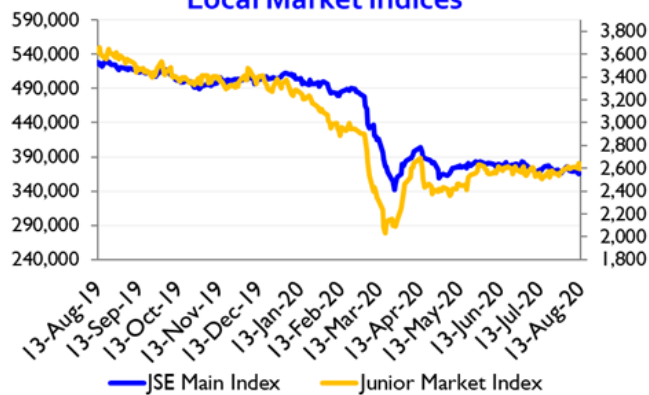


## Weekly Jobless Claims Below One Million for the First Time Since Mid-March

According to the US Department of Labour, initial claims for state unemployment benefits in the United States (US) fell below one million to end the week of August 8, 2020, at 963,000. This was lower when compared to 1.2 million claims recorded in the previous week, less than market expectation of 1.12 million unemployment benefit applications and below the one million mark for the first time since March 14, 2020. During the week ending August 8, 2020 there were also 488,622 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, provided to people ineligible under the regular unemployment assistance programme.

Despite weekly jobless claims being on a decreasing trend, US unemployment remains at a very high level. The ongoing uncertainty surrounding the duration of the virus, the tightening of social distancing measures in some states and the ongoing delay in the passing of a new fiscal stimulus to replace the previously ended package will continue to weigh on consumer spending and continue to be a drag on the broader US economy.

### Local Market Indices



### Foreign Exchange Market

| Currency | 13-Aug | 12-Aug | DoD % Δ | YTD% Δ |
|----------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| USD:JMD  | 150.36 | 150.02 | 0.23%   | 13.42% |
| GBP:JMD  | 195.13 | 196.11 | -0.50%  | 13.7%  |
| CAD:JMD  | 114.41 | 113.97 | 0.39%   | 14.2%  |

### Caribbean & Latam

- An expected interest rate cut in Mexico did not cause big moves in the country's currency on Thursday, while Brazil's real bounced on signs of recovery in the country's battered service sector.

### USA & Canada

- The U.S. push to fire up its economy in the middle of a pandemic remained stalled last week with signs the lapse of emergency unemployment benefits and business grants may have begun taking a toll.

### Europe

- European stocks fell on Thursday as simmering tensions between the United States and China, and elusive U.S. fiscal stimulus, pushed investors to book profits after four straight sessions of gains, while Airbus dipped as Washington left aircraft tariffs unchanged.

### Asia

- Asia's emerging currency markets crept higher on Thursday against a broadly weaker U.S. dollar, while optimism among investors over an economic recovery and U.S.-China trade talks later this week pushed stock markets higher.

### Local Equity Market

| Stock Index                  | Today's close | DoD Δ    | DoD% Δ | YTD % Δ | YoY% Δ  |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------|--------|---------|---------|
| JSE Combined Index           | 366,593.28    | 2,341.88 | 0.64%  | -27.91% | -30.54% |
| JSE Index                    | 368,097.96    | 3,121.52 | 0.86%  | -28.42% | -30.86% |
| All Jamaican Composite Index | 403,348.27    | 3,382.20 | 0.85%  | -28.56% | -31.02% |
| JSE Select Index             | 9,151.82      | 143.94   | 1.60%  | -31.05% | -33.77% |
| Junior Market Index          | 2,595.01      | -49.55   | -1.87% | -21.03% | -26.32% |

### BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS

| ADVANCERS |        | DECLINERS |         |
|-----------|--------|-----------|---------|
| EPLY      | 11.80% | GWEST     | -15.73% |
| 1834      | 7.61%  | CBNY      | -15.38% |
| SML       | 7.10%  | AFS       | -12.19% |

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **75** stocks, of which **23** advanced, **42** declined and **10** traded firm.

### International Markets

| International Equity Markets |           |         |         |         |
|------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|
| Index                        | 13-Aug    | DoD % Δ | YTD% Δ  | YoY% Δ  |
| S&P 500                      | 3,373.43  | -0.20%  | 4.42%   | 15.28%  |
| Dow Jones                    | 27,896.72 | -0.29%  | -2.25%  | 6.15%   |
| FTSE All Share               | 3,447.01  | -1.35%  | -17.86% | -12.98% |
| Euro Stoxx 50                | 3,342.85  | -0.60%  | -10.74% | -0.43%  |
| Nikkei 225                   | 23,249.61 | 1.78%   | -1.72%  | 13.66%  |
| MSCI World Index             | 571.04    | 1.23%   | 1.03%   | 12.16%  |

| International Currency Market |        |         |        |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|
| Currency                      | 13-Aug | DoD % Δ | YTD% Δ | YoY% Δ |
| EUR: USD                      | 1.1814 | 0.25%   | 5.36%  | 5.76%  |
| GBP: USD                      | 1.3061 | 0.21%   | -1.48% | 8.30%  |
| USD: CAD                      | 1.3217 | -0.23%  | 1.75%  | -0.05% |
| USD: JPY                      | 106.93 | 0.02%   | -1.55% | 0.18%  |

| Global Interest Rates     |        |          |          |          |
|---------------------------|--------|----------|----------|----------|
| Rates                     | 13-Aug | DoD Δbps | YTD Δbps | YoY Δbps |
| 10 -Year US Treasury Bond | 0.72%  | 5.00     | -120.00  | -98.00   |
| 10-Year UK Gilt           | 0.24%  | 0.00     | -58.00   | -25.00   |
| GOJ 2025 Global Bond      | 4.50%  | 8.00     | 65.00    | 6.00     |

| Commodities |          |         |         |         |
|-------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| Commodity   | 13-Aug   | DoD % Δ | YTD% Δ  | YoY% Δ  |
| Crude Oil   | 42.35    | -0.75%  | -30.64% | -25.83% |
| Gold        | 1,953.72 | 1.98%   | 28.77%  | 30.12%  |
| Silver      | 27.37    | 7.29%   | 53.33%  | 61.33%  |
| Aluminium   | 1,787.00 | 1.33%   | -1.27%  | 0.11%   |



# Mutual Funds

## JN MUTUAL FUNDS

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| JN Mutual Funds                   | NAV Price   | 12 Months Growth Rate | YTD Growth Rate | Yield (Estimated Yearly Income) |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Global Diversified Income</b>  | J\$13.6568  | -3.94%                | -6.47%          | 2.16%                           |
| <b>Global Equity</b>              | J\$13.9452  | -20.45%               | -22.87%         | 0.00%                           |
| <b>Global Fixed Income</b>        | J\$12.5263  | 6.08%                 | 4.53%           | 4.52%                           |
| <b>Global Money Market (US\$)</b> | US\$10.4762 | 2.96%                 | 2.07%           | 3.71%                           |
| <b>Global Fixed Income (US\$)</b> | US\$10.5205 | 2.54%                 | 1.79%           | 5.10%                           |
| <b>Local Money Market</b>         | J\$10.9121  | 3.64%                 | 2.58%           | 4.34%                           |

|                  | Global Money Market Fund  | Local Money Market Fund   | Global Fixed Income Funds  | Global Diversified Income Fund   | Global Equity Fund   |
|------------------|---|---|--|--|--|
| <b>Objective</b> | To preserve capital whilst providing US dollar (US\$) money market returns              | To preserve capital whilst providing Jamaican Dollar (J\$) money market returns           | To achieve an attractive total return through capital injection and income growth. This is offered through two separate Funds:<br>(i) A Jamaican dollar (J\$) and<br>(ii) A US dollar (US\$) fund. | To provide long-term investment growth through exposure to a diversified range of asset classes. | To provide long-term capital growth and risk diversification.  |
| <b>Strategy</b>  | To invest in local and global money market instruments for safety, liquidity and yield. | To invest in local and global money market instruments for safety and liquidity and yield | To invest in regional, sovereign debt securities, local and international corporate bonds.   | To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stocks, REITs and structured products          | To invest in the shares of local and international companies which offer strong growth possibilities and consistent income |

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