



Republic Wealth Management

Where Wealth Grows

Third Quarter Regional Highlights

Barbados

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GDP

2020 contracted by **-17.6%**.
2021 projected to grow by **4.1%**.



GROSS INTERNATIONAL FOREIGN RESERVES

Increased to **\$2.7 Bn** in June 2021 from **\$2.6 Bn** in March 2021 due to:

- \$200 million from World Bank
- \$48 million from IMF
- Tax revenue from international business sector



UNEMPLOYMENT

HY 2021 estimated at **17.2%** compared to **13.6%** in 2020.
There were 10,000 fewer claims in HY 2021 vs HY 2020.

Barbados Tourism



Tourism activity remained subdued

Resumption of airlift facilitated 11,289 in June 2021 vs 980 in June 2020 in long stay tourist

Hotel sector suffered from low occupancy and revenues due to low influx of tourists

Some properties gained revenue from being quarantine facilities and local demand for staycation packages



GDP

June 2021:
10% to 12%

FY2021/22 projected:
7% to 10%

FY2022/23 projected:
2% to 4%



Maintained policy rate at 0.50%



June 2021 current account surplus: US\$22.4 million

Jamaica's Annual YoY Inflation

June 2021	4.3%
March 2021	5.2%
June 2020	6.3%

Inflation due to:

- Food price inflation
- Recovery in agricultural supplies
- Increased international commodity prices



S&P Credit Rating

- Upgraded outlook from negative to stable
- Maintained long term rating: B+
- Maintained short term rating: B

Why?

- ✓ Expects government finances to return to a surplus
- ✓ Improving economy
- ✓ Reduction in high debt burden

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GDP

FY 2021/2022 projected real GDP grew by **16.4%**.

REVENUE

Diversify the economy and broader Caribbean region by deploying projected oil revenue.

**CONSUMER
PRICE INDEX**

YE 2021 projected: **2.0%**.

**HEADLINE
INFLATION**

Decreased to **0.6%** in March 2021 from **0.9%** in December 2020.

Decrease due to:

- ↑ Higher prices in transport & communication
- ↑ Higher food prices
- ↑ Higher prices in housing

EASTERN CARIBBEAN (EC)



FY2021/22 projected real GDP in the range 1.5% to 2.5%



Tourism recovery is expected in 2023 or 2024



June 2021 inflation 0.56% vs March 2021 inflation 0.39%

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