

Update 15: Jamaica - Economy Contracts by 9.4% YoY in Q4 FY 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

- The Jamaican economy contracted by 9.4% in the December quarter of 2020, dragged down by the services sector
- While the goods sector declined by a marginal 0.6%, services shrank by 11.5% in the October-December period, amid continued weakness in the tourism and travel markets
- The economy suffered from weakened business and consumer confidence associated with uncertainties regarding the duration and impact of the pandemic
- Also, weakened demand associated with lower disposable income due to job losses and reduced work hours added to the contraction of the economy
- The tourism sector was the worst performer, contracting by 53%
- In the goods sector, mining and quarrying rallied to 6.0% expansion as orders rose on the international market, while construction did even better with growth at 6.2%
- But, their gains were erased by a 3.4% contraction in manufacturing and a 6.1% decline in the agricultural sector
- The outlook for Jamaica remains negative with the Planning Institute of Jamaica expecting a contraction of 7% to 9% in the January-March 2021 quarter
- It also expects that the recovery will take time to gather pace
- As of now, the country reported 21,826 confirmed COVID-19 cases with 405 deaths, 1.9% of total reported cases, and 13,046 recoveries, 59.8% of the total reported cases
- When compared to the overall population of the country, confirmed COVID-19 cases and fatality rate stands at 0.77% and 0.01%, respectively
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult Ministry of Health (<https://www.moh.gov.jm/>) for latest information on COVID-19 in Jamaica

Source(s)

<http://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/business/20210224/jamaican-economy-shrinks-94>
<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/jamaica/>

Targets Affected:

Jamaica

Category(s):

Geo-Political Risk - Macro-Economic Risk

Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

Guidance

Actions to consider:

- Consider implementing suggested actions related to 'Negative Impact on Economy' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

Related Alerts

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Update 14: Jamaica - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 468 COVID-19 Cases Raising the National Total to 19,773

Feb. 10, 2021

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Update 13: Jamaica - Tightens Curfew Measures Amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases

Jan. 28, 2021

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Update 12: Jamaica - Extends Suspension of Flight Services with United Kingdom Until February 28, 2021 Amid Fear Over Infectious COVID-19 Strain

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Update 11: Jamaica - Extends Curfew Until January 31, 2021 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

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Update 10: Jamaica - Extends Suspension of Flight Services with United Kingdom Until January 31, 2021 Amid Fear Over Infectious COVID-19 Strain

Dec. 19, 2020

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Update 9: Central Clarendon, Jamaica - Announces 96 Hours of Curfew Over Violence Adding Further Challenges to the Ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic

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Update 8: Westmoreland, Jamaica - Tightens Curfew Hours Amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases

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Update 7: Jamaica - Tightens Curfew Restrictions for Holidays Amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases

Oct. 30, 2020

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Update 6: Jamaica - Extends Certain COVID-19 Measures Until November 30, 2020

Oct. 28, 2020

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Update 5: Jamaica - Reports 38 New COVID-19 Cases in Last 24 Hours, Raising National Total to 8,787

Sept. 25, 2020

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Update 4: Jamaica - Extends COVID-19 Curfew Until October 7, 2020 to Curb the Spread of Infections

Sept. 11, 2020

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Update 3: Jamaica - Economy Contracts by 18% YoY in Q2 2020 Amid COVID-19 Restrictions

Aug. 20, 2020

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Update 2: Jamaica - Imposes Tighter COVID-19 Restrictions Amid Surge in Infections

Aug. 1, 2020

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Update 1: Jamaica - Extends Curfew Until September 30, 2020 Amid Increase in COVID-19 Cases

July 2, 2020

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Jamaica - Announces Few COVID-19 Relaxations; Nationwide Confirmed Cases Increase to 707

Impact level Definitions

Impact Level	Definitions
Immediate	Certain - Supply Wisdom recommends considering prompt action. Examples of Immediate level alert events may include bankruptcy filings, data breaches, unexpected curfews, strikes, power black-outs, major geo-political events etc.
High	Highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends being in a state of readiness to take quick action. Examples of High level alert events may include withdrawal of rating by ratings agencies, hostile takeover, multiple cyber-attacks, new business policies causing significant hardship etc.
Medium	Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends reviewing current mitigation steps and being ready to take proactive actions if and when situation deteriorates further. Examples of Medium level alert events may include unplanned C-level exits, suppliers caught in bribery cases, economy slipping into recession.
Low	Possible in the long-term (after 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends taking proactive action if situation does not resolve. Examples of Low level alert events may include lawsuits filed against suppliers, client losses, air pollution alerts issued by country's local authorities, unexpected holidays announced for the location etc.
Informational	The event is pertinent information but does not have a risk element associated with it. Examples of Info level alert events may include launch of new solutions, partnerships signed, industry outlook, positive changes in government policies, announcements regarding launch of software parks/ free trade zones/special economic zones etc.