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## **BANK OF JAMAICA**

NET INTERNATIONAL RESERVES AND BASE MONEY INDICATORS

## **BASE MONEY INDICATORS (J\$M)**

	End November 2021	End December 2021	Change
Uses: Net Currency Issue Total Currency Issue	<b>204,426.98</b> 204,536.67	<b>226,933.52</b> 227,020.51	<b>22,506.54</b> 22,483.84
Notes Issue Coins Issue CBDC Issue	198,782.33 5,748.34 6.00	221,197.08 5,817.43 6.00	22,414.75 69.09 0.00
Less: Currency held by BOJ	109.69	87.00	-22.69
Commercial Banks' Statutory Reserves Commercial Banks' Current Account <sup>1</sup> Monetary Base <sup>2</sup>	44,016.13 59,942.10 308,385.21	44,348.06 68,582.69 339,864.27	331.94 8,640.59 31,479.06
Sources: Net International Reserves Assets Liabilities	<b>606,167.66</b> 739,078.29 132,910.63	<b>616,082.69</b> 744,332.42 128,249.74	<b>9,915.03</b> 5,254.13 -4,660.90
Net Domestic Assets Net Claims on the Public Sector Open Market Operations Net Credit to Commercial Banks Other	<b>-297,782.45</b> 146,036.88 -135,648.25 -81,443.18 -226,727.90	-276,218.42 141,632.50 -119,548.25 -81,335.02 -216,967.65	<b>21,564.03</b> -4,404.39 16,100.00 108.17 9,760.25
Total	308,385.21	339,864.27	31,479.06

Transaction balances and excess reserves. Data reflect credit balances only.

Note: Statutory cash reserve and current accounts of commercial banks are held at the Bank of Jamaica.

## BANK OF JAMAICA'S INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (US\$M)

	End November 2021	End <u>December 2021</u>	Change
FOREIGN ASSETS	4,750.28	4,832.36	82.08
Currency & Deposits	3,694.19	3,776.48	82.29
Securities	337.26	340.51	3.25
SDR & IMF Reserve Position	718.84	715.37	-3.47
FOREIGN LIABILITIES	854.26	832.62	-21.63
IMF	854.26	832.62	-21.63
Other <sup>3</sup>	0.00	0.00	0.00
NET INTERNATIONAL RESERVES	3,896.03	3,999.74	103.71
Reserves in Weeks of Goods Imports 4*	53.40	54.32	
Reserves in Weeks of Goods & Services I	mports 4* 32.93	33.50	
Percentage of ARA Metric <sup>5</sup>	151.80	154.42	_

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3'</sup> Effective 1 March 2017, amounts previously included in other foreign liabilities are no longer a part of BOJ's total foreign liabilities.

The Assessing Reserve Adequacy Metric (ARA) is comprised of four components, each reflecting a potential drain on the external accounts. The components include Exports of Goods and Services, Broad Money, Short-Term External Debt and Other Portfolio Liabilities.



Monetary Base is the aggregate of Net Currency Issue, Commercial Banks' Statutory Cash Reserves and Current Account.

<sup>\*</sup> Revised to reflect foreign currency revaluation..

<sup>4/</sup> Based on estimated value of imports for FY 2021/2022