8	19.3	22.1	20.7	25.7	284.3
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									102.2
month/month growth rate (%):2015/2016	9.1	-15.8	10.0	-12.7									
CYTD growth rate (%):2015/2016	9.1	-4.5	0.2	-3.3									
Total Remittance Inflows													
2012	149.7	167.2	187.9	180.1	166.7	175.2	168.9	170.1	159.4	163.4	157.8	196.2	2042.5
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*	171.3	177.8	208.5	194.7									752.3
month/month growth rate (%):2015/2016	6.8	-1.3	5.9	-3.9									
CYTD growth rate (%):2015/2016	6.8	2.6	3.8	1.7									
Total Remittance Outflows													
2012	23.4	22.4	22.3	21.3	24.3	22.1	22.5	22.3	18.4	22.1	21.8	24.5	267.4
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									78.2
month/month growth rate (%):2015/2016	-10.4	9.7	13.7	-22.9									
CYTD growth rate (%):2015/2016	-10.4	-1.2	3.6	-2.7									
Net Remittances													
2012	126.3	144.8	165.6	158.8	142.4	153.1	146.4	147.9	141.0	141.2	136.0	171.7	1775.0
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*	151.3	157.0	185.9	179.9									674.1
month/month growth rate (%):2015/2016	9.6	-2.6	5.0	-2.0									
CYTD growth rate (%):2015/2016	9.6	3.1	3.8	2.2									
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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	145.6	154.0	181.0	1998.5
month/month growth rate (%):2015/2016	8.1	-1.4	-0.7	0.3	3.8	5.4	-3.0	4.4	3.8	6.4	1.5	5.3	
FYTD/FYTD growth rate (%)	8.1	3.2	1.9	1.5	2.0	2.5	1.7	2.0	2.2	2.6	3.8	2.7	
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
month/month growth rate (%):2015/2016	9.4	36.8	14.4	20.9	9.8	7.2	-14.4	1.5	17.4	9.1	-15.8	10.0	
FYTD/FYTD growth rate (%)	9.4	21.3	19.1	19.5	17.6	15.9	11.2	9.9	10.8	10.6	-4.5	8.0	
Total Remittance Inflows													
2012/2013	180.1	166.7	175.2	168.9	170.1	159.4	163.4	157.8	196.2	154.0	160.1	178.4	2030.2
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	171.3	177.8	208.5	2311.8
month/month growth rate (%):2015/2016	8.3	2.7	1.1	2.8	4.6	5.6	-4.5	4.0	5.4	6.8	-1.3	5.9	
FYTD/FYTD growth rate (%)	8.3	5.5	4.0	3.7	3.9	4.2	2.9	3.0	3.3	3.6	2.6	3.4	
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
month/month growth rate (%):2015/2016	-8.1	17.9	3.3	-3.4	-7.5	-3.6	-1.6	15.3	-10.3	-10.4	9.7	13.7	
FYTD/FYTD growth rate (%)	-8.1	2.4	2.7	0.8	-1.1	-1.5	-1.5	0.6	-0.8	-1.8	-1.2	0.4	
Net Remittances													
2012/2013	158.8	142.4	153.1	146.4	147.9	141.0	141.2	136.0	171.7	129.8	140.8	160.8	1769.8
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	151.3	157.0	185.9	2074.2
month/month growth rate (%):2015/2016	10.4	1.5	0.9	3.6	6.1	6.8	-4.8	2.5	7.2	9.6	-2.6	5.0	
FYTD/FYTD growth rate (%)	10.4	3.1	6.2	5.7	4.7	4.1	4.5	4.0	3.8	2.8	0.9	3.1	
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