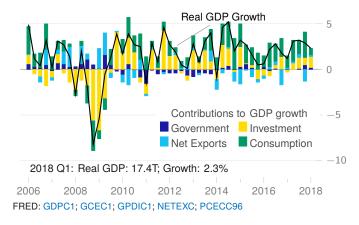
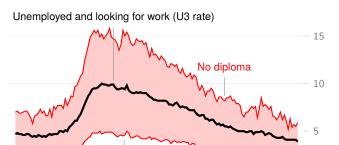
Fourth quarter U.S. economic growth, which remained strong, was driven by increased consumption and partially offset by a growing trade gap. The labor market is gradually nearing full employment and still adding jobs at a strong pace. Inflation remains near the Fed's two percent target in both the core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





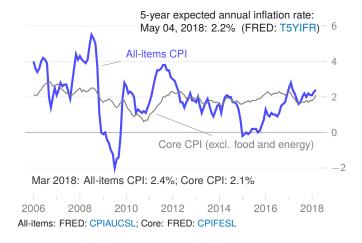
College degree Apr 2018: 3.9% unemployed and looking for work 2006 2008 2010 2016 2018 2012 2014

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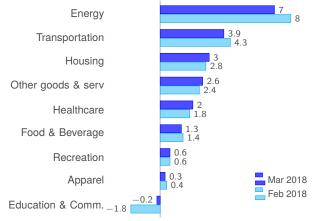
Civilian unemployment rate (percent)

Inflation and Prices

Consumer price index (CPI) (annual percent change)



CPI components (annual percent change)



FRED: CPI Indexes

Markets, Interest Rates, and Other Indicators

S&P 500 reported earnings per share by industry



S&P Dow Jones Indices: S&P 500 growth forecasts (.xls)

Recent market developments and other key indicators

	-	one month	one year	as of:
S&P 500 index	2672.63	▲ 2.3%	▲ 11.4%	2018-05-07
CBOE volatility index (VIX)	14.75	▼ -32.2%	▲ 39.5%	2018-05-07
Bank deposit interest rate	0.31%	▲ 0.03	▲ 0.14	Apr 2018
3-month treasury bill yield	1.86%	▲ 0.10	▲ 1.00	2018-05-07
2-year treasury bond yield	2.49%	▲ 0.20	▲ 1.17	2018-05-07
10-year treasury bond yield	2.95%	▲ 0.17	▲ 0.59	2018-05-07
30-year mortgage rate	4.55%	▲ 0.15	▲ 0.53	2018-05-03
US Dollar, broad index	120.45	▲ 1.9%	▼ -2.6%	May 2018
Crude oil, US\$/barrel	\$70.02	▲ 10.6%	▲ 50.7%	2018-05-07
Industrial production index	107.2	▲ 0.5%	▲ 4.3%	Mar 2018
Consumer confidence index	98.8	▼ -2.6%	▲ 1.9%	Apr 2018

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