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In April 2016, 30 financial institutions active in the UK foreign exchange market participated in the twenty-fourth published semi-annual turnover survey for the Foreign Exchange Joint Standing Committee (FXJSC). The survey results are summarised below; more detailed tables, including a market share report, for the April 2016 reporting period are available separately. The results of subsequent surveys will continue to be published at six-monthly intervals.

The main findings of the survey are:

- Average daily reported UK foreign exchange turnover¹ was \$2,213 billion in April 2016, 5% higher than October 2015, and 9% lower than a year earlier.
- Most of the increase was attributable to a 27% increase in USD/JPY activity from October 2015, to \$361 billion per day.
- Most products saw a relatively small increase in turnover over the 6 months to April 2016 but remained below April 2015 levels. FX spot turnover rose 4% to \$755 billion per day, but remained 21% lower on the year. FX swap turnover rose compared to 6 months (+4%) and a year earlier (+2%), but remained below the record survey high set in April 2014.
- Turnover in most currency pairs rose, with strong relative gains in some EM currency pairs including USD/TRY and USD/MXN. GBP/USD turnover rose 7%, to \$256 billion per day. In contrast, there was a 20% decrease in USD/AUD turnover (lowest since October 2010), and a 7% fall in USD/CNY turnover (lowest since October 2014).

Tables 1 to 4 below provide various summaries of the average daily data for April 2016, with comparisons to October 2015. A more detailed set of results tables for April 2016 can be found at

<http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/markets/Documents/forex/fxjsc/2016/fxturndata160725.xlsx>

A market share table showing market share information by currency pair, product and counterparty type, can be found at

<http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/markets/Documents/forex/fxjsc/2016/fxturndata160725ms.xlsx>

Revised data for April 2015 and October 2015¹ have recently been received and updated results tables can be found at

<http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/markets/Pages/forex/fxjsc/default.aspx#surveys>.

Similar semi-annual surveys were also conducted in April 2016 by the New York Foreign Exchange Committee, the Singapore Foreign Exchange Market Committee, the Tokyo Foreign Exchange Market Committee, the Canadian Foreign Exchange Committee, and the Australian Foreign Exchange Committee.

The results of these surveys can be found at: <http://www.newyorkfed.org/fxc/volumesurvey/>, <http://www.sfemc.org/statistics.asp>, http://www.fxcomtky.com/index_e.html, http://www.cfec.ca/fx_volume.html, <http://www.rba.gov.au/afxc/statistics/> respectively.

¹ Due to improvements in some participants reporting procedures, revisions have been made to previous data.

Notes for editors

1. The FXJSC is a market liaison group, established in 1973 by the banks and brokers of the London FX market, as a forum to discuss broad market issues. The Bank of England chairs the Committee, which comprises senior practitioners from institutions active in the UK wholesale foreign exchange market, from the broking community, from infrastructure providers and representatives from industry associations and the relevant UK public authorities.
2. Whilst the data presented here is of a similar nature to that collected by the BIS triennial survey, it is more frequent and there is one main difference in the reporting methodology: the basis of reporting for the FXJSC survey is the location of the price-setting dealer², whereas the basis of reporting in the BIS triennial survey is the location of the sales desk.
3. Figures from the April 2013 FXJSC survey when compared to the April 2013 BIS triennial survey indicate that despite differences in definition and institutional coverage, the two surveys are broadly comparable.³
4. Global and UK results for the April 2013 BIS triennial survey can be found at: <http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/statistics/Pages/bis-survey/survey071013.aspx>
5. The results of this survey are also available on the website of the FXJSC: <http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/markets/Pages/forex/fxjsc/default.aspx#surveys>

Participating financial institutions

ANZ	Lloyds Banking Group
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	Morgan Stanley
Bank of New York Mellon	National Australia Bank
Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ	Nomura
Barclays	Rabobank
BNP Paribas	Royal Bank of Canada
Crédit Agricole CIB	Royal Bank of Scotland
Citigroup	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Société Générale
Credit Suisse	Standard Chartered
Deutsche Bank	State Street
Goldman Sachs	Toronto Dominion
HSBC	UBS
ING Bank	Unicredit
JP Morgan Chase	Westpac Banking Corporation

² The results for the FXJSC survey continue to include those for the SEB and UBS trading desks, which have relocated out of London.

³ See Lowes, J and Nenova, T (2013), 'The foreign exchange and over-the-counter interest rate derivatives market in the United Kingdom', *Bank of England Quarterly Bulletin*, 2013 Q4, page 401.

Table 1**Reported UK foreign exchange market turnover by instrument¹**

Daily averages in billions of US dollars

Instrument	October 2015	April 2016
Spot transactions	723	755
Outright forwards	199	214
Non-deliverable forwards	54	60
Foreign exchange swaps	999	1041
Currency swaps	33	33
Foreign exchange options	103	109
Total foreign exchange turnover	2111	2213

¹ Adjusted for double counting of deals between survey contributors.

Totals may not sum due to rounding.

Daily averages are calculated assuming 22 working days in October 2015 and 21 working days in April 2016.

Table 2**Reported UK foreign exchange market turnover by instrument and counterparty¹**

Daily averages in billions of US dollars

Instrument/counterparty	October 2015	April 2016
Spot transactions	723	755
with reporting dealers	277	286
<i>of which resident</i>	136	139
<i>of which non-resident</i>	141	147
with other banks	165	157
<i>of which resident</i>	36	30
<i>of which non-resident</i>	129	126
with other financial institutions	253	292
<i>of which resident</i>	31	33
<i>of which non-resident</i>	222	259
with non financial institutions	28	20
<i>of which resident</i>	8	10
<i>of which non-resident</i>	20	10
Outright forwards	199	214
with reporting dealers	69	77
<i>of which resident</i>	23	27
<i>of which non-resident</i>	46	49
with other banks	16	16
<i>of which resident</i>	5	4
<i>of which non-resident</i>	11	13
with other financial institutions	94	107
<i>of which resident</i>	25	31
<i>of which non-resident</i>	69	76
with non financial institutions	20	14
<i>of which resident</i>	5	6
<i>of which non-resident</i>	15	8

Non-deliverable forwards	54	60
with reporting dealers	22	25
<i>of which resident</i>	8	10
<i>of which non-resident</i>	14	16
with other banks	10	11
<i>of which resident</i>	2	3
<i>of which non-resident</i>	7	8
with other financial institutions	19	22
<i>of which resident</i>	5	5
<i>of which non-resident</i>	14	18
with non financial institutions	3	2
<i>of which resident</i>	1	1
<i>of which non-resident</i>	2	1
Foreign exchange swaps	999	1041
with reporting dealers	431	478
<i>of which resident</i>	148	171
<i>of which non-resident</i>	283	308
with other banks	379	372
<i>of which resident</i>	105	67
<i>of which non-resident</i>	274	305
with other financial institutions	137	147
<i>of which resident</i>	31	31
<i>of which non-resident</i>	107	115
with non financial institutions	53	44
<i>of which resident</i>	11	9
<i>of which non-resident</i>	42	35
Currency swaps	33	33
with reporting dealers	14	17
<i>of which resident</i>	4	6
<i>of which non-resident</i>	9	11
with other banks	6	7
<i>of which resident</i>	2	4
<i>of which non-resident</i>	4	3
with other financial institutions	11	6
<i>of which resident</i>	1	1

<i>of which non-resident</i>	9	5
with non financial institutions	2	4
<i>of which resident</i>	0	1
<i>of which non-resident</i>	2	3
Foreign exchange options	103	109
with reporting dealers	38	35
<i>of which resident</i>	18	17
<i>of which non-resident</i>	19	18
with other banks	15	19
<i>of which resident</i>	5	7
<i>of which non-resident</i>	11	13
with other financial institutions	45	51
<i>of which resident</i>	16	14
<i>of which non-resident</i>	29	37
with non financial institutions	4	3
<i>of which resident</i>	2	1
<i>of which non-resident</i>	2	2

¹ Adjusted for double counting of deals between survey contributors.

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Table 3**Currency distribution of reported UK foreign exchange market turnover¹**

Percentage shares of average daily turnover

Currency	October 2015	April 2016
US dollar	88.8	88.8
Euro	37.9	36.1
Pound sterling	15.2	15.5
Japanese yen	16.6	19.3
Swiss franc	6.2	6.0
Canadian dollar	4.2	4.2
Australian dollar	8.2	6.7
Swedish krona	2.0	2.3
Norwegian krone	1.6	1.6
New Zealand dollar	2.1	2.1
Brazilian real	0.5	0.6
Chinese yuan	2.1	1.8
Indian rupee	0.5	0.6
South Korean won	0.8	0.9
Mexican peso	1.3	1.5
Polish zloty	0.8	0.9
Russian ruble	0.7	0.8
Singapore dollar	1.8	1.5
Turkish lira	1.8	2.2
South African rand	1.4	0.9
Other currencies	5.5	5.6
All currencies	200.0	200.0

¹ As two currencies are involved in each transaction, the sum of the percentage shares of individual currencies total 200 per cent instead of 100 per cent.

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Table 4**Reported UK foreign exchange market turnover by currency pair¹**

Daily averages in billions of US dollars and percentage shares

Currency pair	October 2015		April 2016	
	Amount	Proportion of total (%)	Amount	Proportion of total (%)
USD/EUR	628.5	29.8	620.8	28.1
USD/GBP	238.6	11.3	256.0	11.6
USD/JPY	284.9	13.5	360.5	16.3
USD/CHF	100.8	4.8	102.7	4.6
USD/AUD	141.4	6.7	113.5	5.1
USD/CAD	75.8	3.6	80.7	3.6
USD/NOK	20.8	1.0	21.9	1.0
USD/SEK	27.7	1.3	32.5	1.5
USD/NZD	32.9	1.6	34.3	1.6
USD/ZAR	26.3	1.2	19.4	0.9
USD/MXN	24.5	1.2	31.4	1.4
USD/CNY	42.8	2.0	39.9	1.8
USD/PLN	10.6	0.5	11.3	0.5
USD/SGD	36.3	1.7	30.9	1.4
USD/RUB	13.4	0.6	17.7	0.8
USD/TRY	33.7	1.6	43.4	2.0
USD/BRL	10.5	0.5	12.5	0.6
USD/KRW	16.0	0.8	18.8	0.8
EUR/GBP	54.4	2.6	57.1	2.6
EUR/JPY	30.4	1.4	31.5	1.4
EUR/CHF	22.5	1.1	21.0	0.9
GBP/JPY	14.6	0.7	15.0	0.7
Other currency pairs	223.6	10.6	239.9	10.8
All currency pairs	2111	100.0	2213	100.0

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