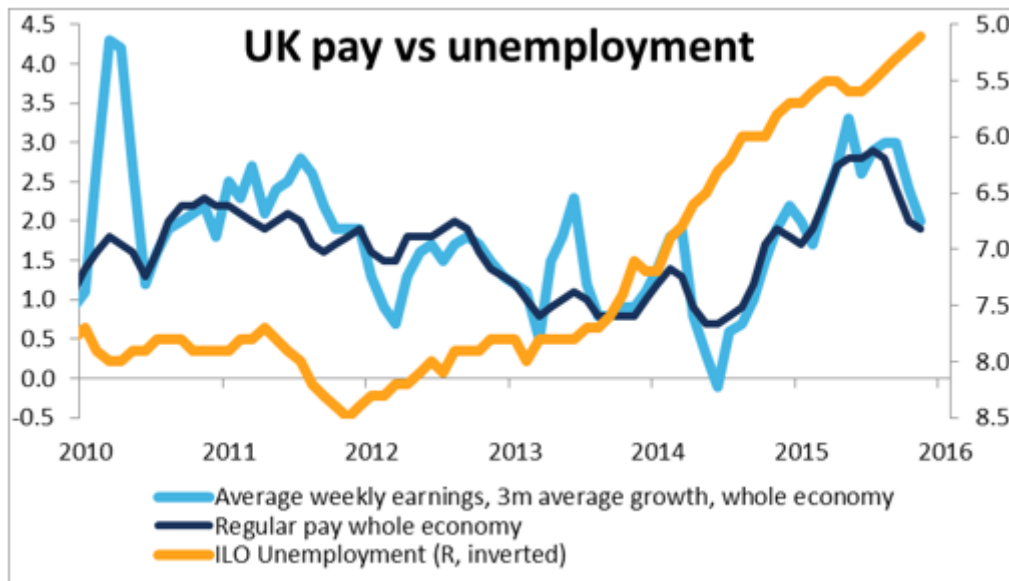


**Source:** [Fxprimus Forex Broker \(Review and Forex Rebates Up to 85%\)](#) **09:30 GMT UK Labour market report (Average weekly earnings (Dec); unemployment rate (Dec); claimant count rate (Jan)):** The UK unemployment rate unexpectedly fell to 5.1% in November and is forecast to fall further to 5.0% in December (based on a fall in the number of people filing jobless claims during the month). Nonetheless, the tighter labour market isn't pushing up wages, as the growth in average weekly earnings with bonus is expected to slow somewhat, due in part to high bonus payments a year ago.

**Upcoming economic indicators and events**

Time (GMT)	Country	Indicator	Month	Expected	Previous
<b>Wednesday, Feb 17</b>					
09:30	UK	Average Earnings + Bonus	Dec	1.9%	2.0%
09:30	UK	Claimant Change	Jan	-3.0k	-4.3K
09:30	UK	Unemployment Rate	Dec	5.0%	5.1%
13:30	US	Building Permits (MoM)	Jan	-0.3%	-6.1%
13:30	US	Building Permits	Jan	1.200k	1.204M
13:30	US	Housing Starts	Jan	1.170M	1.149M
13:30	US	Housing Starts (MoM)	Jan	1.8%	-2.5%
13:30	US	PPI (MoM)	Jan	-0.2%	-0.2%
13:30	US	PPI (YoY)	Jan	-0.6%	-1.0%
13:30	US	Core PPI (MoM)	Jan	0.1%	0.1%
13:30	US	Core PPI (YoY)	Jan	0.4%	0.3%
14:15	US	Capacity Utilization	Jan	76.7%	76.5%
14:15	US	Industrial Production (MoM)	Jan	0.4%	-0.4%
14:15	US	Manufacturing Production	Jan	0.2%	-0.1%
19:00	US	Fed releases minutes of Jan. 26-27 FOMC meeting			
21:45	NZ	PPI Input (QoQ)	Q4	n.a.	1.6%
21:45	NZ	PPI Output (QoQ)	Q4	n.a.	1.3%
23:50	Japan	Trade Balance (NSA)	Jan	-JPY 648bn	JPY 140bn
23:50	Japan	Trade Balance (SA)	Jan	JPY 62.1bn	JPY 36.6bn
<b>Thursday, Feb 18</b>					
00:30	Australia	Employment Change	Jan	13.0k	-1.0K
00:30	Australia	Full Time Employment Change	Jan	n.a.	17.6K
00:30	Australia	Unemployment Rate	Jan	5.8%	5.8%
01:00	US	St. Louis Fed President Bullard (voter) speaks			
01:30	Japan	BoJ Monetary Board member Ishida speaks			
01:30	China	CPI (MoM)	Jan	0.5%	0.5%
01:30	China	CPI (YoY)	Jan	1.9%	1.6%
01:30	China	PPI (YoY)	Jan	-5.4%	-5.9%

**The news could further set back expectations for UK rate tightening and thereby weaken the pound.**



### 13:30 GMT US Housing starts & building permits

**(Jan):** Housing starts are expected to rise from the previous month as builders make up for temporary delays in getting projects started. On the other hand, building permits are expected to decline slightly, partly due to a tax change in New York City. **The rise in starts may reassure investors that the Fed's rate hike in December hasn't damaged the US housing market and could bolster the dollar.**