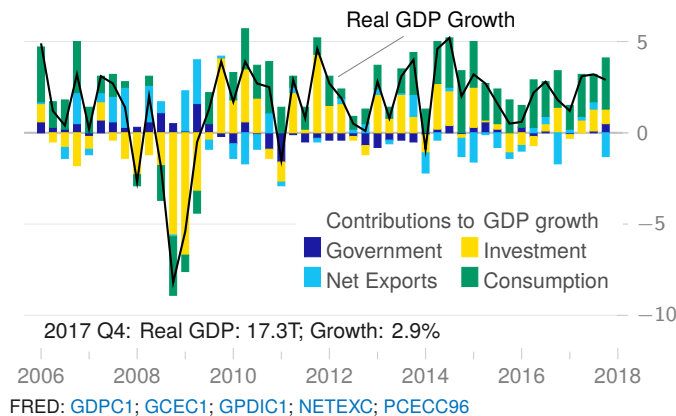


Fourth quarter U.S. economic growth, which remained strong, was driven by increased consumption and partially offset by a growing trade gap. The labor market is gradually nearing full employment and still adding jobs at a strong pace. Inflation remains near the Fed's two percent target in both the core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

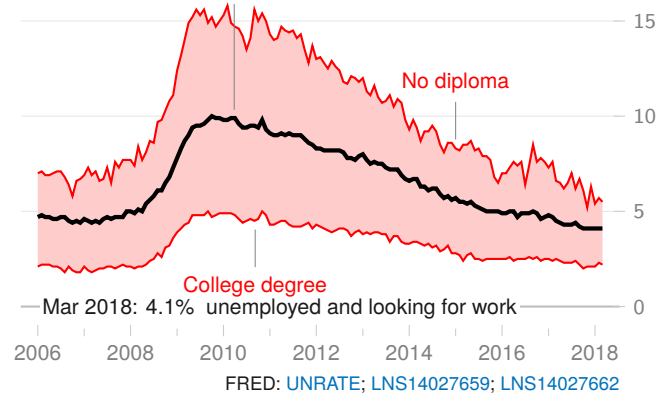
Real gross domestic product (GDP)

(Quarterly percent change, seasonally-adjusted annual rate)



Civilian unemployment rate (percent)

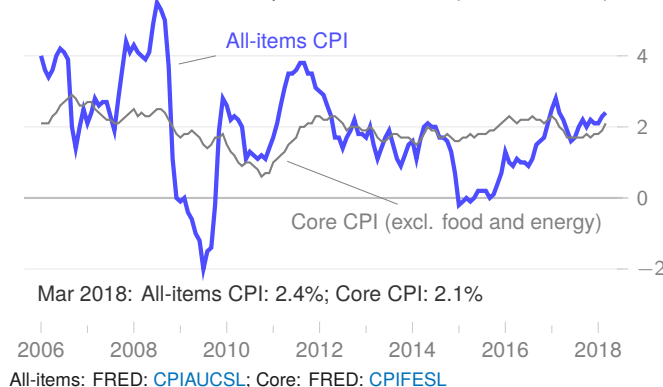
Unemployed and looking for work (U3 rate)



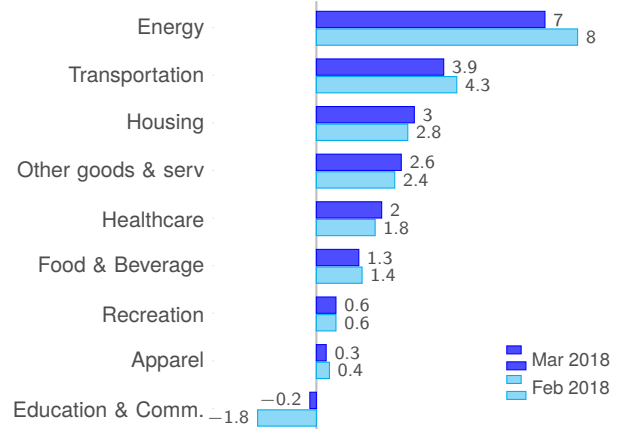
Inflation and Prices

Consumer price index (CPI) (annual percent change)

5-year expected annual inflation rate:
Apr 16, 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	2706.39	▼ -0.2%	▲ 15.2%	2018-04-17
CBOE volatility index (VIX)	15.25	▼ -19.8%	▲ 4.0%	2018-04-17
Bank deposit interest rate	0.29%	▲ 0.02	▲ 0.14	Mar 2018
3-month treasury bill yield	1.80%	0.00	▲ 0.99	2018-04-17
2-year treasury bond yield	2.41%	▲ 0.10	▲ 1.20	2018-04-17
10-year treasury bond yield	2.82%	▼ -0.03	▲ 0.58	2018-04-17
30-year mortgage rate	4.42%	▼ -0.02	▲ 0.34	2018-04-12
US Dollar, broad index	117.67	▼ -0.4%	▼ -5.2%	Apr 2018
Crude oil, US\$/barrel	\$66.66	▲ 7.2%	▲ 26.4%	2018-04-17
Industrial production index	107.2	▲ 0.5%	▲ 4.3%	Mar 2018
Consumer confidence index	101.4	▲ 1.7%	▲ 4.6%	Mar 2018

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