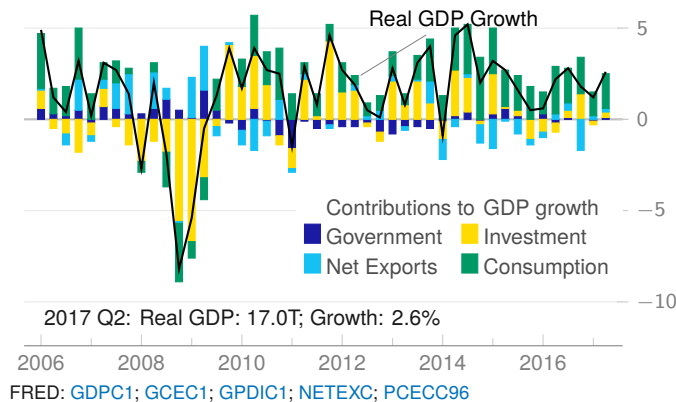


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## Economic Growth and Employment

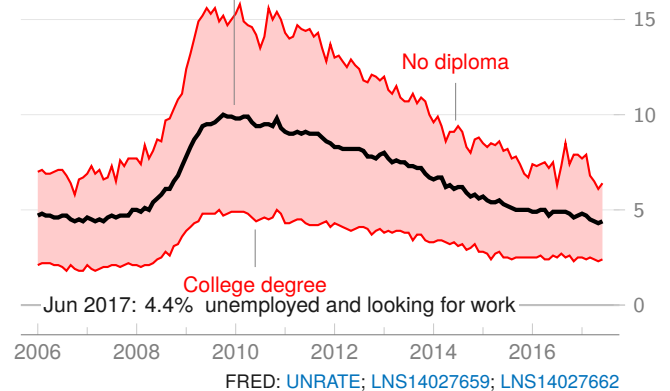
### Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

(Quarterly percent change, seasonally-adjusted annual rate)



### Civilian unemployment rate (percent)

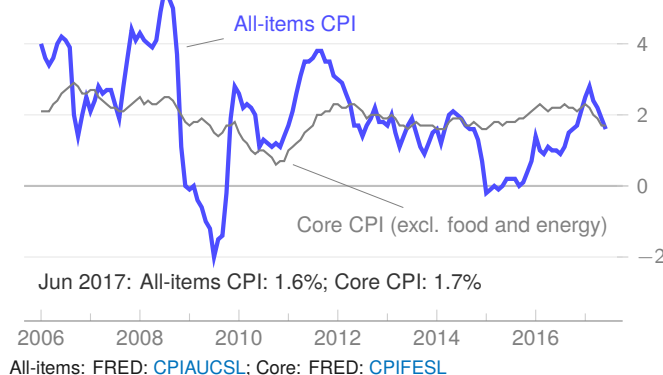
Unemployed and looking for work (U3 rate)



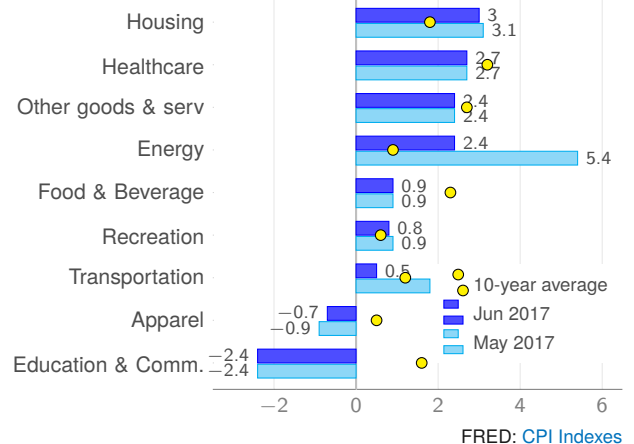
## Inflation and Prices

### Consumer price index (CPI) (annual percent change)

5-year expected annual inflation rate:  
Jul 28, 2017: 2.0% (FRED: [T5YIFR](#))

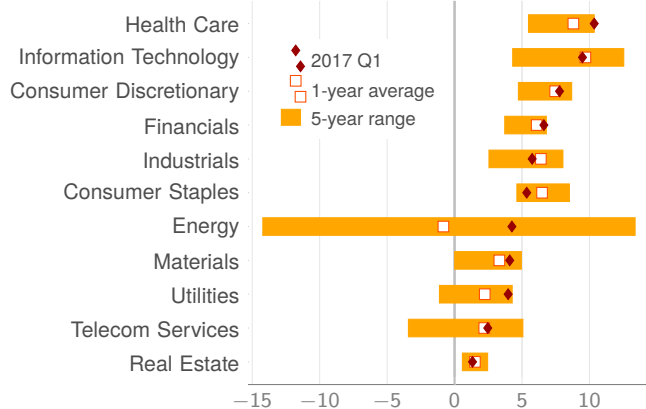


### CPI components (annual percent change)



## 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               | 2470.30 | ▲ 1.9%    | ▲ 13.7%  | 2017-07-31 |
| CBOE volatility index (VIX) | 10.26   | ▼ -8.2%   | ▼ -13.6% | 2017-07-31 |
| Bank deposit interest rate  | 0.17%   | ▲ 0.01    | ▲ 0.05   | Jul 2017   |
| 3-month treasury bill yield | 1.07%   | ▲ 0.04    | ▲ 0.76   | 2017-07-31 |
| 2-year treasury bond yield  | 1.34%   | ▼ -0.04   | ▲ 0.61   | 2017-07-31 |
| 10-year treasury bond yield | 2.30%   | ▼ -0.01   | ▲ 0.78   | 2017-07-31 |
| 30-year mortgage rate       | 3.92%   | ▲ 0.04    | ▲ 0.44   | 2017-07-27 |
| US Dollar, broad index      | 120.74  | ▼ -1.3%   | ▼ -1.0%  | Jul 2017   |
| Crude oil, US\$/barrel      | \$50.17 | ▲ 8.3%    | ▲ 21.2%  | 2017-07-31 |
| Industrial production index | 105.2   | ▲ 0.4%    | ▲ 2.0%   | Jun 2017   |
| Consumer confidence index   | 93.4    | ▼ -1.8%   | ▲ 3.8%   | Jul 2017   |

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