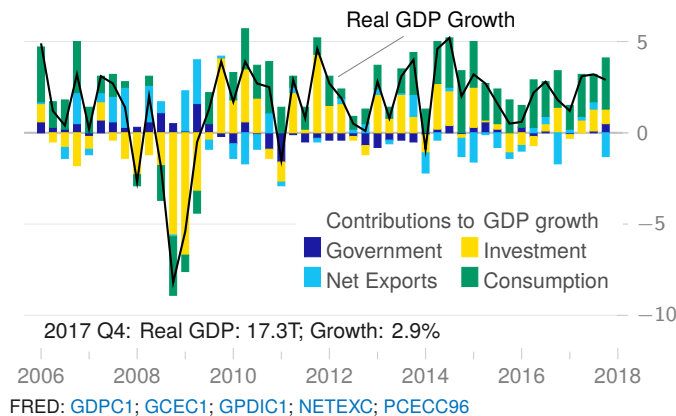


Fourth quarter U.S. economic growth, which remained strong, was driven by increased consumption and partially offset by a growing trade gap. The labor market is gradually nearing full employment and still adding jobs at a strong pace. Inflation remains near the Fed's two percent target in both the core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

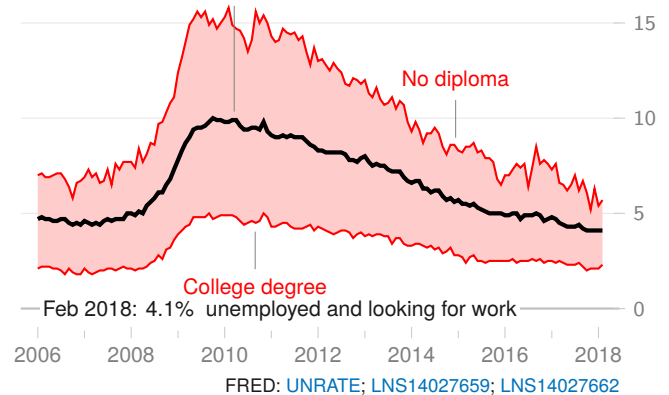
Real gross domestic product (GDP)

(Quarterly percent change, seasonally-adjusted annual rate)



Civilian unemployment rate (percent)

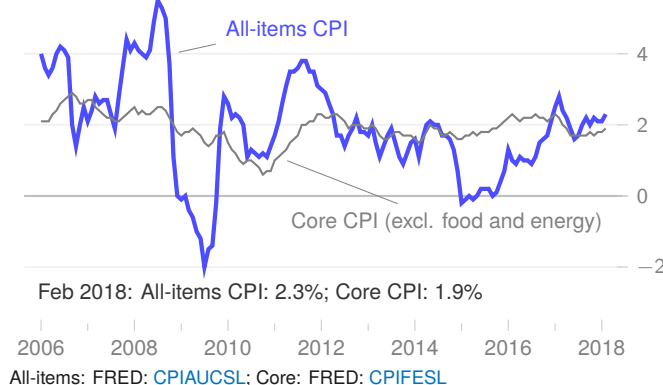
Unemployed and looking for work (U3 rate)



Inflation and Prices

Consumer price index (CPI) (annual percent change)

5-year expected annual inflation rate:
Mar 29, 2018: 2.2% (FRED: T5YIFR)



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	2614.45	▼ -3.9%	▲ 10.7%	2018-04-03
CBOE volatility index (VIX)	21.10	▲ 12.7%	▲ 70.6%	2018-04-03
Bank deposit interest rate	0.28%	▲ 0.01	▲ 0.13	Mar 2018
3-month treasury bill yield	1.75%	▲ 0.05	▲ 0.97	2018-04-03
2-year treasury bond yield	2.28%	▲ 0.04	▲ 1.00	2018-04-03
10-year treasury bond yield	2.79%	▼ -0.09	▲ 0.37	2018-04-03
30-year mortgage rate	4.44%	▲ 0.01	▲ 0.30	2018-03-29
US Dollar, broad index	118.09	▲ 0.4%	▼ -5.6%	Mar 2018
Crude oil, US\$/barrel	\$63.59	▲ 1.6%	▲ 25.1%	2018-04-03
Industrial production index	106.5	▲ 0.9%	▲ 4.3%	Feb 2018
Consumer confidence index	101.4	▲ 1.7%	▲ 4.6%	Mar 2018

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