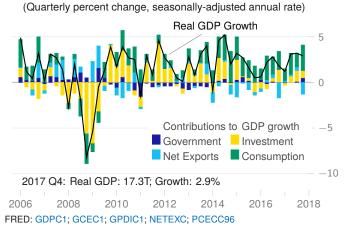
Fourth quarter U.S. economic growth, which remained strong, was driven by increased consumption and partially offset by a growing trade gap. The labor market is gradually nearing full employment and still adding jobs at a strong pace. Inflation remains near the Fed's two percent target in both the core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



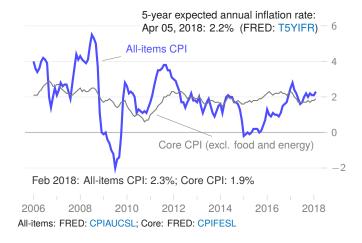


Civilian unemployment rate (percent)

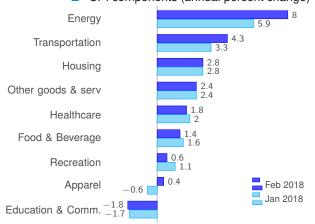
College degree Mar 2018: 4.1% unemployed and looking for work 2006 2008 2010 2014 2016 2018 FRED: UNRATE; LNS14027659; LNS14027662

## 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



Recent market developments and other key indicators

	(	one month	one year	as of:
S&P 500 index	2604.47	▼ -4.9%	▲ 10.7%	2018-04-06
CBOE volatility index (VIX)	21.49	▲ 29.9%	▲ 66.7%	2018-04-06
Bank deposit interest rate	0.28%	▲ 0.01	▲ 0.13	Mar 2018
3-month treasury bill yield	1.73%	▲ 0.06	▲ 0.94	2018-04-06
2-year treasury bond yield	2.27%	▲ 0.02	▲ 1.02	2018-04-06
10-year treasury bond yield	2.77%	▼ -0.09	▲ 0.41	2018-04-06
30-year mortgage rate	4.40%	▼ -0.06	▲ 0.30	2018-04-05
US Dollar, broad index	118.09	▲ 0.4%	▼ -5.6%	Mar 2018
Crude oil, US\$/barrel	\$63.73	▲ 3.9%	▲ 24.6%	2018-04-05
Industrial production index	106.5	▲ 0.9%	<b>▲</b> 4.3%	Feb 2018
Consumer confidence index	101.4	<b>▲</b> 1.7%	<b>▲</b> 4.6%	Mar 2018

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