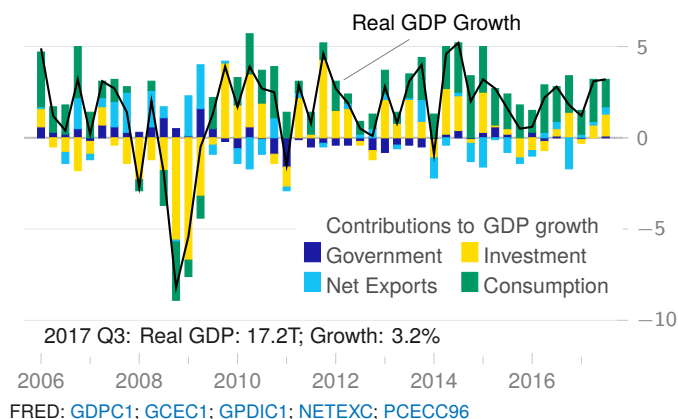


Third quarter U.S. economic growth, which remained strong, was driven by increased consumption and investment. The labor market is gradually nearing full employment and still adding jobs at a healthy pace. Inflation remains near the Fed's two percent target in both the core CPI and the full index, with 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

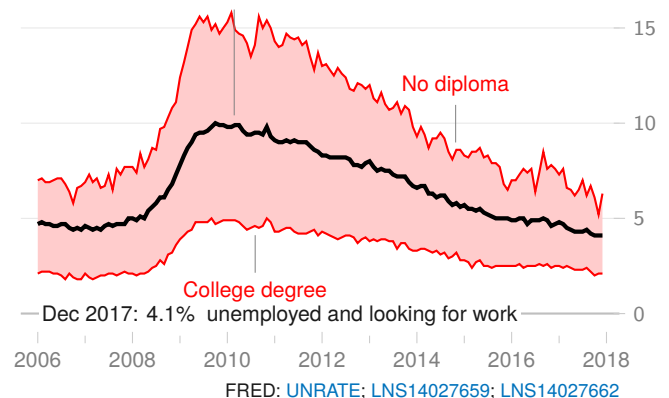
### Real gross domestic product (GDP)

(Quarterly percent change, seasonally-adjusted annual rate)



### Civilian unemployment rate (percent)

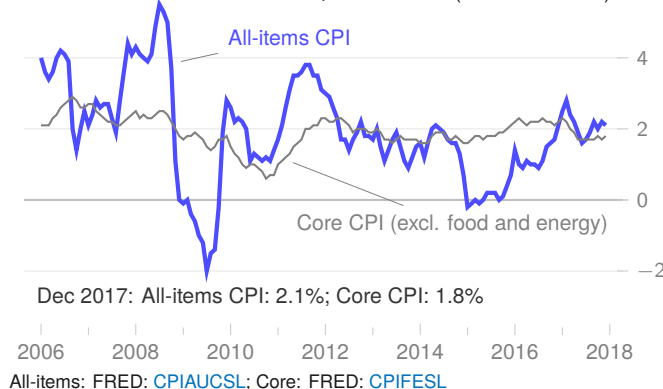
Unemployed and looking for work (U3 rate)



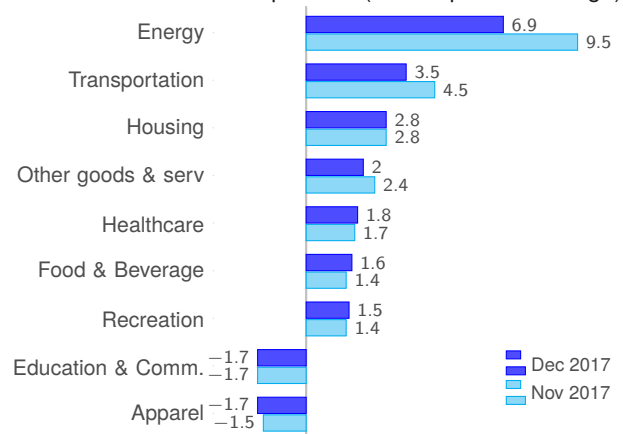
## Inflation and Prices

### Consumer price index (CPI) (annual percent change)

5-year expected annual inflation rate:  
Jan 19, 2018: 2.1% (FRED: [T5YIFR](#))

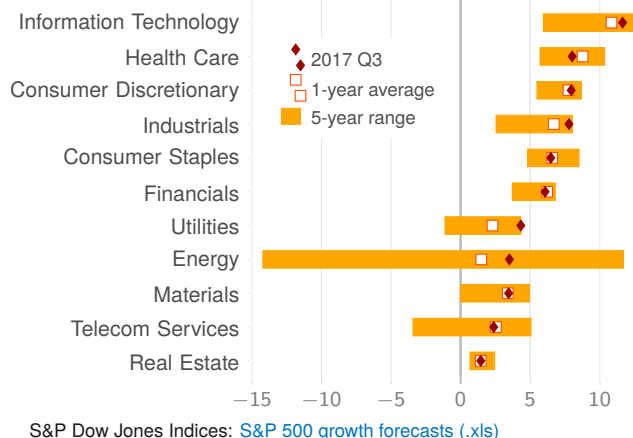


### CPI components (annual percent change)



## Markets, Interest Rates, and Other Indicators

### S&P 500 reported earnings per share by industry



### Recent market developments and other key indicators

		one month	one year	as of:
S&P 500 index	2832.97	▲ 5.7%	▲ 24.7%	2018-01-22
CBOE volatility index (VIX)	11.03	▲ 13.5%	▼ -4.4%	2018-01-22
Bank deposit interest rate	0.23%	▲ 0.02	▲ 0.10	Dec 2017
3-month treasury bill yield	1.44%	▲ 0.06	▲ 0.92	2018-01-22
2-year treasury bond yield	2.08%	▲ 0.21	▲ 0.83	2018-01-22
10-year treasury bond yield	2.66%	▲ 0.17	▲ 0.19	2018-01-22
30-year mortgage rate	4.04%	▲ 0.10	▼ -0.05	2018-01-18
US Dollar, broad index	118.00	▼ -1.6%	▼ -7.4%	Jan 2018
Crude oil, US\$/barrel	\$63.57	▲ 10.6%	▲ 23.7%	2018-01-19
Industrial production index	107.5	▲ 0.9%	▲ 3.6%	Dec 2017
Consumer confidence index	95.9	▼ -2.6%	▼ -2.3%	Dec 2017

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