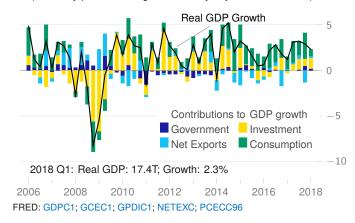
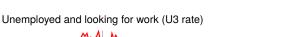
Fourth quarter U.S. economic growth, which remained strong, was driven by increased consumption and partially offset by a growing trade gap. The labor market is gradually nearing full employment and still adding jobs at a strong pace. Inflation remains near the Fed's two percent target in both the core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

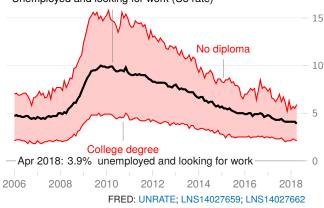
Real gross domestic product (GDP)

(Quarterly percent change, seasonally-adjusted annual rate)



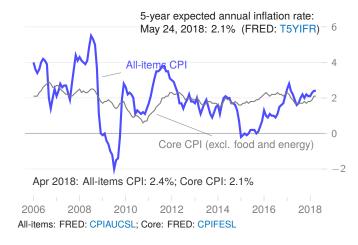


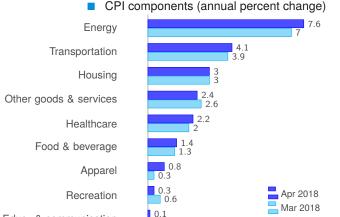
Civilian unemployment rate (percent)



Inflation and Prices

Consumer price index (CPI) (annual percent change)





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S&P 500 reported earnings per share by industry



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		one month	one year	as of:
S&P 500 index	2721.33	▲ 1.9%	▲ 12.7%	2018-05-25
CBOE volatility index (VIX)	13.22	▼ -14.2%	▲ 32.3%	2018-05-25
Bank deposit interest rate	0.33%	▲ 0.01	▲ 0.16	May 2018
3-month treasury bill yield	1.90%	▲ 0.08	▲ 0.97	2018-05-25
2-year treasury bond yield	2.48%	▼ -0.01	▲ 1.19	2018-05-25
10-year treasury bond yield	2.93%	▼ -0.03	▲ 0.67	2018-05-25
30-year mortgage rate	4.66%	▲ 0.08	▲ 0.71	2018-05-24
US Dollar, broad index	121.07	▲ 2.4%	▼ -2.1%	May 2018
Crude oil, US\$/barrel	\$67.50	▼ -0.7%	▲ 38.6%	2018-05-25
Industrial production index	107.3	▲ 0.7%	▲ 3.5%	Apr 2018
Consumer confidence index	98.0	▼ -0.8%	▲ 0.9%	May 2018

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