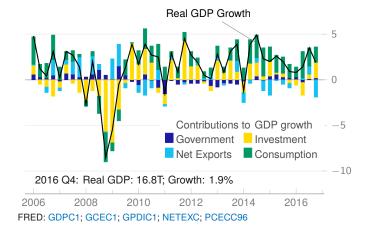
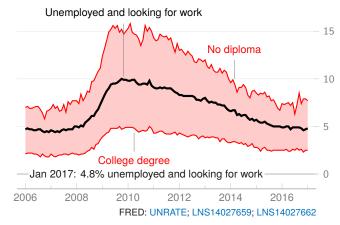
Fourth quarter U.S. economic growth is moderate, with improvement in household consumption and investment offset by a widened export gap. The unemployment rate is low and near to its long-run full-capacity level. Inflation is now slightly above its two percent target in both the core CPI and the full index. Elevated consumer confidence and P/E ratios, with near long-term low equity market volatility, show an extraordinary level of optimism. Interest rates are relatively firm as the dollar continues to return recent gains.

## **Economic Growth and Employment**

Real Gross Domestic Product (annual percent change)

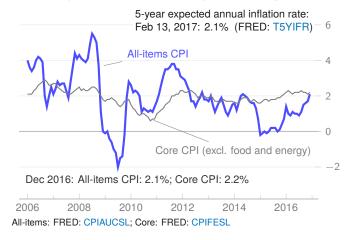


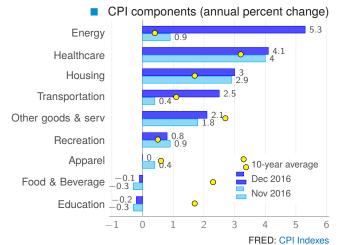
Civilian unemployment rate (percent)



## **Inflation and Prices**

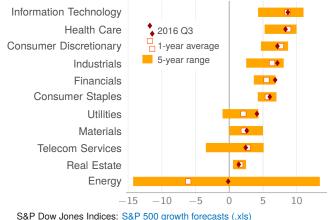
Consumer price index (CPI) (annual percent change)





## Markets, Interest Rates, and Other Indicators

S&P 500 Reported Earnings per Share by Industry



Recent market developments and other key indicators

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|-----------------------------|---------|----------|----------------|------------|
| S&P 500 index               | 2337.58 | ▲ 3.1%   | ▲ 23.3%        | 2017-02-14 |
| CBOE volatility index (VIX) | 10.74   | ▼ -9.5%  | ▼ -55.5%       | 2017-02-14 |
| Bank deposit interest rate  | 0.12%   | ▲ 0.01   | ▲ 0.01         | Jan 2017   |
| 3-month treasury bill yield | 0.54%   | ▼ -0.01  | ▲ 0.26         | 2017-02-14 |
| 2-year treasury bond yield  | 1.25%   | ▲ 0.08   | ▲ 0.61         | 2017-02-14 |
| 10-year treasury bond yield | 2.47%   | ▲ 0.14   | ▲ 0.84         | 2017-02-14 |
| 30-year mortgage rate       | 4.17%   | ▲ 0.05   | ▲ 0.52         | 2017-02-09 |
| US Dollar, broad index      | 125.80  | ▼ -1.4%  | <b>▲</b> 1.6%  | Feb 2017   |
| Crude oil, US\$/barrel      | \$53.03 | ▲ 1.0%   | <b>▲</b> 81.9% | 2017-02-14 |
| Industrial production index | 104.6   | ▲ 0.8%   | ▲ 0.5%         | Dec 2016   |
| Consumer confidence index   | 98.5    | ▲ 0.3%   | <b>▲</b> 7.1%  | Jan 2017   |
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