Foreign Exchange Committee Releases FX Volume Survey Results

New York, August 11, 2026 – The Foreign Exchange Committee today released the results of its 44th Survey of North American Foreign Exchange Volume. Key findings of the April 2026 survey are featured below.

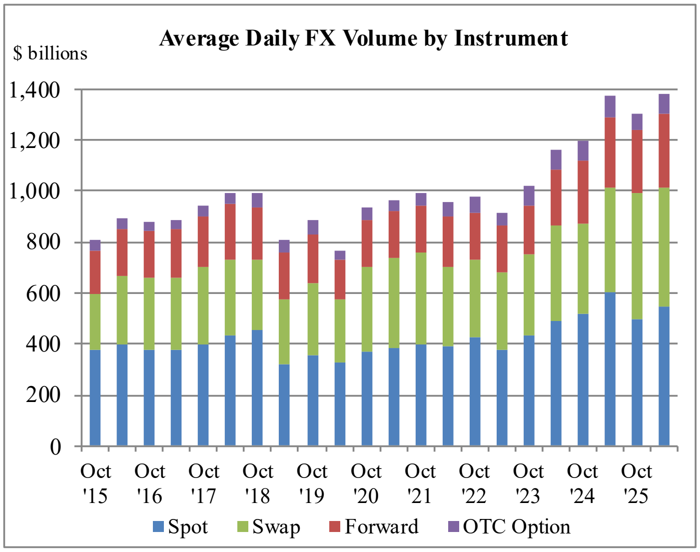
- Average daily volume in total over-the-counter (OTC) foreign exchange instruments (including spot, outright forward, foreign exchange swap, and option transactions) was $1,382.4 billion in April 2026. The average daily volume during the April 2026 survey period was 5.9 percent higher than in the October 2025 survey period, and volumes increased by 0.3 percent when compared to the prior year.

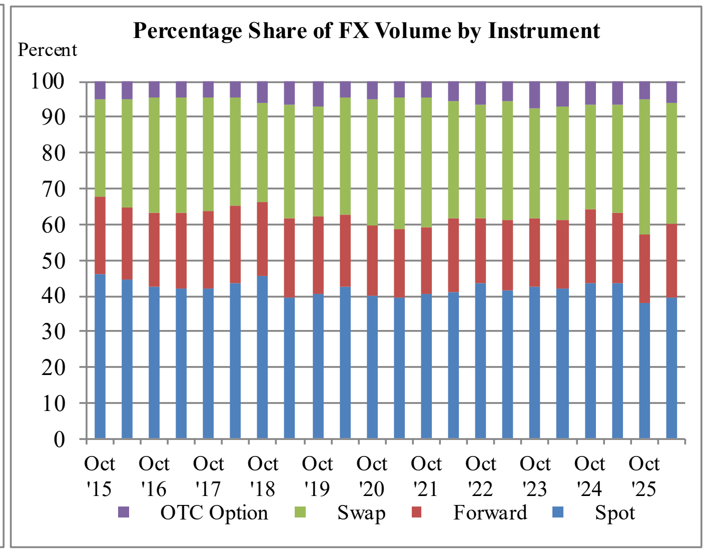
- Average daily volumes increased from the October 2025 survey in almost all instruments, with spot volumes increasing by 10.4 percent, forward volumes by 15.0 percent, and OTC options by 30.9 percent. FX swap volumes decreased by 6.2 percent when compared to October 2025. Year-over-year, average daily volumes declined in spot by 9.0 percent and in OTC options by 10.8 percent. Forward and FX swap volumes rose by 5.3 and 13.2 percent, respectively.

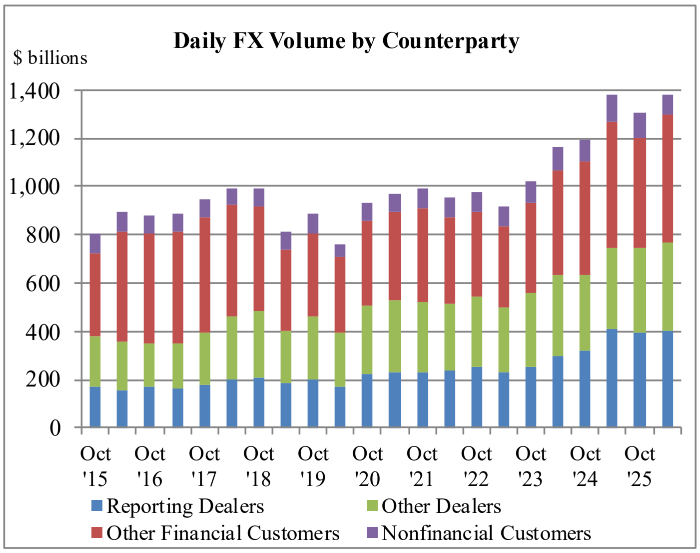
- Turnover increased for most counterparty types, with “Reporting Dealers” increasing by 12.1 percent, “Other Financial Customers” increasing by 18.3 percent, and “Nonfinancial Customers” declining by 21.4 percent since October 2025. Turnover from “Other Dealers” rose by 7.2 percent since the prior survey.

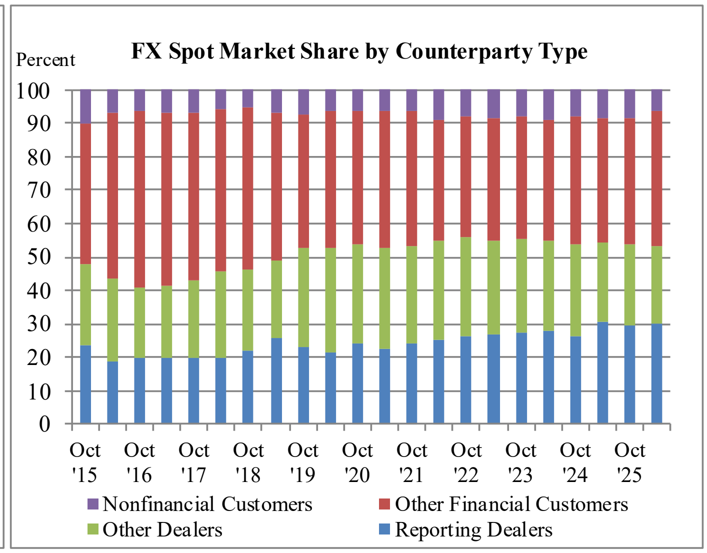
- Since the October 2025 survey period, the largest increase in volume across all instruments by currency pair occurred in USD/CAD ($16.5 billion increase) and USD/BRL ($12.5 billion increase). Year-over-year, USD/BRL saw the largest increase in transaction value for a single currency pair, with an increase of $22.1 billion across all instruments while GBP/USD average daily volumes increased by $12.4 billion across all instruments.

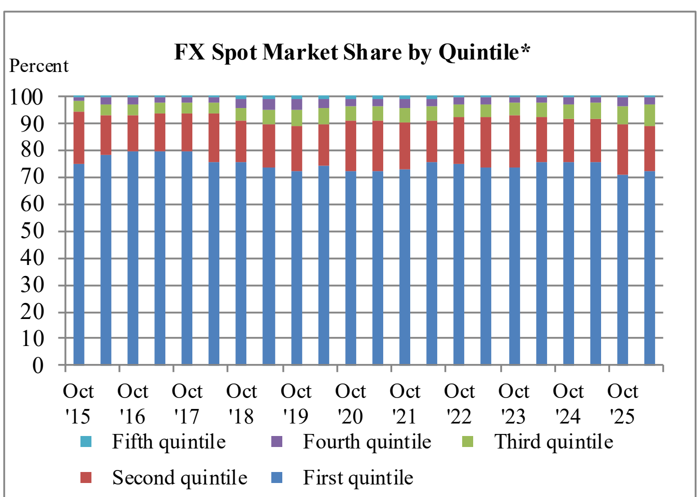
Survey-over-survey, GBP/USD volumes across all instruments decreased the most by $21.4 billion followed by USD/CHF volumes which decreased by $9.5 billion. On a year-over-year basis, EUR/USD volumes declined the most by $47.6 billion followed by USD/JPY which declined by $22.2 billion across all instruments.



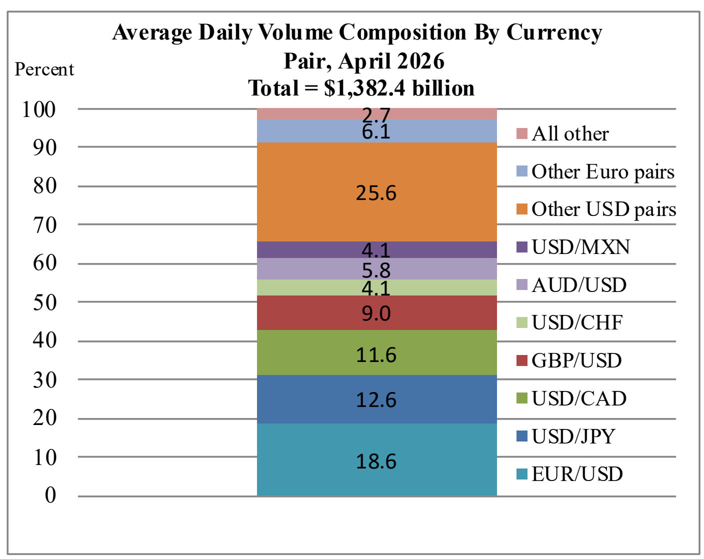








* Each quintile contains about five to six dealers.



The survey was developed in order to provide the market with frequent information on the size and structure of foreign exchange activity in North America. To achieve a representative survey, the Committee invited 20 leading financial institutions active in the North American foreign exchange market to contribute data on the level of turnover during the month of April 2026. The Committee also collaborated with the United Kingdom's Foreign Exchange Joint Standing Committee (FXJSC), the Singapore Foreign Exchange Market Committee (SFEMC), the Tokyo Foreign Exchange Market Committee (TFEMC), the Canadian Foreign Exchange Committee (CFEC), the Australian Foreign Exchange Committee (AFXC), and the Hong Kong Treasury Markets Association (TMA) which conducted similar surveys for the U.K., Singaporean, Japanese, Canadian, Australian, and Hong Kong markets respectively, over the same period. The FXJSC, SFEMC, CFEC, AFXC, and TMA are releasing their survey results today, while the TFEMC released their results on August 11, 2026.

For the purposes of the survey, turnover is defined as the gross value of all new deals entered into during the reporting period and is measured in terms of the notional amount of the contracts. Survey data are broken out by four foreign exchange instruments, 31 currency pairs, 4 counterparty types, and 7 execution methods and are reported both in terms of daily average and total monthly volume. The reporting basis for the survey is the location of the price-setting dealer. While similar in nature, the survey is not comparable to the Bank for International Settlements' Triennial Central Bank Survey of Foreign Exchange and Derivatives Market Activity, given the differences in the reporting methodologies.

The Foreign Exchange Committee is composed of individuals from institutions that participate actively in the foreign exchange markets as well as other financial markets worldwide. The Committee's objectives include 1) serving as a forum for the discussion of best practices and technical issues in the foreign exchange market, 2) fostering improvements in risk management in the foreign exchange market by offering recommendations and guidelines, and 3) enhancing the legal certainty of foreign exchange contracts through the development of standard documentation. The Committee was formed in 1978 under the sponsorship of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The Committee is not part of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Any views expressed by the Foreign Exchange Committee do not necessarily represent the views of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York or the Federal Reserve System.

The results of this survey, together with the list of reporting dealers and explanatory notes, are available at <http://www.newyorkfed.org/fxc/volumesurvey>

The results of the other surveys are also available as follows:

The Foreign Exchange Joint Standing Committee's survey for the U.K. market:

<https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/markets/london-foreign-exchange-joint-standing-committee>

The Singapore Foreign Exchange Market Committee's survey for the Singaporean market:

<http://www.sfemc.org/statistics/>

The Tokyo Foreign Exchange Market Committee's survey for the Japanese market:

<http://www.fxcomtky.com/index_e.html>

The Canadian Foreign Exchange Committee's survey for the Canadian market:

<http://www.cfec.ca/fx_volume.html>

The Australian Foreign Exchange Committee's survey for the Australian market:

<http://www.rba.gov.au/afxc/statistics/>

Hong Kong's Treasury Markets Association's survey for the Hong Kong market:

<https://www.tma.org.hk/en_newsevents.aspx>