

# Mexico Migration Flash

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Economic Analysis

México  
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## Remittances remain on growth path, in April increased 2.1% in annual rate

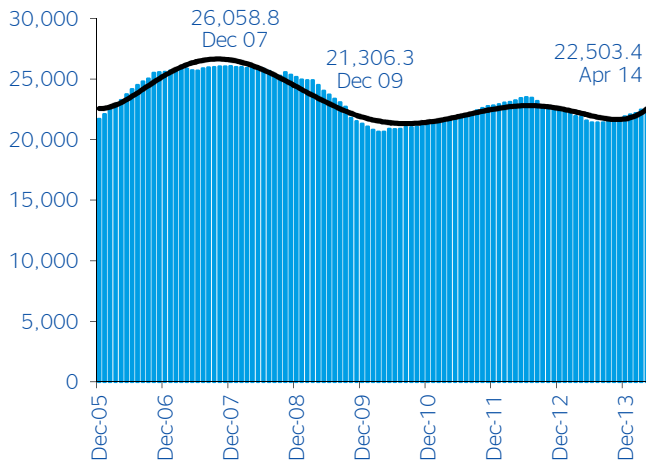
- **In April, remittances to Mexico rose 1,980.3 million dollars, an increase of 2.1 % in annual rate**
- **The last update of Banxico data shows that remittances have accumulated 9 consecutive months of growth since August 2013**
- **Fluctuations in recent reports on remittances are due to mixed signals on U.S. economic indicators: reduction in the unemployment rate and at the same time, a lower GDP performance than estimated by market for 2014Q1**

Banxico announced that during the month of April, remittances recorded 1,980.3 million dollars, which is an increase of 2.1 % year-over-year, but 5.6% below the monetary inflow of March. This raise is explained by the increase in the number of operations for sending remittances during the month of April, which reached 6.6 million transactions, 2.7% of increase in annual rate; while the average remittance reported an annual contraction of 0.7%, to settle at 299.30 dollars.

Thus, with the last data update made by Banxico in the reported monetary inflows, remittances accumulated 9 consecutive months of growth, started from August 2013. In real terms, remittances in pesos increased 5.4 % in annual rate.

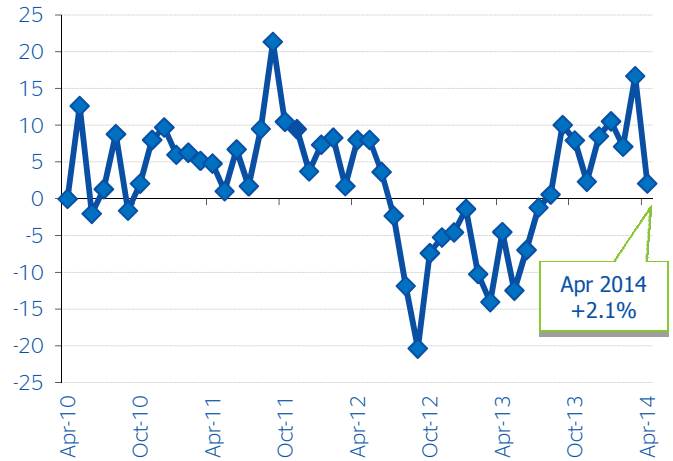
Despite the significant growth of remittances to Mexico in last March, they did not show a similar increase in April. The main economic indicators of the United States, where much of remittances to Mexico come, presented mixed signals. In one hand, the most recent estimates of the performance of U.S. GDP during 2014Q1 indicate a possible contraction of about 1.0% in annual rate; and, on the other hand, during the month of April, the national unemployment dropped to 6.3%, the lowest level since 2008.

Chart 1  
**Accumulated 12-month Remittance Inflows to Mexico  
(Million dollars)**



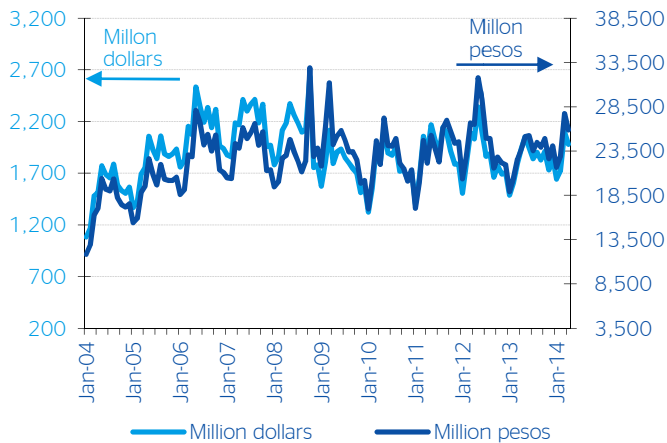
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Chart 2  
**Family Remittances to Mexico  
(Annual % change in dollars)**



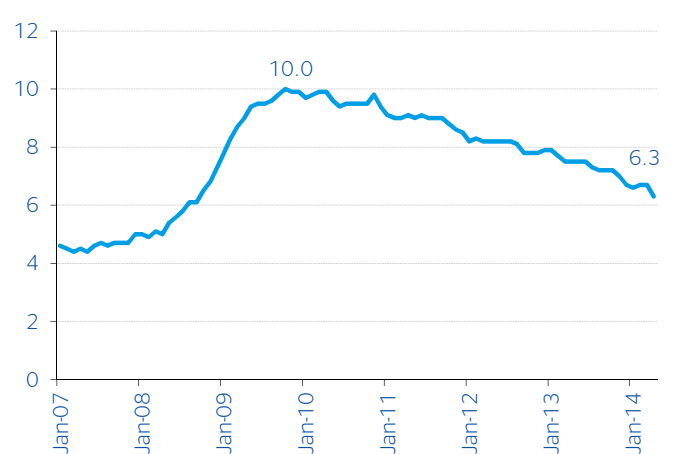
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Chart 3  
**Monthly remittances inflow to Mexico  
(Dollars and pesos)**



Source: BBVA Research with Banxico and INEGI figures.

Chart 4  
**U.S.: Average unemployment rate  
(%)**



Source: BBVA Research with US Bureau of Labor Statistics data.  
Note: Seasonally Adjusted

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