

Fourth quarter U.S. economic growth is moderate, with improvement in household consumption and investment offset by a widened export gap. The unemployment rate is low and nearing its long-run full-capacity level. Inflation is now slightly above two percent in both the core CPI and the full index. Elevated consumer confidence and P/E ratios, with near long-term low equity market volatility, show an extraordinary level of optimism. Low-risk interest rates are slowly climbing while the dollar retains a worrisome strength.

## Economic Growth and Employment

### Real Gross Domestic Product (annual percent change)

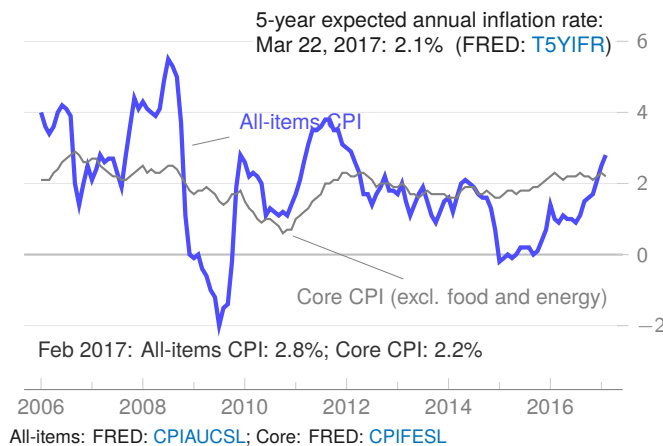


### Civilian unemployment rate (percent)



## Inflation and Prices

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

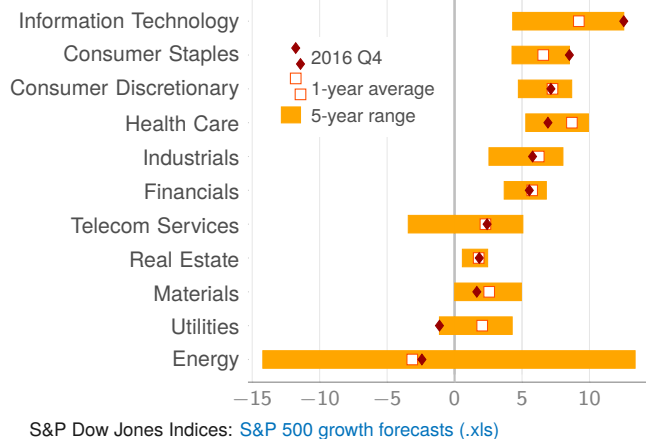


### CPI components (annual percent change)



## 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	2348.45	▼ -0.6%	▲ 14.6%	2017-03-22
CBOE volatility index (VIX)	13.12	▲ 12.0%	▼ -12.2%	2017-03-23
Bank deposit interest rate	0.15%	▲ 0.01	▲ 0.04	Feb 2017
3-month treasury bill yield	0.76%	▲ 0.25	▲ 0.45	2017-03-23
2-year treasury bond yield	1.26%	▲ 0.08	▲ 0.39	2017-03-23
10-year treasury bond yield	2.41%	▲ 0.03	▲ 0.49	2017-03-23
30-year mortgage rate	4.23%	▲ 0.07	▲ 0.52	2017-03-23
US Dollar, broad index	126.05	▲ 0.2%	▲ 3.9%	Mar 2017
Crude oil, US\$/barrel	\$47.67	▼ -12.3%	▲ 19.9%	2017-03-23
Industrial production index	104.7	▲ 0.0%	▲ 0.3%	Feb 2017
Consumer confidence index	96.3	▼ -2.2%	▲ 5.0%	Feb 2017

Retrieved from [FRED](#), [CBOE](#), [Quandl](#), and [University of Michigan](#)