First quarter U.S. economic growth slowed from lower consumption spending growth, despite an improvement in exports. The unemployment rate is gradually nearing its long-run full-capacity level. Inflation is around two percent in both the core CPI and the full index, with no expected acceleration. Elevated consumer confidence and P/E ratios, with near long-term low equity market volatility, show an extraordinary level of optimism. The yield curve for government debt has flattened while the dollar remains strong.

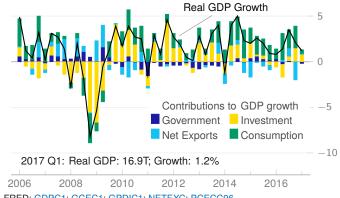
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# **Economic Growth and Employment**

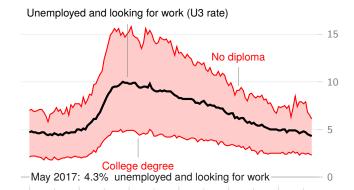
Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

(Quarterly percent change, seasonally-adjusted annual rate)



FRED: GDPC1; GCEC1; GPDIC1; NETEXC; PCECC96

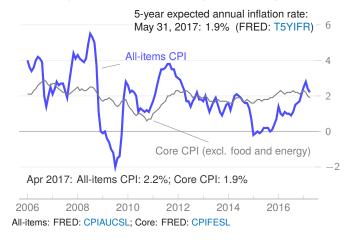
Civilian unemployment rate (percent)



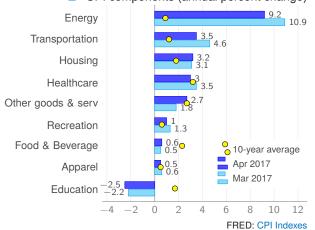
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#### **Inflation and Prices**

Consumer price index (CPI) (annual percent change)

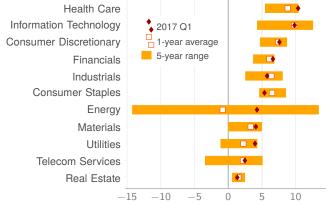


## CPI components (annual percent change)



## 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

	C	one month	one year	as of:
S&P 500 index	2430.06	▲ 1.8%	▲ 15.9%	2017-06-01
CBOE volatility index (VIX)	9.89	▼ -7.4%	▼ -30.4%	2017-06-01
Bank deposit interest rate	0.18%	▲ 0.01	▲ 0.07	May 2017
3-month treasury bill yield	0.98%	▲ 0.13	▲ 0.66	2017-06-01
2-year treasury bond yield	1.28%	▼ -0.02	▲ 0.38	2017-06-01
10-year treasury bond yield	2.21%	▼ -0.12	▲ 0.36	2017-06-01
30-year mortgage rate	3.94%	▼ -0.08	▲ 0.28	2017-06-01
US Dollar, broad index	124.23	▼ -0.1%	▲ 2.9%	May 2017
Crude oil, US\$/barrel	\$48.03	▲ 1.0%	▼ -1.8%	2017-06-01
Industrial production index	105.1	▲ 1.0%	▲ 2.2%	Apr 2017
Consumer confidence index	97.1	▲ 0.1%	▲ 2.5%	May 2017

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