



JAMAICA ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT DEC 2017

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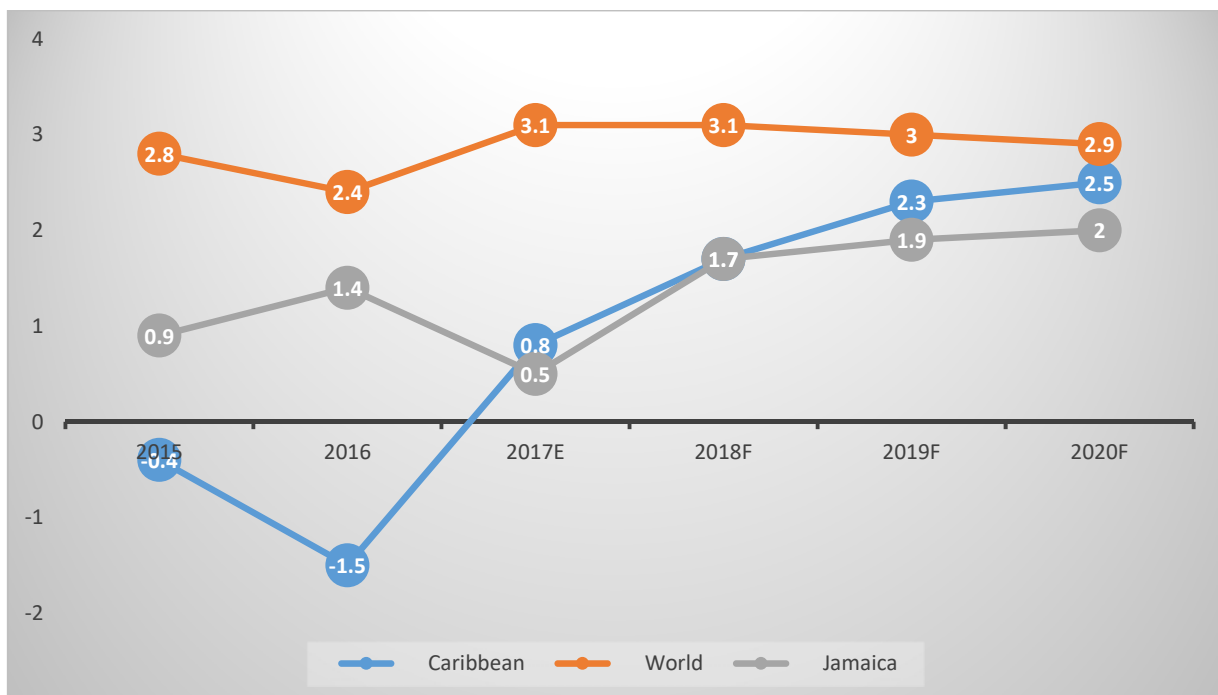
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Real GDP Growth (%)

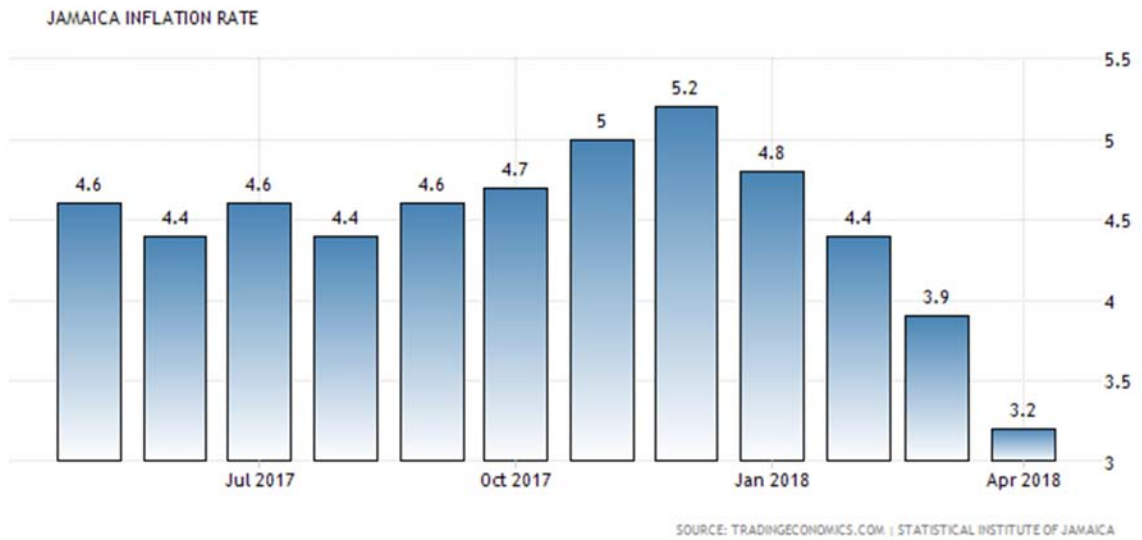
(Global Economic Prospects - Forecasts, n.d.)

Country groups	2015	2016	2017e	2018f	2019f	2020f
Caribbean	-0.4	-1.5	0.8	1.7	2.3	2.5
World	2.8	2.4	3.1	3.1	3	2.9
Jamaica	0.9	1.4	0.5	1.7	1.9	2

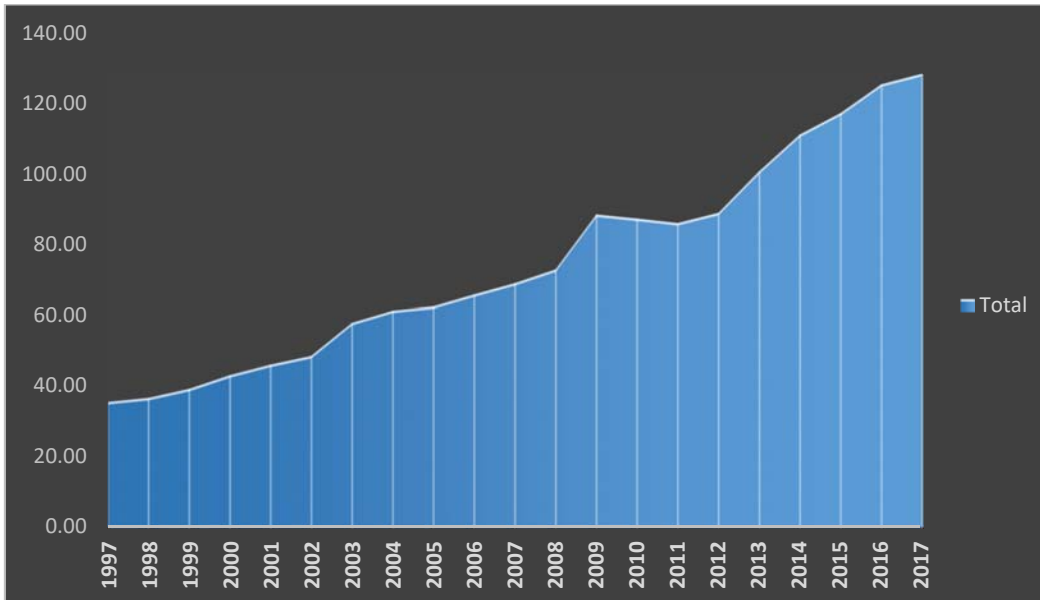


Jamaica Inflation rate (%)

(Jamaica, n.d.)



The average Jamaican Dollar vs the USD over 20 years



KEY TERMS

Money Supply - A group of safe assets that households and businesses can use to make payments or hold as short-term investments.

Money Supply (M1) - A measure of the money supply that includes all physical money, such as coins and currency, as well as demand deposits, checking accounts and Negotiable Order of Withdrawal (NOW) accounts.

M1 measures the most liquid components of the money supply, as it contains cash and assets that can quickly be converted to currency.

Money Supply (M2) - A measure of money supply that includes cash and checking deposits (M1) as well as near money.

“Near money” in M2 includes savings deposits, money market mutual funds and other time deposits, which are less liquid and not as suitable as exchange mediums but can be quickly converted into cash or checking deposits.

Consumer Price Index (CPI) -measures changes in the price level of a market basket of consumer goods and services purchased by households.

Inflation -The rate at which the general level of prices of goods and services are rising.

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) The monetary value of all the finished goods and services produced within a country's borders in a specific time period, though GDP is usually calculated on an annual basis. It includes all of private and public consumption, government outlays, investments and exports less imports that occur within a defined territory.

GDP Calculation

GDP is calculated using the formula below:

$$\mathbf{GDP = C + I + G + (X - M)}$$

(C) - Personal consumption

(I) - Gross private investment

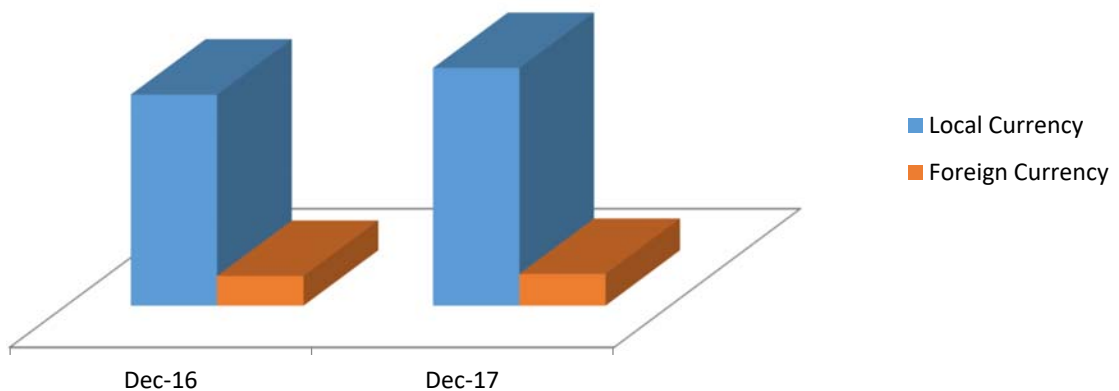
(G) - Government spending

Net Exports - This is represented by taken total Exports (X) less total imports (M).

Money Supply (M1)

(Economic Statistics, 2017)

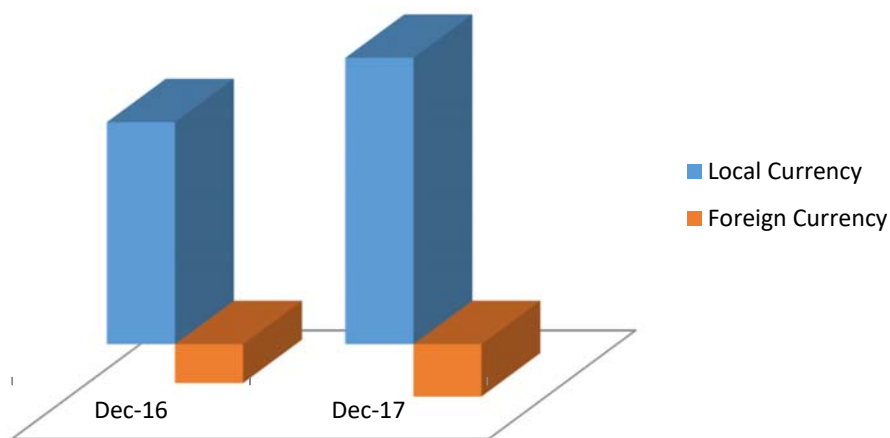
	J\$MM Dec-16	J\$MM Dec-17
Money Supply (M1)	208,719.10	233,487.21
Local Currency	182,903.17	205,960.89
Foreign Currency	25,815.93	27,526.32



Money Supply (M2)

(Economic Statistics, 2017)

	J\$MM Dec-16	J\$MM Dec-17
Money Supply (M2)	292,366.64	373,937.14
Local Currency	354,724.50	457,898.48
Foreign Currency	(62,357.86)	(83,961.34)



Inflation

(Economic Statistics, 2017)

	Dec-16	Dec-17
Consumer Price Index (Dec 2006 = 100)	236.3	248.7
Fiscal Year to Date (%)	4.2	4.2

EXPORTS

(Economic Statistics, 2017)

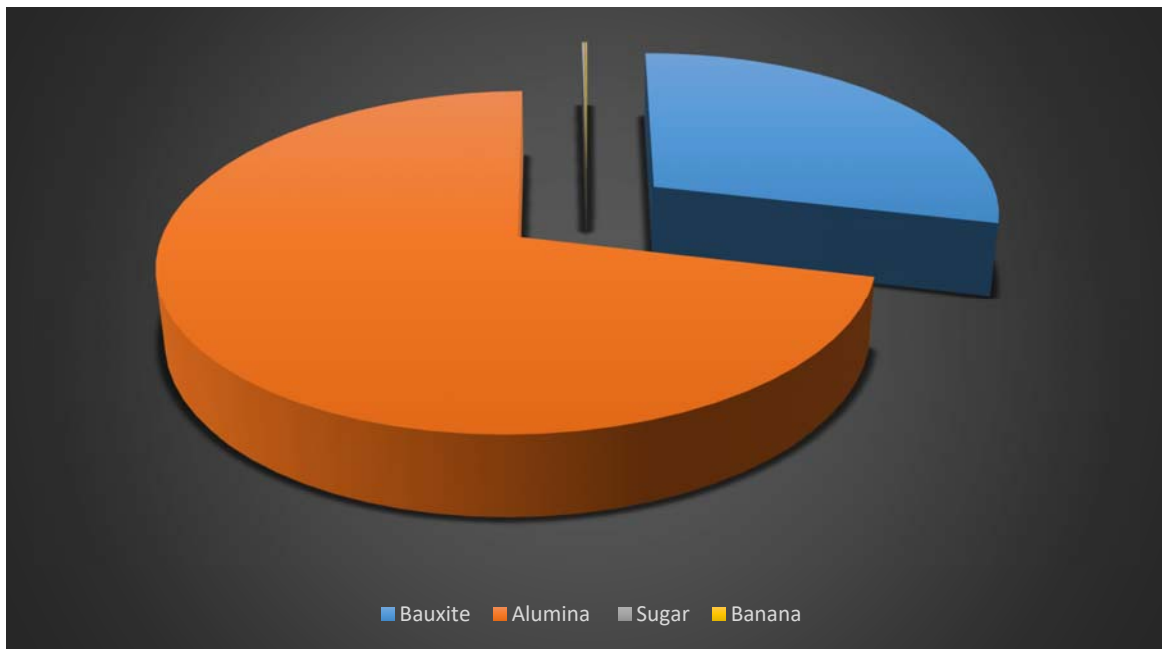
	Oct -Dec 2017
Major Traditional Exports	150.39
Other Traditional Exports	15.07
Non-Traditional Exports	148.78
Re-exports	13.3
Freezone Exports	0.00
Goods Procured in Ports	32.93
Total Exports	<u>360.47</u>



Major Traditional Exports

(Economic Statistics, 2017)

	Oct -Dec 2017
Bauxite	48.9
Alumina	121.07
Sugar	0.29
Banana	0.13



IMPORTS (by SITC)¹

(Economic Statistics, 2017)

	Oct -Dec 2017
	US\$MN
General Merchandise Imports	1,600.74
Goods Procured in Ports	0
TRADE GOOD IMPORTS	1600.74

¹ **Standard International Trade Classification (SITC)** is a classification of goods used to classify the exports and imports of a country to enable comparing different countries and years. The classification system is maintained by the United Nations. The SITC classification, is currently at revision four, which was promulgated in 2006. (Standard International Trade Classification, n.d.)

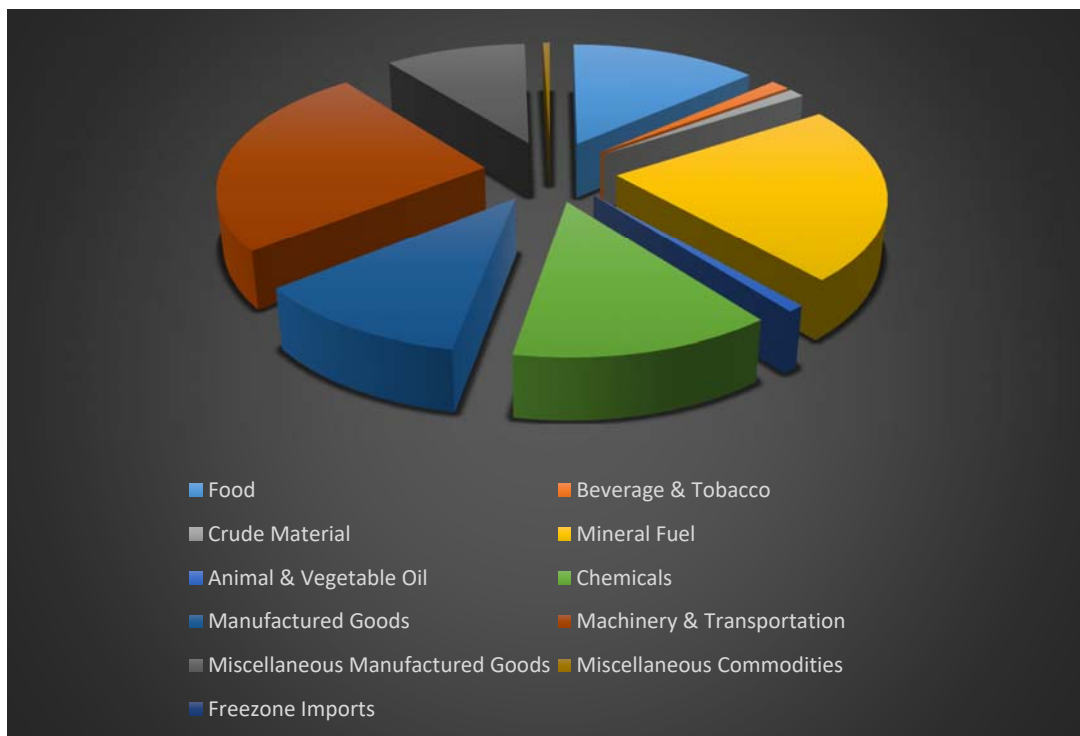
General Merchandise Imports

(Economic Statistics, 2017)

Oct -Dec 2017

US\$MN

Food	215.18
Beverage & Tobacco	21.66
Crude Material	18.39
Mineral Fuel	363.57
Animal & Vegetable Oil	14.07
Chemicals	212.79
Manufactured Goods	181.41
Machinery & Transportation	404.32
Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods	161.7
Miscellaneous Commodities	7.65
Freezone Imports	0



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