

Economic Calendar and Strategic Indicators for Fundamental Analysis

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Interest Rates	rise stronger currency	fall weaker currency
Unemployment	rise weaker currency	fall stronger currency
Inflation	rise weaker currency	fall stronger currency
GDP	expand stronger currency	contract weaker currency
Trade Balance	widening surplus stronger currency	shrinking trade surplus weaker currency
	widening trade deficit weaker currency	shrinking trade deficit stronger currency
Foreign Investment	increase stronger currency	decrease weaker currency
Consumer Confidence	rising stronger currency	falling weaker currency
Retail Sales	rising stronger currency	falling weaker currency
Business Confidence	rising stronger currency	falling weaker currency
Manufacturing	increase stronger currency	decrease weaker currency
Housing Prices and Sales	increase stronger currency	decrease weaker currency
VIX aka CBOE Volatility Index	rise look for safe haven currencies	falls look for riskier, higher yielding currencies
Stock Markets	rise or fall changes investment flows	

While many forex brokers and platform providers offer analysis and trade recommendations, you should know where to find the original data sources.

Treasury International Capital System (TICS data): Release dates: Jan. 17, Feb. 15, March 15, April 16, May 15, June 15, July 17, Aug. 15, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 16 and Dec. 17. www.treas.gov/tic

Coordinated Portfolio Investment Survey (CPIS): Non-U.S. trade flow report.

www.imf.org/external/np/sta/pi/cpis.htm

Institute for Supply Management (ISM): www.ism.ws

U.S. Department of Labor: Non-farm payroll, the employment situation. www.bls.gov/ces

U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis: Gross domestic product and balance of payments reports.
<http://bea.gov/bea/dn/home/gdp.htm>

The International Monetary Fund Dissemination Standards Bulletin Board: A searchable database of economic releases and calendars. <http://dsbb.imf.org/Applications/web/calmultiarccountry>
 Group of 7 (G-7) and Group of 8 (G-8):

The world's economic powers, including the United States, Japan, Germany, United Kingdom, France, Italy and Canada regularly meet to discuss and create economic policy. When Russia is included in policy-making, the body is referred to as the G-8.

Report	Description	Degree of Impact	Typical Release Date	Released by	Period Covered
CPI	The Consumer Price Index measures the average change in prices for a fixed basket of goods and services	High	10th Business Day	Labour Dept. Bureau of Statistics	Prior month
Durable Goods	One of a series of manufacturing and trade reports. Focuses on new orders	Moderate	18th Business Day	Commerce Dept. Census Bureau	Prior month
Employment	A survey of households providing very timely information on the rate of unemployment	Very high	First Friday of the month	Labour Dept. Bureau of Economic Analysis	Prior month
GDP	Gross Domestic Product measures the value of items produced within the US	Very high (for initial est.)	20th Business Day	Commerce Dept. Bureau of Economic Analysis	Prior quarter
Housing Starts	Measures new residential units started. Most significant for the financial markets during turning points in the business cycle	Moderate	15th Business Day	Commerce Dept. Census Bureau	Prior month
Industrial Production	Industrial Production measures output in manufacturing, mining and utility industries	Moderate	15th Business Day	Federal Reserve	Prior month
Merchandise Trade	Details the monthly exports and imports of US goods	Moderate to high	Third week of the month	Commerce Dept. Census Bureau	Two months prior
NAPM	The (National Association of) Purchasing Managers Index is a composite index of new orders, production, supplier deliveries, inventories and employment	High	First business day of the month	National Association of Purchasing Managers	Prior month
PPI	The Producer Price Index measures the average domestic change in prices, less discounts received, by wholesale producers of commodities	High	10th business day of statistics	Labour Dept. Bureau	Prior month
Retail Sales	A measure of consumer spending, reporting on sales of both nondurable and durable consumer goods	High	Mid-month	Commerce Dept. Census Bureau	Prior month
Unemployment Insurance Claims	Reflects actual initial claims for unemployment insurance filed with state unemployment agencies	Moderate	Every Thursday	Labour Dept. Employment and Training Administration	Prior week