

Key events in developed markets next week

US initial claims data is the data point to watch but given the grim backdrop, the case for additional fiscal support is strong and we'll be looking if any progress can be made on this. In Europe, the IFOs are likely to still show some pessimism from German firms, along with subdued inflation numbers



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US: The news remains grim for weekly initial claims data

Weekly initial claims data continue to be the main data point to watch given its timeliness, but the news remains grim.

Companies are still laying off staff in massive numbers, highlighting the economic dislocation from the Covid-19 pandemic and the fact that even with the re-opening of the economy, firms continue to struggle. Social distancing constraints, consumer caution and the legacy of 40 million Americans out of work presents massive headwinds for growth.

Durable goods orders will fall sharply given the declines in ISM new orders while 1Q GDP could be revised slightly lower from the -4.8% annualised initially reported. Personal spending will also post a hefty fall given that retail sales collapsed and they make up just over 40% total consumer spending.

Given this backdrop the case for additional fiscal support is strong and we will be looking to see if progress can be made on this in the weeks ahead.

Developed Markets Economic Calendar

Country	Time	Data/event	ING	Survey	Prev.
Monday 25 May					
Japan	0600	Mar F Leading economic index	-	-	83.8
Germany	0700	1Q F GDP (QoQ/YoY%)	-/-	-/-	-2.2/-2.3
	0900	May IFO Business Climate	76.3	-	74.3
	0900	May IFO Expectations	72.4	-	69.4
	0900	May IFO Current Assessment	78.5	-	79.5
Sweden	0830	Apr Unemployment Rate (%)	-	-	7.1
Tuesday 26 May					
US	1500	May Consumer Confidence	90.0	87.0	86.9
Japan	0050	Apr PPI services (YoY%)	1.0	-	1.6
	0530	Mar All industry activity index (MoM%)	-2.3	-	-0.6
Eurozone	1345	ECB's Lane Speaks at IIF Virtual Conference			
Wednesday 27 May					
US	1730	Fed's Bullard Discusses Economy During the Pandemic			
	1900	U.S. Federal Reserve Releases Beige Book			
Norway	0700	Mar Unemployment Rate AKU	-	-	3.5
	0700	Apr Retail Sales (Ex. Motor Vehicles, SA, MoM%)	-	-	-0.9
Thursday 28 May					
US	1330	1Q S GDP (QoQ Annualised %)	-5.0	-4.8	-4.8
	1330	Apr P Durable Goods Orders (MoM%)	-24.0	-18.0	-15.3
	1330	Apr P Durable Goods Orders (ex. Transport, MoM%)	-17.0	-15.0	-0.6
	1600	Fed's Williams Takes Part in Moderated Virtual Discussion			
Eurozone	1000	May Economic Confidence	69.0	-	67.0
	2300	ECB's Visco Speaks in Rome			
Germany	1300	May P CPI (MoM/YoY%)	-0.5	-0.7	0.4/0.9
Spain	0800	May P HICP (MoM/YoY%)	-/-	-/-	0.4/-0.7
	800	April Retail Sales (YoY%)	-	-	-14.4
Sweden	0800	May Economic Tendency Indicator	-	-	58.6
	0830	Apr Retail sales (Ex. Fuel, MoM/YoY%)	-	-	-1.7
Friday 29 May					
US	1500	May F U. of Mich. Sentiment Index	74.0	-	73.7
Japan	0050	Apr Retail trade (YoY%)	-9.1	-/-	-4.6
	0050	Apr Jobless rate (%)	2.7	-	2.5
	0050	Apr Industrial production (MoM/YoY%)	-15.6/-12.0	-	-3.7/-5.2
	0600	May Consumer confidence index	-	-	21.6
Eurozone	0900	Apr M3 Money Supply (YoY%)	-	-	7.5
	1000	May Flash CPI (YoY%)	0.3	-	0.4
Italy	0900	1Q F GDP (QoQ/YoY%)	-/-	-/-	-4.7/-4.8
Canada	1330	Mar GDP (MoM/YoY%)	-4.0/-2.3	-/-	0.0/2.1
	1330	1Q GDP (Annualised, QoQ%)	-7.5	-	0.3
Norway	0700	Apr Credit Indicator (YoY%)	-	-	4.7
	0900	May Unemployment Rate	-	-	9.6
Sweden	0830	Apr Household Lending (YoY%)	-	-	5.2
	0830	1Q GDP (QoQ%)	-0.3	-	0.2
	1440	Riksbank Governor Stefan Ingves Gives Speech			

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