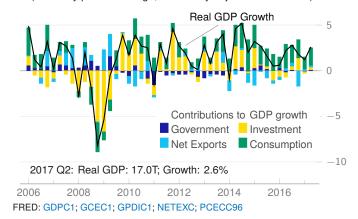
Second quarter U.S. economic growth picked up, driven almost entirely by increased consumption. The labor market is gradually nearing full employment. Inflation is well below the Fed's two percent target in both the core CPI and the full index, with little expected acceleration. Elevated stock prices, with near long-term low equity market volatility, suggest an extraordinary level of optimism. The otherwise overvalued dollar has weakened recently against major trading partners.

## **Economic Growth and Employment**

Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

(Quarterly percent change, seasonally-adjusted annual rate)



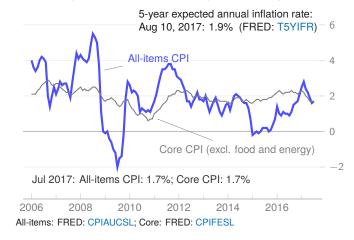
Civilian unemployment rate (percent)



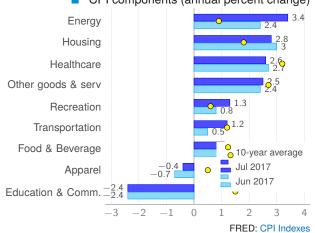
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## Inflation and Prices

Consumer price index (CPI) (annual percent change)

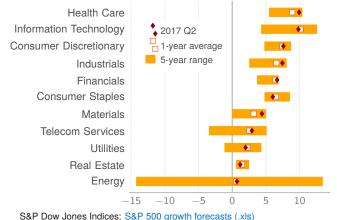


## CPI components (annual percent change)



## Markets, Interest Rates, and Other Indicators

S&P 500 Reported Earnings per Share by Industry



Recent market developments and other key indicators

63.1% A	32.8%	2017-08-11 2017-08-11 Jul 2017
0.01	0.05	
		Jul 2017
-0.01		
	0.74	2017-08-11
-0.05	0.59	2017-08-11
-0.14	0.64	2017-08-11
-0.13	0.45	2017-08-10
-1.0% <b>v</b>	-1.2%	Aug 2017
4.5% 🛕	12.3%	2017-08-11
0.4%	2.0%	Jun 2017
-1.8% 🔺	3.8%	Jul 2017
	-0.05	-0.05

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