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# **Major Events of the Week 12 February - 16 February**

Time (GMT)	Flag	Currency	Event	Period	Actual	Forecast	Previous
MONDAY, 12 FEBRUARY							
7:00 PM		USD	Federal Budget Balance	January			-23.2B
TUESDAY, 13	TUESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY						
12:30 AM	* *	AUD	NAB Business Confidence	January			11
9:30 AM		GBP	СРІ у/у	January			3.0%
WEDNESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY							
2:00 AM	* * * * *	NZD	Inflation Expectations q/q	Q4			2.0%
1:30 PM		USD	CPI m/m	January			0.1%
1:30 PM		USD	Retail Sales m/m	January			0.4%
THURSDAY, 15 FEBRUARY							
12:30 AM	* *	AUD	Employment Change	January			34.7K
12:30 AM	* *	AUD	Unemployment Rate	January			5.5%
1:30 PM		USD	PPI m/m	January			-0.1%
FRIDAY, 16 FEBRUARY							
9:30 AM		GBP	Retail Sales m/m	January			-1.50%
1:30 PM		USD	Building Permits	January			1.30M





# **GBP/USD: UK Manufacturing Production**



## **Historical Data Table: UK Manufacturing Production**

Date	10.10.2017	10.11.2017	08.12.2017	10.01.2018	09.02.2018
Actual	0.4%	0.7%	0.1%	0.4%	0.3%
Forecast	0.2%	0.3%	0.1%	0.3%	0.3%

#### **Initial Reaction on Main Pairs**

	Open Price	Close Price	% Change
GBP/USD	1.39551	1.39194	-0.26%
EUR/GBP	0.87891	0.88122	0.26%
GBP/CAD	1.75895	1.75295	-0.34%
GBP/JPY	152.333	151.8	-0.35%

The Sterling depreciated against the US Dollar, following factory output data on Friday. The GBP/USD exchange rate lost 36 pips or 0.26% in the next half an hour, though the downtrend was weakened by the NIESR GDP estimate report.

The UK industrial output fell by the most since 2012 in the month of December, as the main oil pipeline was shut down temporarily, but the manufacturing growth confirmed the economy's strong expansion pace at the 2017 end. The separate report by the National Institute of Economic and Social Research showed that Britain's economy expanded 0.5% in the three month period ending in January, supporting the 1.9% annual growth rate forecast, slightly faster than the BoE anticipated.





## **USD/CAD: Canada Employment Change**



## **Historical Data Table: Canada Employment Change**

Date	06.10.2017	03.11.2017	01.12.2017	05.01.2018	09.02.2018
Actual	10.0K	35.3K	79.5K	<b>78.6</b> K	-88.0K
Forecast	13.9K	15.3K	10.2K	1.8K	10.3K

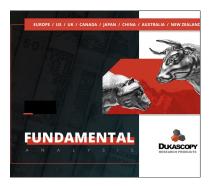
#### **Initial Reaction on Main Pairs**

	Open Price	Close Price	% Change
AUD/CAD	0.9849	0.98921	0.44%
CAD/CHF	0.74438	0.73994	-0.60%
EUR/CAD	1.54676	1.55409	0.47%
USD/CAD	1.26064	1.26703	0.51%

The Loonie dropped initially against the US Dollar on disappointing Canada's labour market data. The USD/CAD currency pair added 64 base points or 0.51% to touch the 1.2670 mark.

The economy of Canada lost the most positions in nine years in the beginning of 2018, confirming expectations that the BoC would keep rates on hold next month. Statistics Canada reported a decrease of 88K jobs in January, missing expectations for a 10K gain. Meanwhile, the unemployment rate increased to 5.9% in the reported month from December's 5.8%. Analysts suggested that the report is unlikely to change the trajectory of the Bank of Canada of a gradual monetary tightening path to come this year.











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