



# **US Job Growth Below Market Expectations in September 2021**

The United States (US) Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported a 194,000 increase in non-farm payroll jobs in September 2021, following the 366,000-increase recorded in August. September's job growth was the slowest so far this year, falling well below market expectations of 500,000 new jobs. New employment in sectors such as leisure and hospitality, professional and business services as well as transportation and warehousing, accounted for most of the job growth in the month but growth in these categories was tempered by the declines in public education and health care. Notwithstanding, the disappointing jobs data, the unemployment rate fell by 0.4 percentage points to 4.8% in September and below market expectations of only reaching 5.1% as many workers gave up their job search and left the labour force last month. The labour force participation rate also remained unchanged in September, at 61.6%, and has remained within a narrow range of 61.4% to 61.7% since June 2020.

The recent job data show a peculiar situation for the US economy. While this indicates that demand has remained robust and that consumers have more money and are spending more, businesses reported a difficulty finding workers. However, with the expiration of enhanced unemployment benefits recently, growing vaccination rates, and possibly higher wages, workers may be enticed to resume their job search in the short term. Despite this, the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19's path continues to cloud the forecast and weigh on the pace of labour market expansion in the near term.

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# Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	II-Oct	8-Oct	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% $\Delta$
USD:JMD	150.75	148.95	1.21%	5.68%
GBP:JMD	204.71	205.13	-0.21%	5.7%
CAD:JMD	119.85	121.76	-1.57%	7.6%

#### Caribbean & Latam

 Most Latin American currencies traded sideways on Monday as investors waited to see how a global energy crunch would play out, while regional stocks followed their emerging market peers higher as they recovered from last week's losses.

#### **USA & Canada**

 U.S. stocks were mostly lower in afternoon trading Monday with trading choppy as investors were cautious before thirdquarter earnings season.

#### **Europe**

 European stocks turned in a mixed performance on Monday with investors largely making cautious moves amid concerns about inflation and higher interest rates.

### <u>Asia</u>

 Asian stock markets are trading mostly higher on Monday, ignoring the negative cues from Wall Street on Friday on disappointing monthly jobs data out of the U.S., with surging crude oil prices providing support,

## **Local Equity Market**

Stock Index	Today's close	<b>DoD</b> Δ	DoD% $\Delta$	YTD % ∆	YoY% A
JSE Combined Index	409,805.50	-1,411.57	-0.34%	4.43%	11.17%
JSE Index	407,110.52	-1,280.33	-0.31%	2.91%	9.62%
All Jamaican Composite Index	448,868.31	-2,348.80	-0.52%	3.54%	10.33%
JSE Select Index	9,846.54	31.55	0.32%	1.06%	8.92%
Junior Market Index	3,277.70	-22.77	-0.69%	24.00%	30.98%
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BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS						
ADVANCERS DECLINERS						
CBNY	28.95%		CAC	-24.11%		
KLE	10.78%		KPREIT	-12.40%		
FIRSTROCKJMD	8.72%		MTLJA	-10.67%		

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of 89 stocks, of which 35 advanced, 45 declined and 9 traded firm.

### **International Markets**

International Equity Markets						
Index	II-Oct	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ		
S&P 500	4,361.19	-0.69%	16.11%	25.42%		
Dow Jones	34,496.06	-0.72%	12.71%	20.67%		
FTSE All Share	4,068.12	0.53%	10.74%	20.42%		
Euro Stoxx 50	4,072.52	-0.02%	14.63%	24.42%		
Nikkei 225	28,498.20	1.60%	3.84%	20.65%		
MSCI World Index	715.55	-0.27%	10.72%	22.40%		

International Currency Market						
Currency	II-Oct	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	<b>ΥοΥ</b> % Δ		
EUR: USD	1.1553	-0.14%	-5.43%	-2.31%		
GBP: USD	1.36	-0.15%	-0.56%	4.28%		
USD: CAD	1.25	0.09%	-1.90%	-4.86%		
USD: JPY	113.30	0.94%	9.73%	7.27%		

Global Interest Rates						
Rates	II-Oct	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps		
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	1.61%	0.00	70.00	84.00		
10-Year UK Gilt	1.19%	3.00	99.00	91.00		
GOI 2025 Global Bond	3.64%	0.00	19.00	-64.00		

Commodities						
Commodity	II-Oct	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	<b>ΥοΥ</b> % Δ		
Crude Oil	80.5	1.45%	65.91%	98.28%		
Gold	1,754.15	-0.17%	-7.60%	-9.13%		
Silver	22.57	-0.46%	-14.51%	-10.26%		
Aluminium	3,064.00	3.30%	54.79%	66.39%		



# **JN MUTUAL FUNDS**



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JN Mutu	ual Funds	NAV Pri	ce	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield Estimated Yearly Income)
Global	Diversified Incom	e J\$14.28	19	6.29%	3.18%	2.22%
Global	Equity	J\$15.578	8 I	12.30%	3.47%	0.00%
Global	Fixed Income	J\$13.086	66	4.03%	3.40%	4.74%
Global	Money Market (U	<b>S\$)</b> US\$10.90	014	3.54%	2.67%	2.40%
Global	Fixed Income (US	<b>\$)</b> US\$11.24	472	6.49%	2.12%	3.15%
Local M	loney Market	J\$11.397	79	3.94%	3.33%	4.17%
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Globa	al 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 income throug (i) A Ja	nieve an attractive total through capital injection and e growth. This is offered th two separate Funds: umaican dollar (J\$) and JS 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 se	est in regional, sovereign ecurities, local and ational corporate bonds.	To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stocks REITs and structured produc	

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