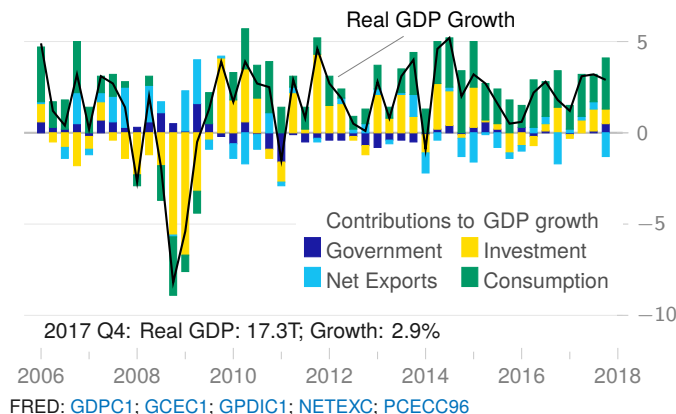


Fourth quarter U.S. economic growth, which remained strong, was driven by increased consumption and partially offset by a growing trade gap. The labor market is gradually nearing full employment and still adding jobs at a strong pace. Inflation remains near the Fed's two percent target in both the core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

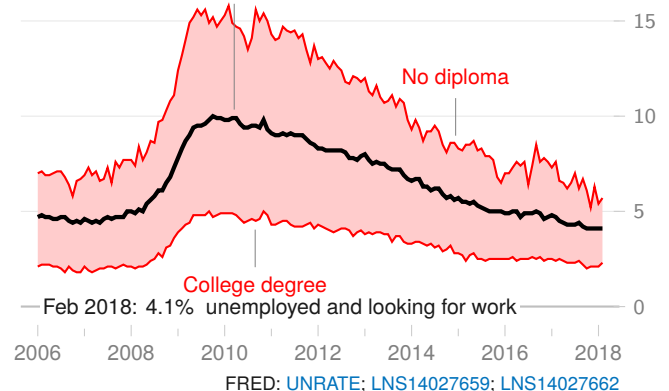
### Real gross domestic product (GDP)

(Quarterly percent change, seasonally-adjusted annual rate)



### Civilian unemployment rate (percent)

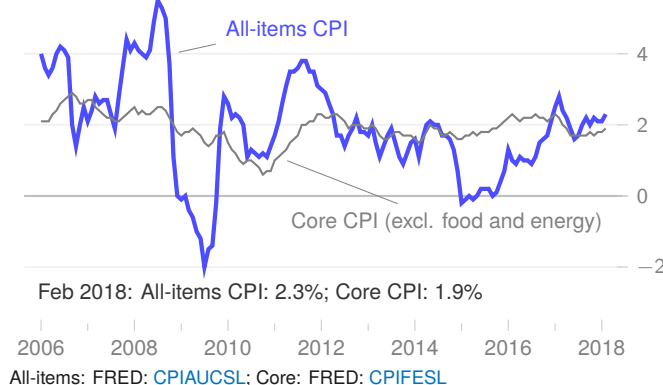
Unemployed and looking for work (U3 rate)



## Inflation and Prices

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

5-year expected annual inflation rate:  
Mar 27, 2018: 2.2% (FRED: T5YIFR)

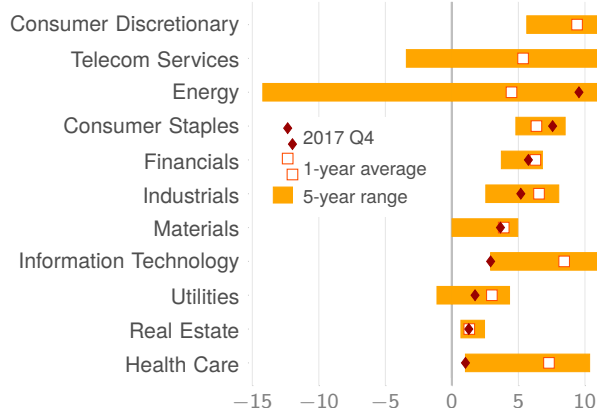


### CPI components (annual percent change)



## 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	2605.00	▼ -4.0%	▲ 10.4%	2018-03-28
CBOE volatility index (VIX)	22.87	▲ 15.2%	▲ 98.4%	2018-03-28
Bank deposit interest rate	0.27%	▲ 0.01	▲ 0.13	Feb 2018
3-month treasury bill yield	1.73%	▲ 0.08	▲ 0.95	2018-03-28
2-year treasury bond yield	2.28%	▲ 0.03	▲ 1.01	2018-03-28
10-year treasury bond yield	2.77%	▼ -0.10	▲ 0.39	2018-03-28
30-year mortgage rate	4.45%	▲ 0.05	▲ 0.22	2018-03-22
US Dollar, broad index	118.26	▲ 0.6%	▼ -5.4%	Mar 2018
Crude oil, US\$/barrel	\$64.66	▲ 5.1%	▲ 33.5%	2018-03-28
Industrial production index	106.5	▲ 0.9%	▲ 4.3%	Feb 2018
Consumer confidence index	99.7	▲ 4.2%	▲ 3.5%	Feb 2018

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