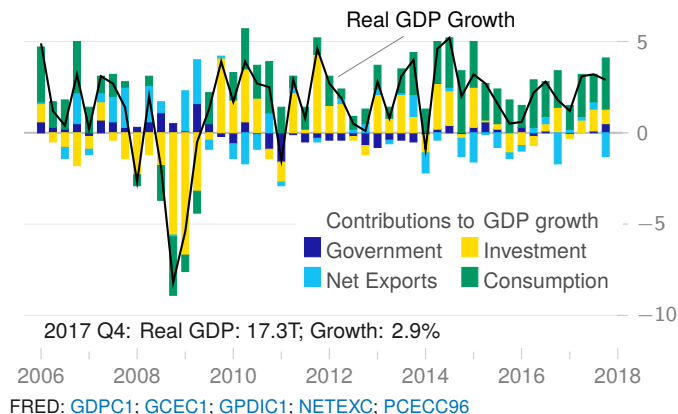


Fourth quarter U.S. economic growth, which remained strong, was driven by increased consumption and partially offset by a growing trade gap. The labor market is gradually nearing full employment and still adding jobs at a strong pace. Inflation remains near the Fed's two percent target in both the core 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

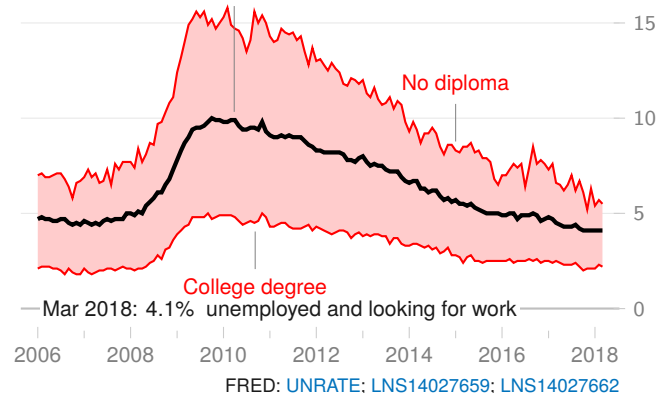
Real gross domestic product (GDP)

(Quarterly percent change, seasonally-adjusted annual rate)



Civilian unemployment rate (percent)

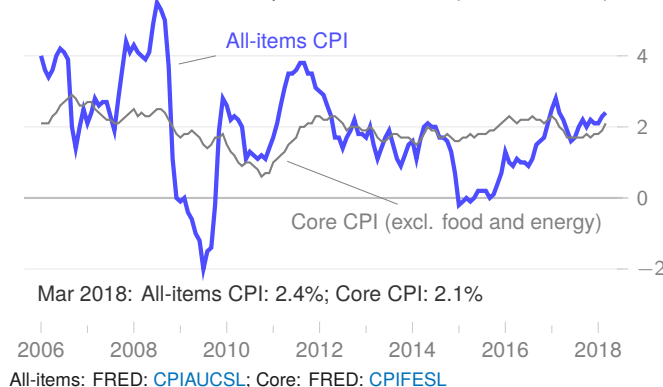
Unemployed and looking for work (U3 rate)



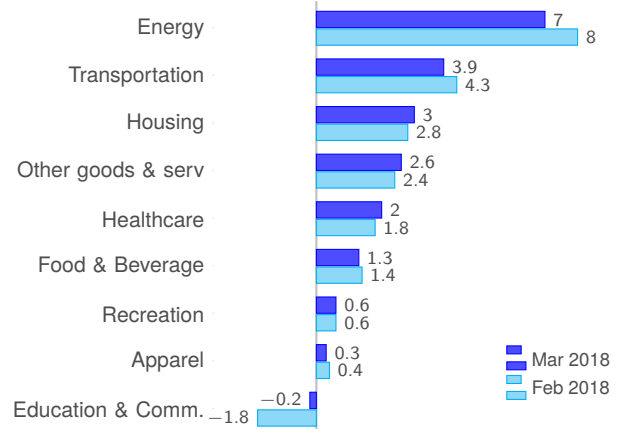
Inflation and Prices

Consumer price index (CPI) (annual percent change)

5-year expected annual inflation rate:
Apr 23, 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	2634.56	▼ -0.9%	▲ 11.0%	2018-04-24
CBOE volatility index (VIX)	18.02	▼ -14.3%	▲ 66.2%	2018-04-24
Bank deposit interest rate	0.28%	▲ 0.02	▲ 0.13	Mar 2018
3-month treasury bill yield	1.87%	▲ 0.08	▲ 1.08	2018-04-24
2-year treasury bond yield	2.48%	▲ 0.15	▲ 1.28	2018-04-24
10-year treasury bond yield	3.00%	▲ 0.15	▲ 0.76	2018-04-24
30-year mortgage rate	4.47%	▲ 0.02	▲ 0.50	2018-04-19
US Dollar, broad index	117.65	▼ -0.4%	▼ -5.2%	Apr 2018
Crude oil, US\$/barrel	\$67.72	▲ 3.4%	▲ 37.6%	2018-04-24
Industrial production index	107.2	▲ 0.5%	▲ 4.3%	Mar 2018
Consumer confidence index	101.4	▲ 1.7%	▲ 4.6%	Mar 2018

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