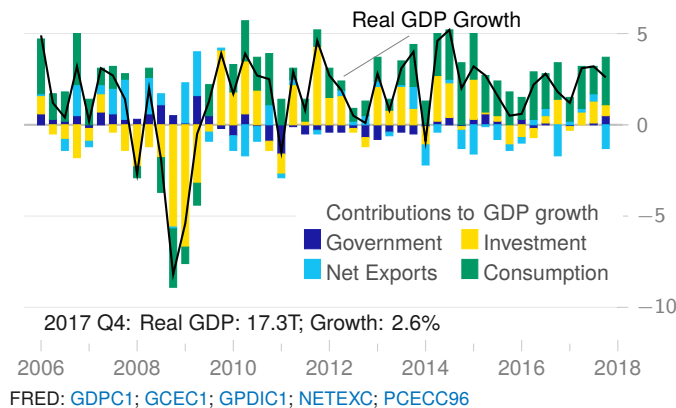


Third quarter U.S. economic growth, which remained strong, was driven by increased consumption and investment. The labor market is gradually nearing full employment and still adding jobs at a healthy pace. Inflation remains near the Fed's two percent target in both the core CPI and the full index, with 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

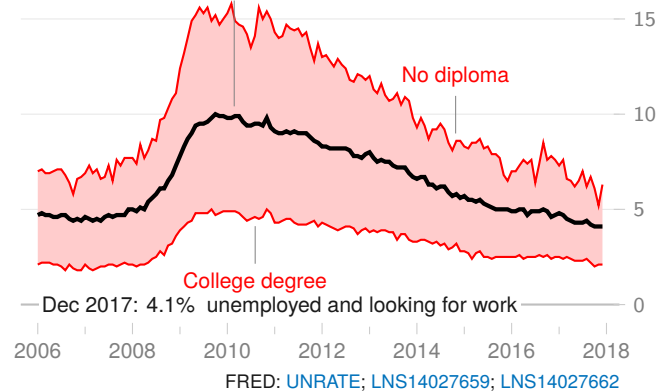
Real gross domestic product (GDP)

(Quarterly percent change, seasonally-adjusted annual rate)



Civilian unemployment rate (percent)

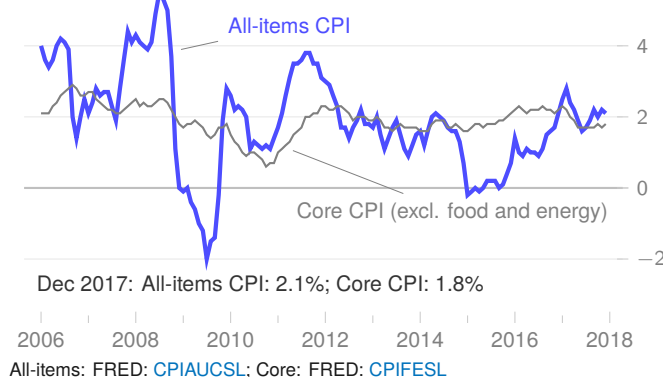
Unemployed and looking for work (U3 rate)



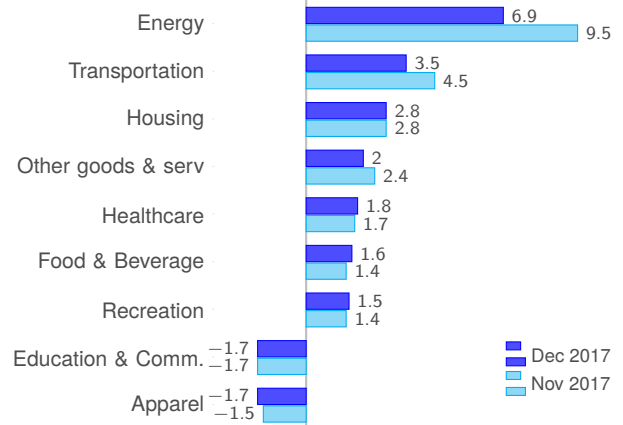
Inflation and Prices

Consumer price index (CPI) (annual percent change)

5-year expected annual inflation rate:
Jan 25, 2018: 2.2% (FRED: T5YIFR)



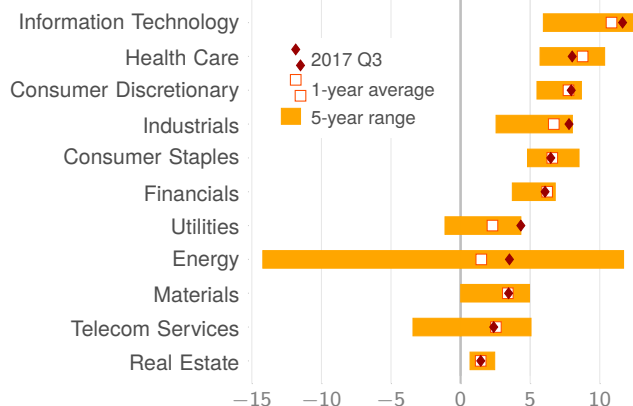
CPI components (annual percent change)



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	2872.87	▲ 7.1%	▲ 25.1%	2018-01-26
CBOE volatility index (VIX)	11.08	▲ 5.8%	▲ 4.2%	2018-01-26
Bank deposit interest rate	0.24%	0.00	▲ 0.10	Jan 2018
3-month treasury bill yield	1.41%	▼ -0.03	▲ 0.91	2018-01-26
2-year treasury bond yield	2.13%	▲ 0.24	▲ 0.90	2018-01-26
10-year treasury bond yield	2.66%	▲ 0.24	▲ 0.13	2018-01-26
30-year mortgage rate	4.15%	▲ 0.16	▼ -0.04	2018-01-25
US Dollar, broad index	118.00	▼ -1.6%	▼ -7.4%	Jan 2018
Crude oil, US\$/barrel	\$65.24	▲ 9.1%	▲ 23.2%	2018-01-25
Industrial production index	107.5	▲ 0.9%	▲ 3.6%	Dec 2017
Consumer confidence index	95.9	▼ -2.6%	▼ -2.3%	Dec 2017

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