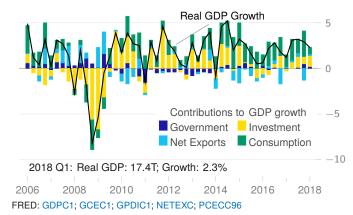
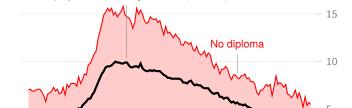
Fourth quarter U.S. economic growth, which remained strong, was driven by increased consumption and partially offset by a growing trade gap. The labor market is gradually nearing full employment and still adding jobs at a strong pace. Inflation remains near the Fed's two percent target in both the core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





Unemployed and looking for work (U3 rate)

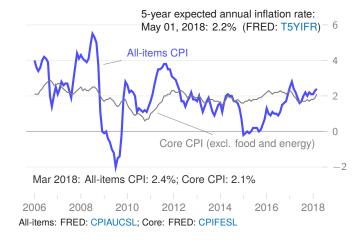
College degree Mar 2018: 4.1% unemployed and looking for work 2006 2008 2010 2014 2016 2018

FRED: UNRATE; LNS14027659; LNS14027662

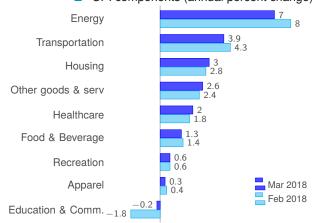
Civilian unemployment rate (percent)

Inflation and Prices

Consumer price index (CPI) (annual percent change)



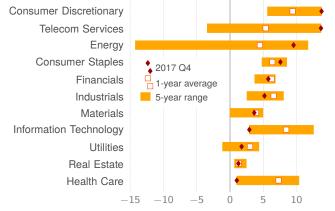
CPI components (annual percent change)



FRED: CPI Indexes

Markets, Interest Rates, and Other Indicators

S&P 500 reported earnings per share by industry



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 | 2635.67 | ▼ -0.3% | ▲ 10.2% | 2018-05-02 |
| CBOE volatility index (VIX) | 15.97 | ▼ -20.4% | ▲ 50.8% | 2018-05-02 |
| Bank deposit interest rate | 0.31% | ▲ 0.02 | ▲ 0.14 | Apr 2018 |
| 3-month treasury bill yield | 1.84% | ▲ 0.13 | ▲ 1.01 | 2018-05-02 |
| 2-year treasury bond yield | 2.49% | ▲ 0.21 | ▲ 1.21 | 2018-05-02 |
| 10-year treasury bond yield | 2.97% | ▲ 0.18 | ▲ 0.64 | 2018-05-02 |
| 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 | \$67.68 | ▲ 6.5% | ▲ 40.8% | 2018-05-02 |
| 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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