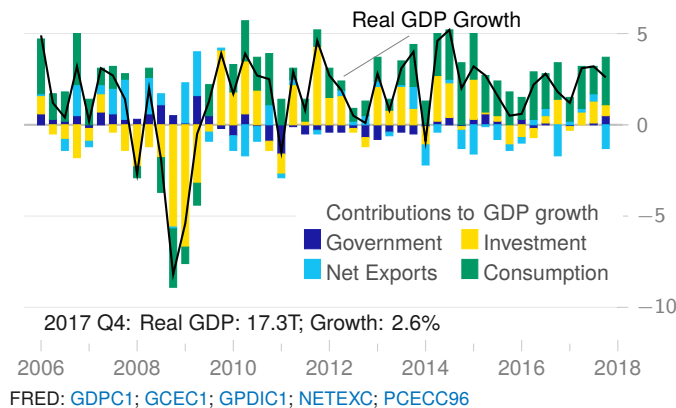


Third quarter U.S. economic growth, which remained strong, was driven by increased consumption and investment. The labor market is gradually nearing full employment and still adding jobs at a healthy pace. Inflation remains near the Fed's two percent target in both the core CPI and the full index, with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

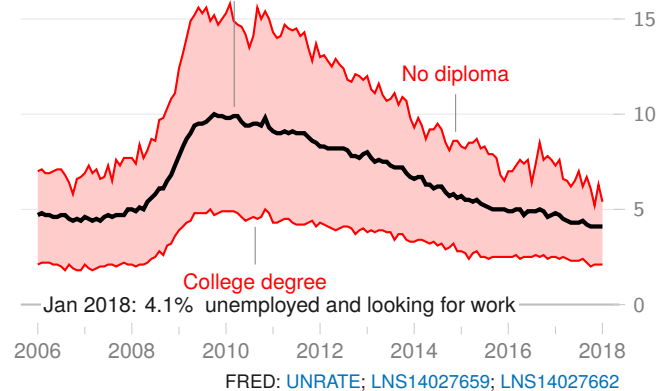
### Real gross domestic product (GDP)

(Quarterly percent change, seasonally-adjusted annual rate)



### Civilian unemployment rate (percent)

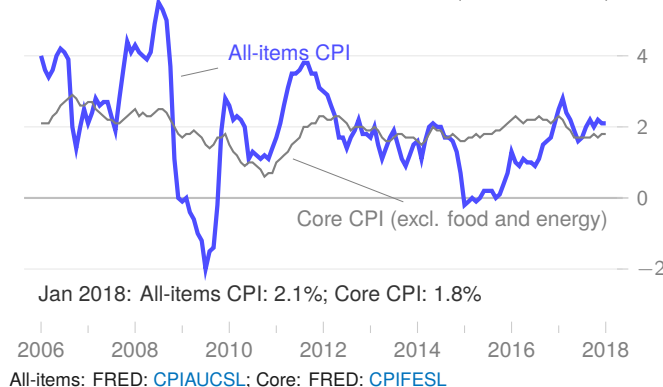
Unemployed and looking for work (U3 rate)



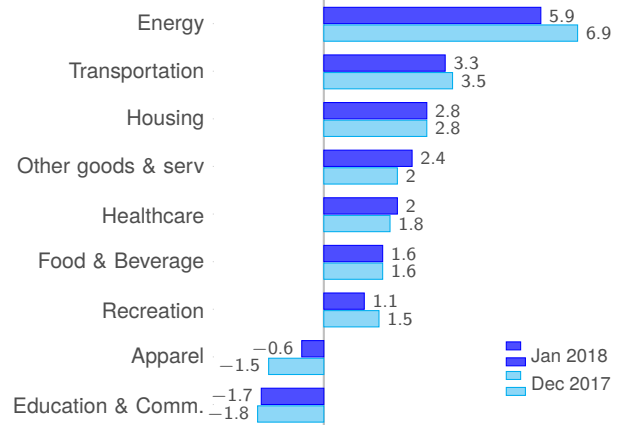
## Inflation and Prices

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

5-year expected annual inflation rate:  
Feb 12, 2018: 2.3% (FRED: T5YIFR)

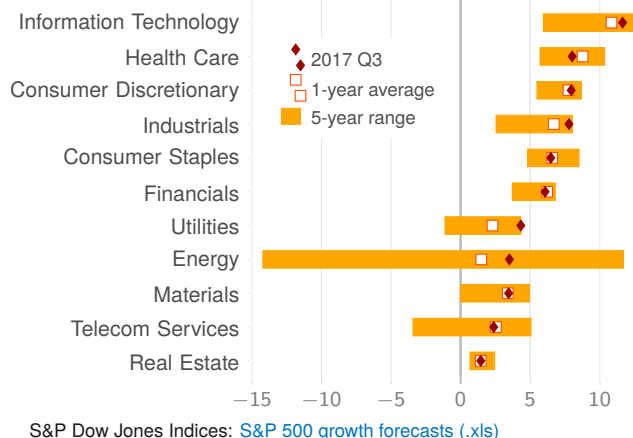


### CPI components (annual percent change)



## 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	2698.63	▼ -3.7%	▲ 15.4%	2018-02-14
CBOE volatility index (VIX)	19.26	▲ 61.7%	▲ 79.3%	2018-02-14
Bank deposit interest rate	0.24%	▲ 0.01	▲ 0.10	Jan 2018
3-month treasury bill yield	1.58%	▲ 0.14	▲ 1.06	2018-02-14
2-year treasury bond yield	2.17%	▲ 0.12	▲ 0.97	2018-02-14
10-year treasury bond yield	2.91%	▲ 0.34	▲ 0.48	2018-02-14
30-year mortgage rate	4.32%	▲ 0.33	▲ 0.15	2018-02-08
US Dollar, broad index	117.14	▼ -0.1%	▼ -6.7%	Feb 2018
Crude oil, US\$/barrel	\$60.74	▼ -5.2%	▲ 14.5%	2018-02-14
Industrial production index	107.5	▲ 0.9%	▲ 3.6%	Dec 2017
Consumer confidence index	95.7	▼ -0.2%	▼ -2.8%	Jan 2018

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