

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)

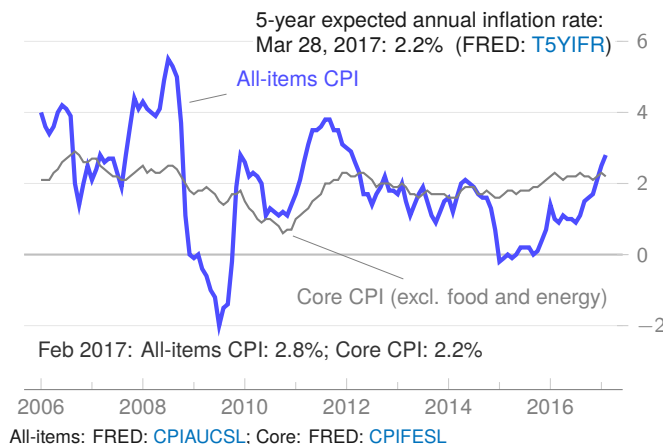


### Civilian unemployment rate (percent)

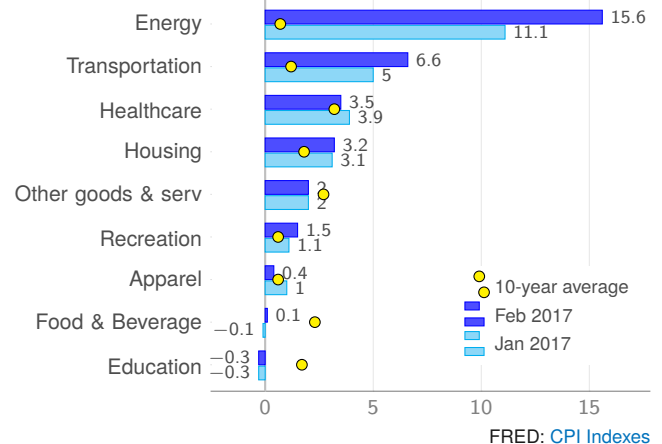


## Inflation and Prices

### 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	2361.13	▼ -1.5%	▲ 14.4%	2017-03-29
CBOE volatility index (VIX)	11.42	▼ -8.9%	▼ -15.8%	2017-03-29
Bank deposit interest rate	0.15%	▲ 0.02	▲ 0.04	Feb 2017
3-month treasury bill yield	0.78%	▲ 0.15	▲ 0.49	2017-03-29
2-year treasury bond yield	1.26%	▼ -0.03	▲ 0.37	2017-03-29
10-year treasury bond yield	2.39%	▼ -0.07	▲ 0.50	2017-03-29
30-year mortgage rate	4.23%	▲ 0.07	▲ 0.52	2017-03-23
US Dollar, broad index	125.59	▼ -0.2%	▲ 3.5%	Mar 2017
Crude oil, US\$/barrel	\$49.60	▼ -7.6%	▲ 29.5%	2017-03-29
Industrial production index	104.7	▲ 0.0%	▲ 0.3%	Feb 2017
Consumer confidence index	96.3	▼ -2.2%	▲ 5.0%	Feb 2017

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