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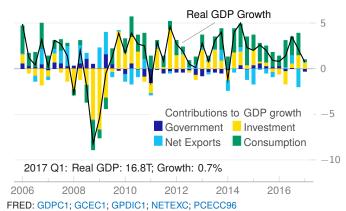
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## **Economic Growth and Employment**

Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

(Quarterly percent change, seasonally-adjusted annual rate)



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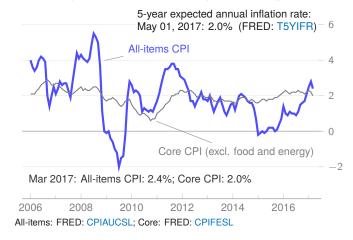
Unemployed and looking for work (U3 rate)

Civilian unemployment rate (percent)

College degree Mar 2017: 4.5% unemployed and looking for work 2006 2008 2010 2012 2014 2016

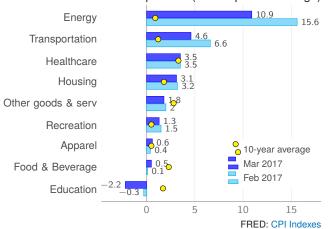
## **Inflation and Prices**

Consumer price index (CPI) (annual percent change)



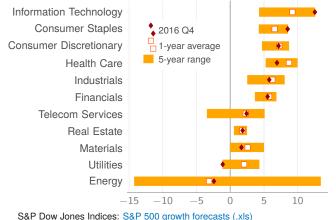
## CPI components (annual percent change)

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## 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	2391.17	<b>▲</b> 1.4%	<b>▲</b> 14.9%	2017-05-02
CBOE volatility index (VIX)	10.59	▼ -14.5%	▼ -27.9%	2017-05-02
Bank deposit interest rate	0.17%	0.00	▲ 0.06	Apr 2017
3-month treasury bill yield	0.82%	▲ 0.03	▲ 0.60	2017-05-02
2-year treasury bond yield	1.27%	▲ 0.03	▲ 0.49	2017-05-02
10-year treasury bond yield	2.29%	▼ -0.06	▲ 0.45	2017-05-02
30-year mortgage rate	4.03%	▼ -0.11	▲ 0.37	2017-04-27
US Dollar, broad index	124.35	▼ -0.7%	<b>▲</b> 4.1%	Apr 2017
Crude oil, US\$/barrel	\$48.08	<b>▼</b> -4.3%	<b>▲</b> 7.1%	2017-05-02
Industrial production index	104.1	▲ 0.5%	<b>▲</b> 1.5%	Mar 2017
Consumer confidence index	97.0	▲ 0.1%	<b>▲</b> 9.0%	Apr 2017

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