

# Canada's Unemployment Rate Improves to 5.5% in February 2022

According to Statistics Canada, the Canadian economy added 337,000 jobs in February 2022, which more than offset the 200,000 jobs lost in January. The public health measures which were tightened in December and January, eased in February, as some provinces relaxed proof of vaccination requirements and increased capacity limits in restaurants, retailers, theatres, and gyms. February's job growth was driven by a 2.8% gain in private-sector employees, after declining by 1.6% in January 2021. The most notable gains in terms of industries were 'accommodation and food services' and 'information, culture and recreation' up by 12.6% and 9.9% respectively. Consequently, the unemployment rate improved, from 6.5% to 5.5% in February and was slightly lower than its pre-pandemic February 2020 level (5.7%).

The reduction in COVID-19 cases in Canada is likely to continue to support employment growth over the short term. However, given the spike in commodity prices, inflationary pressures are likely to continue to build. If these pressures continue to build this could likely weigh on consumers' income and business activity which could limit the pace of employment growth and cause a drag on the Canada's economy.



### Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	14-Mar	I I-Mar	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	153.48	153.91	-0.28%	-1.04%
GBP:JMD	202.81	200.92	0.94%	-3.5%
CAD:JMD	120.01	120.82	-0.67%	-2.2%

### Caribbean & Latam

The Brazilian real fell the most among Latin American currencies on Monday ahead of an interest rate decision later in the week, while most emerging market assets slipped on worries of higher global inflationary pressures.

### **USA & Canada**

 U.S. Treasury yields hit two-and-a-half year highs on Monday, while oil prices fell as investors weighed positive comments from cease-fire talks between Russia and Ukraine alongside expectations of the first rate hike by the U.S. Federal Reserve.

### **Europe**

 European stocks are seen opening on a positive note Monday as investors await the outcome of another round of talks between Russia and Ukraine planned for today.

#### Asia

 Most Asian currencies and stock markets were in the red on Monday, hit by concerns over the escalating Russia-Ukraine crisis and a drop in China's new bank loans, with Philippine stocks plunging more than 4%.

## **Local Equity Market**

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD $\Delta$	$\mathbf{DoD\%}\ \Delta$	YTD % ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	400,884.61	-10,223.74	-2.49%	-0.06%	1.02%
JSE Index	389,939.30	-10,931.95	-2.73%	-1.57%	-1.79%
All Jamaican Composite Index	438,421.97	-1,713.39	-0.39%	0.02%	0.68%
JSE Select Index	9,999.25	-49.22	-0.49%	1.18%	1.06%
Junior Market Index	4,033.48	1.59	0.04%	17.65%	37.53%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS							
ADVANCERS DECLINERS							
JFP	28.00%		MASSY	-18.74%			
ISP	22.25%		JETCON	-10.00%			
PTL	11.66%		AFS	-8.14%			

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **96** stocks, of which **28** advanced, **55** declined and **13** traded firm.

### **International Markets**

International Equity Markets						
Index	14-Mar	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	<b>ΥοΥ</b> % Δ		
S&P 500	4,173.11	-0.74%	-12.44%	5.83%		
Dow Jones	32,945.24	0.00%	-9.34%	0.51%		
FTSE All Share	4,014.87	0.65%	-4.59%	4.25%		
Euro Stoxx 50	3,741.10	1.47%	-12.97%	-2.41%		
Nikkei 225	25,307.85	0.58%	-7.78%	-14.84%		
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	Glob	al Inte	erest Rates	5	
Rates	1	4-Mar	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps
10 -Year US Treasury	Bond :	2.14%	15.20	63.36	51.90
10-Year UK Gilt		1.59%	10.30	62.30	77.20

1.30

5.25%

GOI 2025 Global Bond

GBP: USD	International Currency Market						
GBP: USD	Currency	14-Mar	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	<b>YοY</b> % Δ		
USD: CAD 1.28 <b>0.62</b> % 1.47% 2.79%	EUR: USD	1.0942	0.27%	-3.76%	-8.46%		
	GBP: USD	1.30	-0.27%	-3.92%	-6.62%		
USD: JPY 118.18 <b>0.76</b> % <b>2.69</b> % <b>8.39</b> %	USD: CAD	1.28	0.62%	1.47%	2.79%		
	USD: JPY	118.18	0.76%	2.69%	8.39%		

	Commodities						
S	Commodity	14-Mar	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% $\Delta$	<b>ΥοΥ</b> % Δ		
	Crude Oil	102.17	-6.55%	35.85%	55.72%		
	Gold	1,952.70	-1.80%	6.75%	13.06%		
_	Silver	25.05	-3.17%	7.47%	-3.35%		
_	Aluminium	3,319.50	<b>-4.69</b> %	18.24%	52.90%		

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

167.90

180.30



# **JN MUTUAL FUNDS**



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JN Muti	ual Funds	NAV Pri	ce	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield Estimated Yearly Income)	
Global Diversified Income		e J\$14.28	40	2.30%	0.96%	1.24%	
Global	Equity	J\$15.51	53	2.07%	-1.24%	0.00%	
Global	Fixed Income	J\$13.30	48	3.68%	0.28%	3.96%	
Global	Money Market (U	<b>S\$)</b> US\$11.0	144	3.14%	0.24%	2.58%	
Global	Fixed Income (US	\$) US\$11.29	904	3.46%	-0.45%	2.30%	
Local M	loney Market	J\$11.64	42	4.29%	0.52%	4.39%	
	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	return incon throu (i) A	chieve an attractive total  n through capital injection and  ne growth. This is offered  ligh 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	ivest in regional, sovereign securities, local and national corporate bonds.	To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stocks REITs and structured produc		

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