

Fourth quarter U.S. economic growth is moderate, with improvement in household consumption and investment offset by a widened export gap. The unemployment rate is low and nearing its long-run full-capacity level. Inflation is now slightly above two percent in both the core CPI and the full index. Elevated consumer confidence and P/E ratios, with near long-term low equity market volatility, show an extraordinary level of optimism. Low-risk interest rates are slowly climbing while the dollar retains a worrisome strength.

## Economic Growth and Employment

### Real Gross Domestic Product (annual percent change)

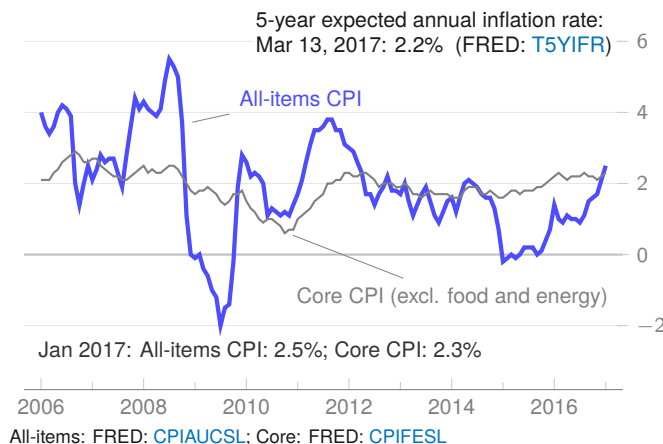


### Civilian unemployment rate (percent)

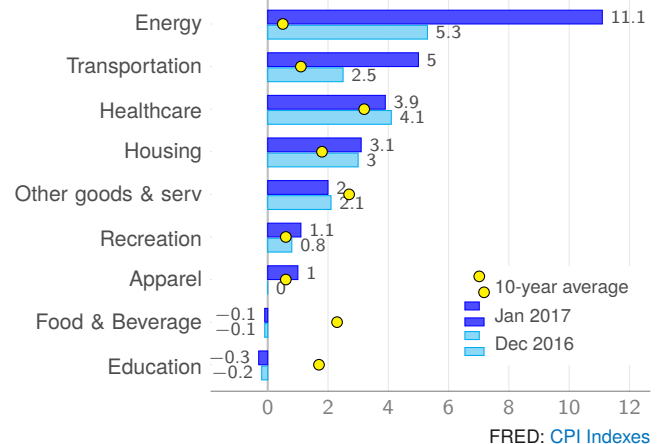


## Inflation and Prices

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

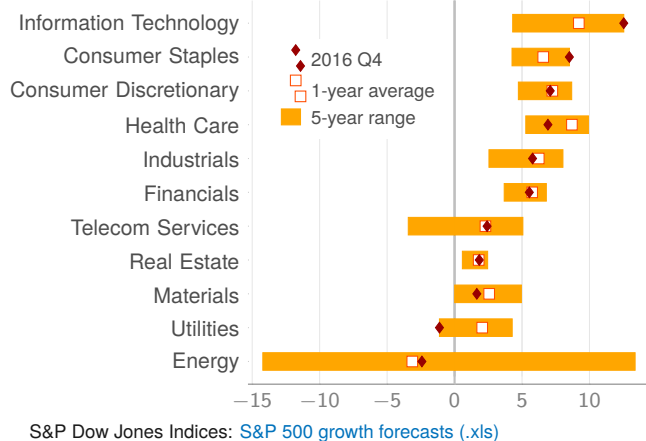


### CPI components (annual percent change)



## Markets, Interest Rates, and Other Indicators

### S&P 500 Reported Earnings per Share by Industry



### Recent market developments and other key indicators

		one month	one year	as of:
S&P 500 index	2365.45	▲ 1.6%	▲ 17.1%	2017-03-14
CBOE volatility index (VIX)	12.30	▲ 11.1%	▼ -27.3%	2017-03-14
Bank deposit interest rate	0.14%	▲ 0.01	▲ 0.02	Feb 2017
3-month treasury bill yield	0.78%	▲ 0.26	▲ 0.46	2017-03-14
2-year treasury bond yield	1.40%	▲ 0.20	▲ 0.47	2017-03-14
10-year treasury bond yield	2.60%	▲ 0.17	▲ 0.67	2017-03-14
30-year mortgage rate	4.21%	▲ 0.04	▲ 0.53	2017-03-09
US Dollar, broad index	126.29	▲ 0.4%	▲ 4.1%	Mar 2017
Crude oil, US\$/barrel	\$48.50	▼ -8.3%	▲ 29.7%	2017-03-14
Industrial production index	104.6	▼ -0.3%	▲ 0.0%	Jan 2017
Consumer confidence index	96.3	▼ -2.2%	▲ 5.0%	Feb 2017

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