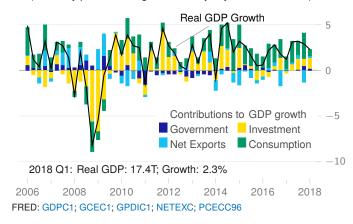
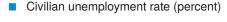
Fourth quarter U.S. economic growth, which remained strong, was driven by increased consumption and partially offset by a growing trade gap. The labor market is gradually nearing full employment and still adding jobs at a strong pace. Inflation remains near the Fed's two percent target in both the core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

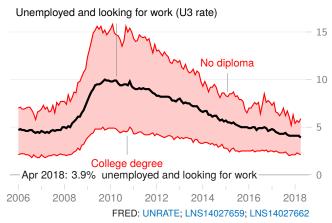
Economic Growth and Employment

Real gross domestic product (GDP)

(Quarterly percent change, seasonally-adjusted annual rate)

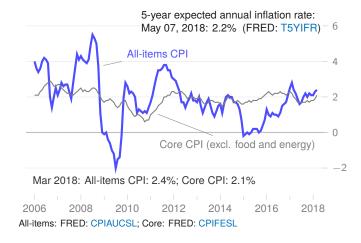




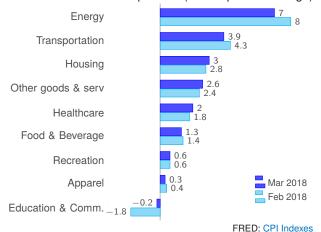


Inflation and Prices

Consumer price index (CPI) (annual percent change)

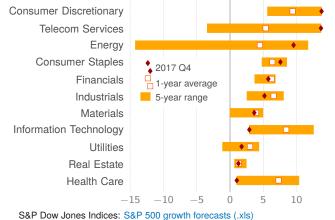


CPI components (annual percent change)



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	2671.92	▲ 0.6%	▲ 11.4%	2018-05-08
CBOE volatility index (VIX)	14.71	▼ -28.1%	▲ 50.6%	2018-05-08
Bank deposit interest rate	0.31%	▲ 0.03	▲ 0.14	Apr 2018
3-month treasury bill yield	1.87%	▲ 0.13	▲ 0.97	2018-05-08
2-year treasury bond yield	2.51%	▲ 0.19	▲ 1.19	2018-05-08
10-year treasury bond yield	2.97%	▲ 0.17	▲ 0.61	2018-05-08
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	\$70.14	▲ 7.0%	▲ 50.8%	2018-05-08
Industrial production index	107.2	▲ 0.5%	▲ 4.3%	Mar 2018
Consumer confidence index	98.8	▼ -2.6%	▲ 1.9%	Apr 2018

Retrieved from FRED, CBOE, Quandl, and University of Michigan