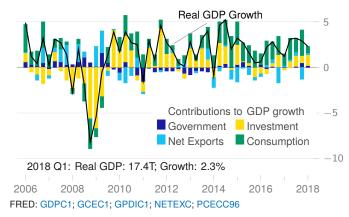
Fourth quarter U.S. economic growth, which remained strong, was driven by increased consumption and partially offset by a growing trade gap. The labor market is gradually nearing full employment and still adding jobs at a strong pace. Inflation remains near the Fed's two percent target in both the core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



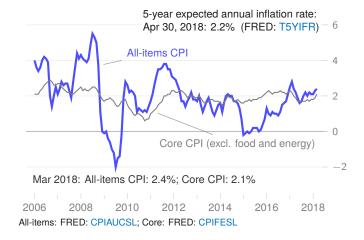


Civilian unemployment rate (percent)

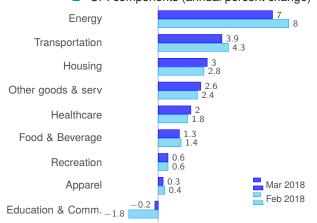
College degree Mar 2018: 4.1% unemployed and looking for work 2006 2008 2010 2014 2016 2018 FRED: UNRATE; LNS14027659; LNS14027662

Inflation and Prices

Consumer price index (CPI) (annual percent change)



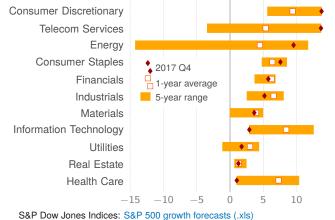
CPI components (annual percent change)



FRED: CPI Indexes

Markets, Interest Rates, and Other Indicators

S&P 500 reported earnings per share by industry



Recent market developments and other key indicators

		one month	one year	as of:
S&P 500 index	2654.80	▲ 1.5%	▲ 11.2%	2018-05-01
CBOE volatility index (VIX)	15.49	▼ -26.6%	▲ 53.2%	2018-05-01
Bank deposit interest rate	0.31%	▲ 0.02	▲ 0.14	Apr 2018
3-month treasury bill yield	1.85%	▲ 0.10	▲ 1.05	2018-05-01
2-year treasury bond yield	2.50%	▲ 0.22	▲ 1.22	2018-05-01
10-year treasury bond yield	2.97%	▲ 0.18	▲ 0.68	2018-05-01
30-year mortgage rate	4.58%	▲ 0.14	▲ 0.55	2018-04-26
US Dollar, broad index	118.10	▼ -0.0%	▼ -4.9%	Apr 2018
Crude oil, US\$/barrel	\$67.50	▲ 6.2%	▲ 38.5%	2018-05-01
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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