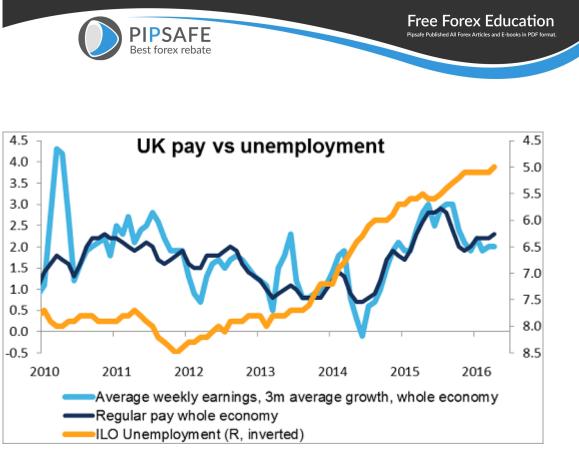


UK employment data, EU consumer confidence, RBNZ special

economic assessment - Once again the **UK** is in the spotlight with the employment data for May and June. The headline three-month moving average of unemployment is expected to stay unchanged at 5.0% and the claimant count rate also is expected to remain stable. The other data is contradictory: jobless claims are expected to rise slightly, which would be consistent with some pullback in hiring ahead of the referendum, but average weekly earnings are expected to accelerate, perhaps as a result of the continuing influence of theNational Living Wage increase. All in all, **I would expect the** figure to be GBP-positive, although as we saw yesterday with the higher-than-expected CPI figure, the market isn't necessarily reacting in such a predictable fashion to UK indicators.

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(GMT)					
Wed	20-Jul				
00:30	Australia	Westpac leading index (mom)	Jun	n.a.	0.21%
08:30	UK	Claimant count rate	Jun	2.2%	2.2%
08:30	UK	Jobless claims change	Jun	4.0k	-0.4k
08:30	UK	Average weekly earnings	May	2.3%	2.0%
08:30	UK	ILO unemployment rate	May	5.0%	5.0%
14:00	EU	Consumer confidence	Jul (A)	-8.3	-7.3
14:30	US	DOE US crude oil inventories	15-Jul	-2000k	-2546k
21:00	NZ	RBNZ publishes between-meeting assessment of economy			
Thursday	21-Jul				
04:30	Japan	All industry activity	May	-1.1%	1.3%



The **EU consumer confidence** survey is important as one of the first indicators of the impact of the Brexit vote on the EU consumer. The ZEW index of German financial analysts fell sharply yesterday; are these analysts representative of consumers as well? This figure is **potentially EUR-negative**, although here too we didn't see much of an impact on the market from a figure that was outside expectations yesterday.





**Source:** <u>Exprimus Forex Broker (Review and Forex Rebates Up to</u> <u>85%)</u>