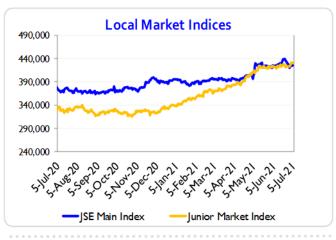
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# US' Unemployment Rate Increases Slightly to 5.9% in June

According to the United States (US) Bureau of Labour Statistics (BLS), the US non-farm payroll increased by 850,000 jobs in June 2021, up from the 583,000 jobs added in May and higher than market expectations of 706,000 jobs to be added. Job gains in the month were mostly attributable to increases in sectors such as 'leisure and hospitality,' public and private education', 'professional and business services', 'retail trade', and 'other services; with a fall in construction jobs slightly offsetting the gains. The unemployment rate increased slightly by 0.1 percentage points to 5.9% in June, which was higher than market expectations for a rate of 5.6%. Meanwhile, the labour force participation rate was unchanged in June at 61.6%.

Following two consecutive months of disappointing jobs report, June jobs gain was substantial and surprised to the upside. However, although the unemployment rate is now considerably lower than its peak level during the pandemic, it remains significantly above the pre-COVID-19 levels of 3.5% recorded in February 2020. Unsurprisingly, the gradual reopening of the US economy, ongoing fiscal support and robust vaccination programme have supported the growth in jobs so far and as a result it is reasonable to expect further improvement as the economy moves closer to normality. However, the ongoing uncertainties surrounding COVID-19 and its variants continue to cloud the outlook and could weigh on the pace of recovery in jobs over the short-term.



### Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	5-Jul	2-Jul	<b>DoD %</b> Δ	YTD% $\Delta$
USD:JMD	151.12	150.45	0.44%	5.94%
GBP:JMD	209.64	206.65	1.45%	10.3%
CAD:JMD	122.93	119.92	2.51%	11.3%

### Caribbean & Latam

 Latin American currencies fell on Monday, lagging broader emerging market peers, with Brazil's real extending losses to a fifth straight session on growing concerns over corruption in the country.

#### USA & Canada

Prices of copper, often used as a gauge of global economic health, advanced on Monday on hopes of stronger demand for metals and amid a sustained U.S. economic recovery after data showed an acceleration in hiring in the world's biggest economy.

#### **Europe**

Upbeat eurozone business activity saw European shares reverse session losses on Monday, leaving them just about half a percent away from all-time peaks, while a nearly 12% surge in Morrisons sent London mid-caps to record highs.

#### <u>Asia</u>

 Most Asian stocks gained on Monday, extending the rally that took global equities to a record high after a U.S. jobs report signalled the economic recovery remained intact but didn't yet warrant any immediate withdrawal of Federal Reserve stimulus.

Local Equity Market								
Stock Index	Today's close	<b>DoD</b> $\Delta$	<b>DoD%</b> $\Delta$	YTD % $\Delta$	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ			
JSE Combined Index	429,631.17	2,754.32	0.65%	9.48%	14.37%			
JSE Index	427,216.40	3,053.18	0.72%	7.99%	12.84%			
All Jamaican Composite Index	464,445.61	528.55	0.11%	7.13%	11.90%			
JSE Select Index	10,502.99	13.17	0.13%	7.80%	12.60%			
Junior Market Index	3,395.86	-6.44	-0.19%	28.47%	33.74%			
	BEST AND W	ORST PERF	ORMERS					
ADVAN	NCERS		DE	CLINERS				
GWEST 17.6	5%		РЈХ	-24.34%	_			
FIRSTROCKUSD 15.00	)%	TJI	HUSD	-10.11%				
INDIES 8.33	%	GE	NAC	-6.25%				

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **80** stocks, of which **38** advanced, **28** declined and **14** traded firm.

### **International Markets**

Int	ternati	onal	Equity Mai	rkets		Int	ernation	al Currency	y Market	
Index	5-Ju	ıl	<b>DoD % A</b>	<b>YTD%</b> $\Delta$	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ	Currency	5-Jul	<b>DoD % A</b>	<b>YTD% A</b>	ΥοΥ% /
S&P 500	4,352	.34	0.00%	15.87%	39.05%	Currency	o jui			101/02
Dow Jones	34,786	.35	0.00%	13.66%	34.69%	EUR: USD	1.1865	0.00%	-2.87%	5.49%
FTSE All Share	4,093	.99	0.69%	11.44%	19.98%	GBP: USD	1.38	0.17%	I.29%	10.93%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,087	.37	0.07%	15.05%	24.07%	USD: CAD	1.23	0.16%	-3.01%	- <b>8.89</b> %
Nikkei 225	28,598	8.19	<b>-0.64</b> %	4.20%	28.21%	000.070	1.25	0.10/0	-3.0170	-0.07/0
MSCI World Index	724.6	66	0.00%	12.13%	36.09%	USD: JPY	110.97	-0.07%	7.48%	3.22%
	Glob	oal Int	terest Rate	s			Co	ommodities	;	
Rates		5-Jul	DoD ∆bp	s YTD ∆bps	YoY Abps	Commodity	5-Jul	<b>DoD % A</b>	<b>YTD%</b> ∆	<b>YoY%</b> 2
10 -Year US Treasury I	Bond	1.42%	0.00	51.00	75.00	Crude Oil	76.36	1.60%	57.38%	87.85%
		0.71%	71% 1.00	51.00	52.00	Gold	1,791.77	0.25%	- <b>5.61%</b>	0.89%
10-Year UK Gilt				Silver	26.48	0.03%	0.29%	46.93%		
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	ł	3.51%	0.00	6.00	-123.00	Aluminium	2,562.00	0.00%	29.43%	58.74%

Sources: Bloomberg, Reuters, Jamaica Stock Exchange, Bank of Jamaica, Jamaica Observer, Jamaica Gleaner, Nasdaq, Investing.com



## **JN MUTUAL FUNDS**

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JN Mutual Funds		NAV Pri	ce	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)	
Global Diversified Income		e J\$13.69	36	0.10%	-1.07%	I.50%	
Global Equity		J\$16.284	46	13.27%	8.16%	0.00%	
Global Fixed Income		J\$12.94	62	4.90%	2.29%	4.88%	
Global Money Market (US\$)		<b>S\$)</b> US\$10.80	053	3.56%	1.76%	2.44%	
Global Fixed Income (US\$)		<b>\$)</b> US\$11.1	556	8.35%	1.29%	3.00%	
Local M	loney Market	<b>J\$11.27</b>	73	4.23%	2.24%	4.08%	
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Glob	oal Fixed Income Funds	Global Diversified Income Fund	Global Equity Fund	
Objective	To preserve capital whilst providing US dollar (US\$) money market returns	To preserve capital whilst providing Jamaican Dollar (J\$) money market returns	retur incor throu (i) A	chieve an attractive total n through capital injection and ne growth. This is offered ugh two separate Funds: Jamaican dollar (J\$) and . US dollar (US\$) fund.	To provide long-term investment growth through exposure to a diversified range of asset classes.	To provide long-term capita growth and risk diversification.	
Strategy	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	debt	nvest in regional, sovereign securities, local and national corporate bonds.	To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stock REITs and structured produ		

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