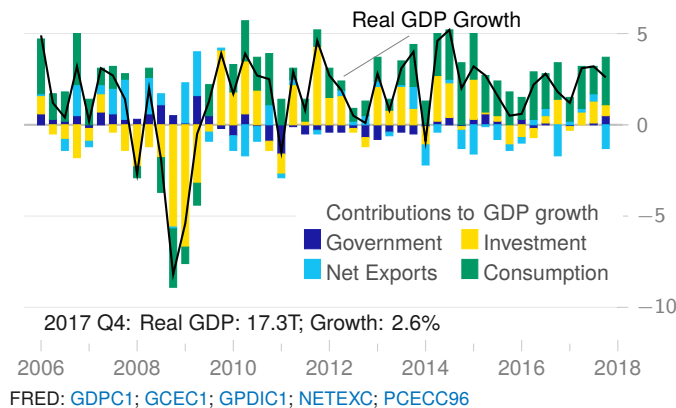


Third quarter U.S. economic growth, which remained strong, was driven by increased consumption and investment. The labor market is gradually nearing full employment and still adding jobs at a healthy pace. Inflation remains near the Fed's two percent target in both the core CPI and the full index, with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

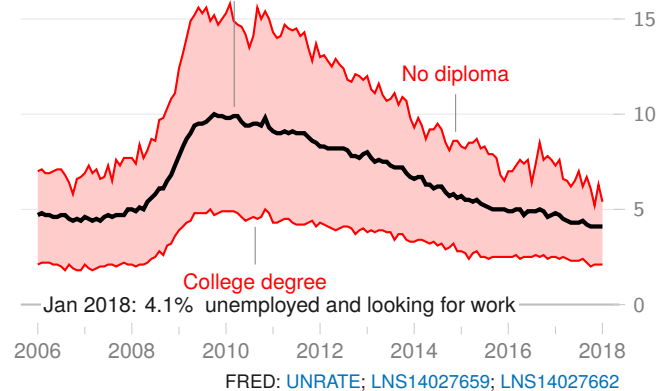
Real gross domestic product (GDP)

(Quarterly percent change, seasonally-adjusted annual rate)



Civilian unemployment rate (percent)

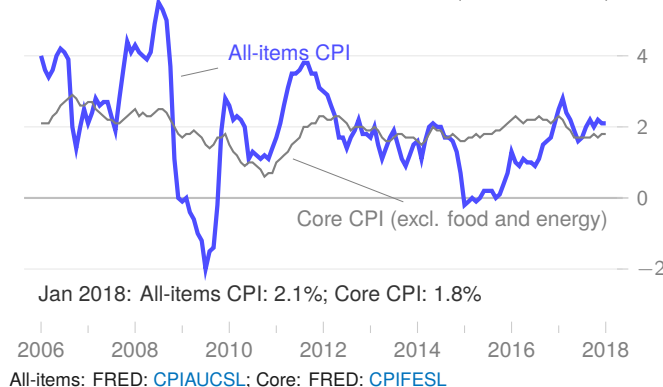
Unemployed and looking for work (U3 rate)



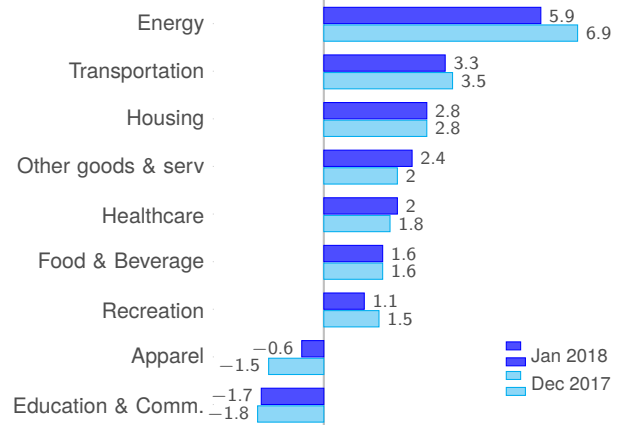
Inflation and Prices

Consumer price index (CPI) (annual percent change)

5-year expected annual inflation rate:
Feb 26, 2018: 2.2% (FRED: T5YIFR)

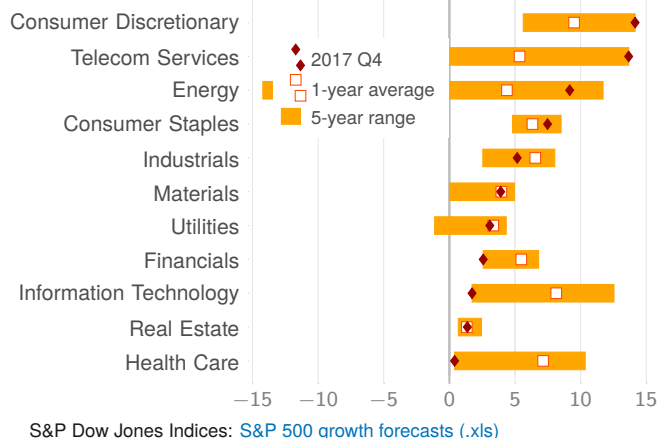


CPI components (annual percent change)



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	2744.28	▼ -3.8%	▲ 15.8%	2018-02-27
CBOE volatility index (VIX)	18.59	▲ 34.3%	▲ 53.8%	2018-02-27
Bank deposit interest rate	0.26%	▲ 0.01	▲ 0.12	Jan 2018
3-month treasury bill yield	1.66%	▲ 0.22	▲ 1.14	2018-02-27
2-year treasury bond yield	2.27%	▲ 0.16	▲ 1.15	2018-02-27
10-year treasury bond yield	2.90%	▲ 0.20	▲ 0.59	2018-02-27
30-year mortgage rate	4.40%	▲ 0.25	▲ 0.24	2018-02-22
US Dollar, broad index	117.46	▲ 0.2%	▼ -6.5%	Feb 2018
Crude oil, US\$/barrel	\$62.84	▼ -4.1%	▲ 16.3%	2018-02-27
Industrial production index	107.2	▼ -0.1%	▲ 3.7%	Jan 2018
Consumer confidence index	95.7	▼ -0.2%	▼ -2.8%	Jan 2018

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