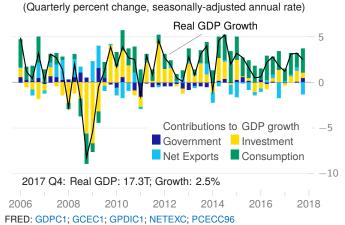
Fourth quarter U.S. economic growth, which remained strong, was driven by increased consumption. The labor market is gradually nearing full employment and still adding jobs at a healthy pace. Inflation remains near the Fed's two percent target in both the core CPI and the full index, with little expected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



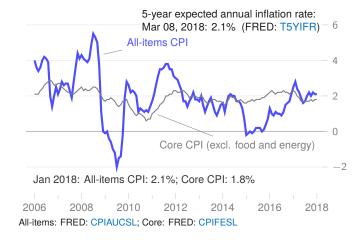


Civilian unemployment rate (percent)

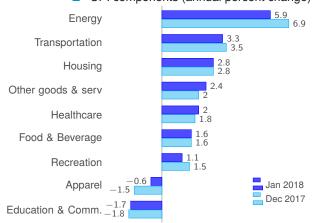
College degree Feb 2018: 4.1% unemployed and looking for work 2006 2008 2010 2014 2016 2018 2012 FRED: UNRATE; LNS14027659; LNS14027662

Inflation and Prices

Consumer price index (CPI) (annual percent change)



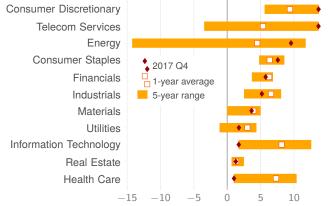
CPI components (annual percent change)



FRED: CPI Indexes

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

| | | one month | one year | as of: |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------------|----------------|------------|
| S&P 500 index | 2786.57 | ▲ 8.0% | ▲ 17.8% | 2018-03-09 |
| CBOE volatility index (VIX) | 14.64 | ▼ -56.2% | ▲ 19.0% | 2018-03-09 |
| Bank deposit interest rate | 0.27% | ▲ 0.01 | ▲ 0.13 | Feb 2018 |
| 3-month treasury bill yield | 1.67% | ▲ 0.12 | ▲ 0.94 | 2018-03-09 |
| 2-year treasury bond yield | 2.27% | ▲ 0.14 | ▲ 0.91 | 2018-03-09 |
| 10-year treasury bond yield | 2.90% | ▲ 0.05 | ▲ 0.33 | 2018-03-09 |
| 30-year mortgage rate | 4.46% | ▲ 0.14 | ▲ 0.25 | 2018-03-08 |
| US Dollar, broad index | 118.57 | ▲ 0.8% | ▼ -5.2% | Mar 2018 |
| Crude oil, US\$/barrel | \$62.12 | ▲ 2.8% | ▲ 25.2% | 2018-03-09 |
| Industrial production index | 107.2 | ▼ -0.1% | ▲ 3.7% | Jan 2018 |
| Consumer confidence index | 99.7 | ▲ 4.2% | ▲ 3.5% | Feb 2018 |

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