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In October 2015, 30 financial institutions active in the UK foreign exchange market participated in the twenty-third 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 October 2015 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 \$2,148 billion in October 2015, 13% lower than April 2015, and 21% lower than a year earlier. This is the lowest daily turnover since October 2012.
- Turnover in all products fell over the 6 months to October 2015. FX spot turnover fell 24% to \$737 billion per day, down 34% on the year.
- Turnover in most currency pairs fell. Indeed turnover in EUR/USD fell 17% in October 2015 to \$640 billion per day. Conversely, turnover in AUD/USD rose 8%, while turnover in USD/CNY continued higher, up 3%. USD/CNY is now the 8th largest currency pair.

¹ Spot, outright forwards, non-deliverable forwards, FX swaps, FX options and currency swaps.

Tables 1 to 4 below provide various summaries of the average daily data for October 2015, with comparisons to April 2015. A more detailed set of results tables for October 2015 can be found at <http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/markets/Documents/forex/fxjsc/fxturndata160125.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/fxturndata160125ms.xlsx>.

Similar semi-annual surveys were also conducted in October 2015 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.

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	April 2015	October 2015
Spot transactions	973	737
Outright forwards	231	201
Non-deliverable forwards	64	54
Foreign exchange swaps	1040	1019
Currency swaps	37	33
Foreign exchange options	136	104
Total foreign exchange turnover	2481	2148

¹ Adjusted for double counting of deals between survey contributors.

Totals may not sum due to rounding.

Daily averages are calculated assuming 20 working days in April 2015 and 22 working days in October 2015.

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

Daily averages in billions of US dollars

Instrument/counterparty	April 2015	October 2015
Spot transactions	973	737
with reporting dealers	337	285
<i>of which resident</i>	175	138
<i>of which non-resident</i>	162	147
with other banks	208	170
<i>of which resident</i>	39	38
<i>of which non-resident</i>	169	132
with other financial institutions	409	254
<i>of which resident</i>	39	31
<i>of which non-resident</i>	370	222
with non financial institutions	19	28
<i>of which resident</i>	6	8
<i>of which non-resident</i>	13	21
Outright forwards	231	201
with reporting dealers	78	67
<i>of which resident</i>	26	23
<i>of which non-resident</i>	52	45
with other banks	22	18
<i>of which resident</i>	6	5
<i>of which non-resident</i>	17	13
with other financial institutions	115	95
<i>of which resident</i>	27	25
<i>of which non-resident</i>	87	69
with non financial institutions	16	21
<i>of which resident</i>	5	5
<i>of which non-resident</i>	10	15

Non-deliverable forwards	64	54
with reporting dealers	24	22
<i>of which resident</i>	8	8
<i>of which non-resident</i>	16	13
with other banks	10	10
<i>of which resident</i>	3	3
<i>of which non-resident</i>	7	8
with other financial institutions	28	19
<i>of which resident</i>	6	5
<i>of which non-resident</i>	22	14
with non financial institutions	2	3
<i>of which resident</i>	1	1
<i>of which non-resident</i>	2	2
Foreign exchange swaps	1040	1019
with reporting dealers	479	436
<i>of which resident</i>	158	147
<i>of which non-resident</i>	321	289
with other banks	341	390
<i>of which resident</i>	62	106
<i>of which non-resident</i>	278	284
with other financial institutions	176	139
<i>of which resident</i>	38	31
<i>of which non-resident</i>	138	108
with non financial institutions	44	54
<i>of which resident</i>	10	11
<i>of which non-resident</i>	34	43
Currency swaps	37	33
with reporting dealers	15	14
<i>of which resident</i>	9	4
<i>of which non-resident</i>	7	10
with other banks	9	6
<i>of which resident</i>	4	2
<i>of which non-resident</i>	5	4

with other financial institutions	12	11
<i>of which resident</i>	7	1
<i>of which non-resident</i>	5	9
with non financial institutions	2	2
<i>of which resident</i>	0	0
<i>of which non-resident</i>	1	2
Foreign exchange options	136	104
with reporting dealers	51	36
<i>of which resident</i>	20	18
<i>of which non-resident</i>	31	19
with other banks	24	18
<i>of which resident</i>	6	7
<i>of which non-resident</i>	17	11
with other financial institutions	55	46
<i>of which resident</i>	20	16
<i>of which non-resident</i>	35	29
with non financial institutions	6	4
<i>of which resident</i>	2	2
<i>of which non-resident</i>	4	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	April 2015	October 2015
US dollar	88.9	88.6
Euro	39.0	38.1
Pound sterling	15.1	15.2
Japanese yen	16.2	16.6
Swiss franc	6.1	6.3
Canadian dollar	4.1	4.2
Australian dollar	6.7	8.1
Swedish krona	1.8	2.0
Norwegian krone	1.4	1.6
New Zealand dollar	2.2	2.1
Brazilian real	0.7	0.5
Chinese yuan	1.8	2.1
Indian rupee	0.6	0.5
South Korean won	0.6	0.8
Mexican peso	1.4	1.3
Polish zloty	0.9	0.8
Russian ruble	0.8	0.7
Singapore dollar	1.6	1.9
Turkish lira	2.4	1.8
South African rand	1.2	1.4
Other currencies	6.4	5.5
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	April 2015		October 2015	
	Amount	Proportion of total (%)	Amount	Proportion of total (%)
USD/EUR	768.5	31.0	640.1	29.8
USD/GBP	281.4	11.3	241.3	11.2
USD/JPY	325.2	13.1	289.4	13.5
USD/CHF	114.2	4.6	102.6	4.8
USD/AUD	131.7	5.3	142.6	6.6
USD/CAD	86.5	3.5	76.5	3.6
USD/NOK	21.2	0.9	20.9	1.0
USD/SEK	28.8	1.2	27.9	1.3
USD/NZD	42.3	1.7	33.2	1.5
USD/ZAR	27.4	1.1	26.7	1.2
USD/MXN	32.5	1.3	25.0	1.2
USD/CNY	43.2	1.7	44.4	2.1
USD/PLN	12.1	0.5	10.6	0.5
USD/SGD	38.0	1.5	37.4	1.7
USD/RUB	18.9	0.8	13.5	0.6
USD/TRY	52.9	2.1	33.8	1.6
USD/BRL	14.9	0.6	10.7	0.5
USD/KRW	14.6	0.6	16.2	0.8
EUR/GBP	59.7	2.4	56.0	2.6
EUR/JPY	39.0	1.6	32.0	1.5
EUR/CHF	28.0	1.1	23.6	1.1
GBP/JPY	16.8	0.7	15.2	0.7
Other currency pairs	283.3	11.4	228.3	10.6
All currency pairs	2481	100	2148	100

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