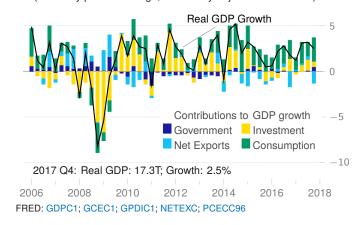
Third quarter U.S. economic growth, which remained strong, was driven by increased consumption and investment. The labor market is gradually nearing full employment and still adding jobs at a healthy pace. Inflation remains near the Fed's two percent target in both the core CPI and the full index, with little expected acceleration. Short- and medium-term borrowing costs have increased as Fed interest rate hikes are expected to continue or accelerate.

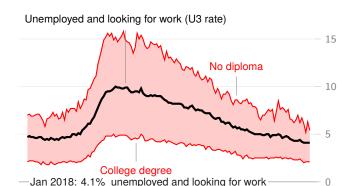
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Economic Growth and Employment

Real gross domestic product (GDP) (Quarterly percent change, seasonally-adjusted annual rate)



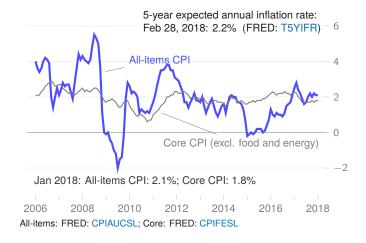


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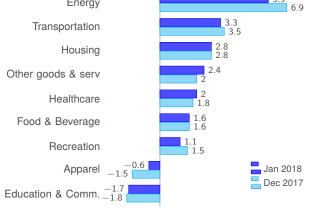
Civilian unemployment rate (percent)

Inflation and Prices

Consumer price index (CPI) (annual percent change)



CPI components (annual percent change) Energy



FRED: CPI Indexes

Markets, Interest Rates, and Other Indicators

S&P 500 reported earnings per share by industry



S&P Dow Jones Indices: S&P 500 growth forecasts (.xls)

Recent market developments and other key indicators

	(one month	one year	as of:
S&P 500 index	2677.67	▼ -5.2%	▲ 11.8%	2018-03-01
CBOE volatility index (VIX)	22.47	▲ 66.0%	▲ 79.2%	2018-03-01
Bank deposit interest rate	0.26%	▲ 0.01	▲ 0.12	Jan 2018
3-month treasury bill yield	1.63%	▲ 0.17	▲ 1.10	2018-03-01
2-year treasury bond yield	2.22%	▲ 0.08	▲ 1.00	2018-03-01
10-year treasury bond yield	2.81%	▲ 0.09	▲ 0.45	2018-03-01
30-year mortgage rate	4.43%	▲ 0.21	▲ 0.33	2018-03-01
US Dollar, broad index	117.46	▲ 0.2%	▼ -6.5%	Feb 2018
Crude oil, US\$/barrel	\$61.34	▼ -5.3%	▲ 14.3%	2018-03-01
Industrial production index	107.2	▼ -0.1%	▲ 3.7%	Jan 2018
Consumer confidence index	95.7	▼ -0.2%	▼ -2.8%	Jan 2018

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