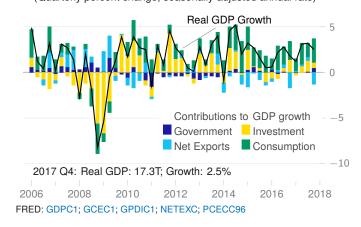
Third quarter U.S. economic growth, which remained strong, was driven by increased consumption and investment. The labor market is gradually nearing full employment and still adding jobs at a healthy pace. Inflation remains near the Fed's two percent target in both the core CPI and the full index, with little expected acceleration. Short- and medium-term borrowing costs have increased as Fed interest rate hikes are expected to continue or accelerate.

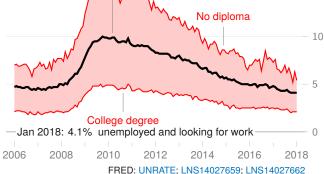
# **Economic Growth and Employment**

Real gross domestic product (GDP) (Quarterly percent change, seasonally-adjusted annual rate)



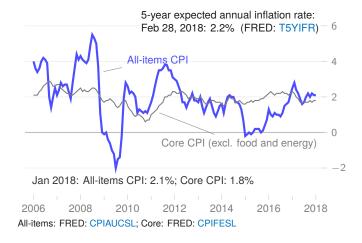


Civilian unemployment rate (percent)

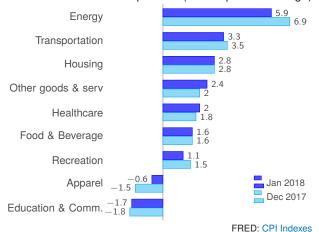


### **Inflation and Prices**

Consumer price index (CPI) (annual percent change)



# CPI components (annual percent change)



## Markets, Interest Rates, and Other Indicators

S&P 500 reported earnings per share by industry



S&P Dow Jones Indices: S&P 500 growth forecasts (.xls)

### Recent market developments and other key indicators

	(	one month	one year	as of:
S&P 500 index	2691.25	▼ -4.6%	▲ 13.0%	2018-03-02
CBOE volatility index (VIX)	19.59	▲ 45.4%	▲ 65.9%	2018-03-02
Bank deposit interest rate	0.27%	▲ 0.01	▲ 0.12	Feb 2018
3-month treasury bill yield	1.65%	▲ 0.17	▲ 1.02	2018-03-02
2-year treasury bond yield	2.25%	▲ 0.09	▲ 0.96	2018-03-02
10-year treasury bond yield	2.86%	▲ 0.08	▲ 0.40	2018-03-02
30-year mortgage rate	4.43%	▲ 0.21	▲ 0.33	2018-03-01
US Dollar, broad index	117.46	▲ 0.2%	▼ -6.5%	Feb 2018
Crude oil, US\$/barrel	\$61.45	▼ -6.9%	▲ 16.9%	2018-03-02
Industrial production index	107.2	▼ -0.1%	▲ 3.7%	Jan 2018
Consumer confidence index	99.7	<b>▲</b> 4.2%	▲ 3.5%	Feb 2018

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