First quarter U.S. economic growth slowed from lower consumption spending growth, despite an improvement in exports. The unemployment rate is gradually nearing its long-run full-capacity level. Inflation is around two percent in both the core CPI and the full index, with no expected acceleration. Elevated consumer confidence and P/E ratios, with near long-term low equity market volatility, show an extraordinary level of optimism. The yield curve for government debt has flattened while the dollar remains strong.

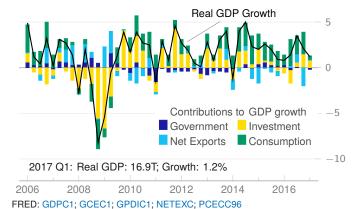
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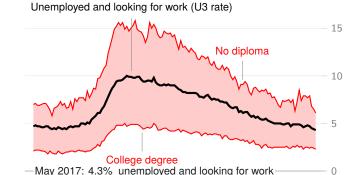
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## **Economic Growth and Employment**

Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

(Quarterly percent change, seasonally-adjusted annual rate)





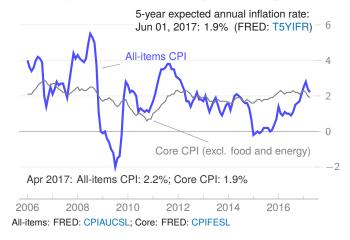
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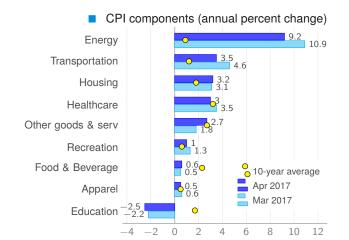
FRED: CPI Indexes

Civilian unemployment rate (percent)

## **Inflation and Prices**

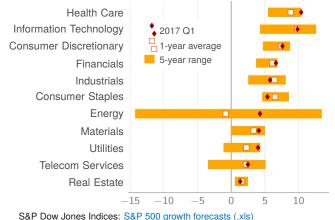
Consumer price index (CPI) (annual percent change)





## Markets, Interest Rates, and Other Indicators

S&P 500 Reported Earnings per Share by Industry



Recent market developments and other key indicators as of:

one month one year

		The month	one year	
S&P 500 index	2439.07	▲ 2.1%	<b>▲</b> 16.2%	2017-06-02
CBOE volatility index (VIX)	9.75	▼ -6.8%	▼ -28.5%	2017-06-02
Bank deposit interest rate	0.18%	▲ 0.01	▲ 0.07	May 2017
3-month treasury bill yield	0.98%	▲ 0.12	▲ 0.64	2017-06-02
2-year treasury bond yield	1.28%	▼ -0.04	▲ 0.41	2017-06-02
10-year treasury bond yield	2.15%	▼ -0.21	▲ 0.31	2017-06-02
30-year mortgage rate	3.94%	▼ -0.08	▲ 0.28	2017-06-01
US Dollar, broad index	124.23	▼ -0.1%	▲ 2.9%	May 2017
Crude oil, US\$/barrel	\$47.74	<b>▲</b> 4.9%	▼ -2.7%	2017-06-02
Industrial production index	105.1	▲ 1.0%	<b>▲</b> 2.2%	Apr 2017
Consumer confidence index	97.1	▲ 0.1%	▲ 2.5%	May 2017

Retrieved from FRED, CBOE, Quandl, and University of Michigan

