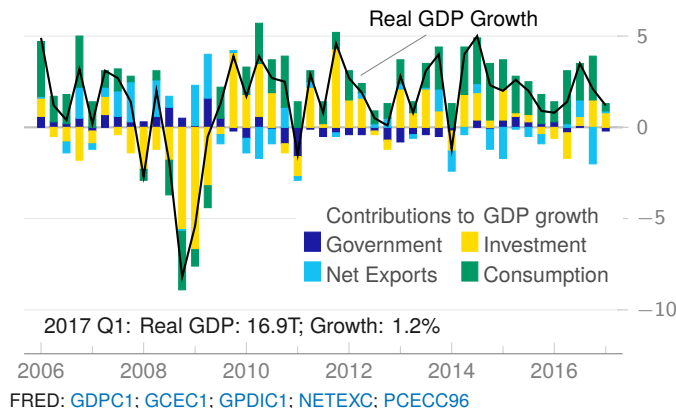


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## Economic Growth and Employment

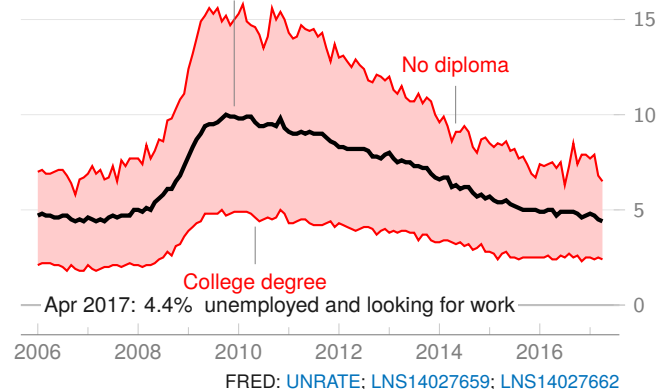
### Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

(Quarterly percent change, seasonally-adjusted annual rate)



### Civilian unemployment rate (percent)

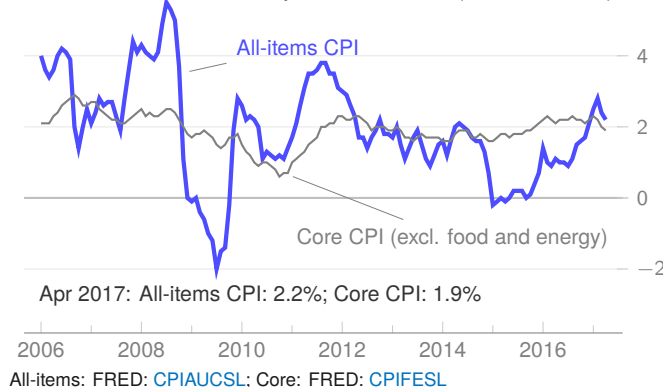
Unemployed and looking for work (U3 rate)



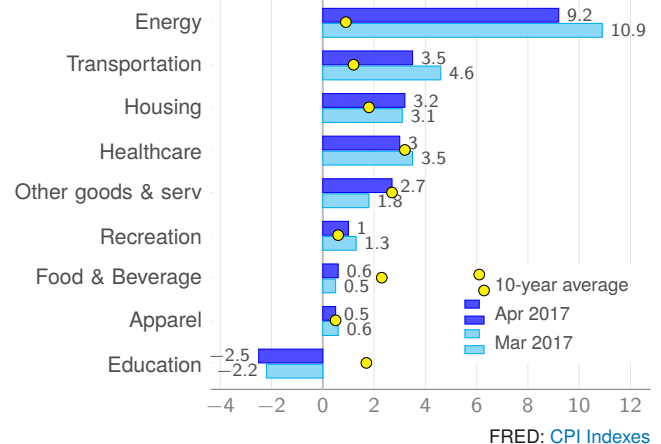
## Inflation and Prices

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

5-year expected annual inflation rate:  
May 25, 2017: 1.9% (FRED: T5YIFR)

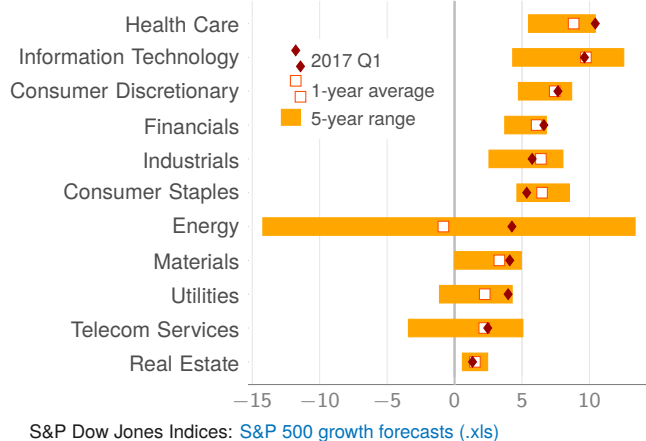


### CPI components (annual percent change)



## 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	2415.82 ▲ 1.3%	▲ 15.6%	2017-05-26
CBOE volatility index (VIX)	9.99 ▼ -3.6%	▼ -28.1%	2017-05-25
Bank deposit interest rate	0.18% ▲ 0.01	▲ 0.07	May 2017
3-month treasury bill yield	0.94% ▲ 0.13	▲ 0.59	2017-05-25
2-year treasury bond yield	1.30% ▲ 0.05	▲ 0.39	2017-05-25
10-year treasury bond yield	2.25% ▼ -0.05	▲ 0.41	2017-05-25
30-year mortgage rate	3.95% ▼ -0.08	▲ 0.31	2017-05-25
US Dollar, broad index	124.23 ▼ -0.1%	▲ 2.9%	May 2017
Crude oil, US\$/barrel	\$48.71 ▼ -1.1%	▼ -2.1%	2017-05-25
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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