

	CCY	Price	Change
	AUD-USD	0.8992	0.0015
	EUR-GBP	0.8882	0.0017
	EUR-USD	1.4283	-0.0039
	GBP-AUD	1.7888	-0.0136
	GBP-CAD	1.6855	-0.0160
	GBP-EUR	1.1258	-0.0029
	GBP-NZD	2.2288	0.0008
	GBP-USD	1.6086	-0.0086
	NZD-USD	0.7217	-0.0047
	USD-CAD	1.0479	-0.0040
	USD-JPY	93.17	0.1600

## USA

- Dollar Rises Against Euro, Pound as U.S. Recovery Spurs Demand: Jan. 4 (Bloomberg) -- The dollar rose to a one-week high against the euro and climbed against the pound as signs the U.S. recovery is strengthening buoyed demand for assets in the world's biggest economy. The Dollar Index climbed as much as 0.4 percent as prospects for better manufacturing and an improving job market stoked speculation the Federal Reserve will start raising interest rates before other central banks. The index advanced 0.3 percent to 78.082.
- NEW YORK (Reuters) - U.S. stocks closed out 2009 with the best performance in six years, but monthly employment figures in the first week of the new year will keep investors focused on what is likely to be 2010's reality -- the economy's struggle to recover. On the data front, the main event will be Friday's report from the Labor Department on U.S. non-farm payrolls in December. Economists polled by Reuters have forecast that payrolls shed 20,000 jobs in the final month of 2009, compared with just 11,000 lost in November.

### Figures out today:

Country	Event	GMT	EDT	Expected	Previous
USD	ISM Manufacturing (DEC)	15:00	10:00	54.0	53.6
USD	Construction Spending (MoM) (NOV)	15:00	10:00	-0.5%	0.0%
USD	Fed's Lockhart Moderates Financial-Crisis Panel in Atlanta	15:15	10:15		

## UK

### Figures out today:

GBP	Purchasing Manager Index Manufacturing (DEC)	09:30	04:30	52.0	51.8
GBP	Mortgage Approvals (NOV)	09:30	04:30	58.0K	57.3K
GBP	Net Consumer Credit (NOV)	09:30	04:30	-0.5B	-0.6B

- Britain's currency weakened after the Sunday Telegraph reported U.K. Business Secretary Peter Mandelson as saying the pound's devaluation aided the economy in the recession.
- UK opposition hold on to double-digit poll lead: LONDON, Jan 1 (Reuters) - Britain's opposition Conservatives go into an election year with a double-digit lead over the ruling Labour Party, according to an opinion poll published on Friday. A YouGov poll for The Daily Telegraph put the centre-right Conservatives on 40 percent, Prime Minister Gordon Brown's Labour Party on 30 percent and the smaller opposition Liberal Democrats on 17 percent.

## Europe

### Figures out today:

EUR	German Purchasing Manager Index Manufacturing (DEC F)	08:55	03:55	53.1	53.1
EUR	Euro-Zone Purchasing Manager Index Manufacturing (DEC F)	09:00	04:00	51.6	51.2
EUR	Euro-Zone Sentix Investor Confidence (DEC)	09:30	04:30		-5.5

## Commodities

- TOKYO (Reuters) - Gold prices inched up above \$1,100 an ounce on Monday, in cautious trade ahead of U.S. December employment data due later this week that could add to optimism about the economy. Spot gold stood at \$1,101.90 an ounce as of 0649 GMT, up 0.5 percent from New York's notional close of \$1,096.35. It has so far moved between \$1,093.05 and \$1,103.70.
- Oil Rises on Optimism About U.S. Economic Growth, Cold Weather: Jan. 4 (Bloomberg) -- Oil traded above \$80 a barrel for the first time since Nov. 18. Crude oil for February delivery rose as much as 88 cents, or 1.1 percent, to \$80.24 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Crude dropped to a 2009 low of \$32.70 a barrel Jan. 20 as the recession reduced demand, and touched a high of \$82 on Oct. 21, partly because a weaker dollar bolstered the investment appeal of commodities. Futures climbed 78 percent last year and tripled over the past decade.

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