

First quarter U.S. economic growth slowed considerably from lower consumption spending, despite an improvement in exports. The unemployment rate is gradually nearing its long-run full-capacity level. Inflation is around two percent in both the core CPI and the full index, with no expected acceleration. Elevated consumer confidence and P/E ratios, with near long-term low equity market volatility, show an extraordinary level of optimism. The yield curve for government debt has flattened while the dollar remains strong.

## Economic Growth and Employment

### Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

(Quarterly percent change, seasonally-adjusted annual rate)



### Civilian unemployment rate (percent)

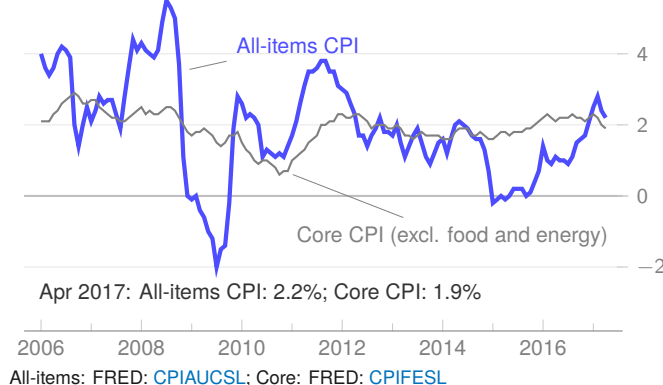
Unemployed and looking for work (U3 rate)



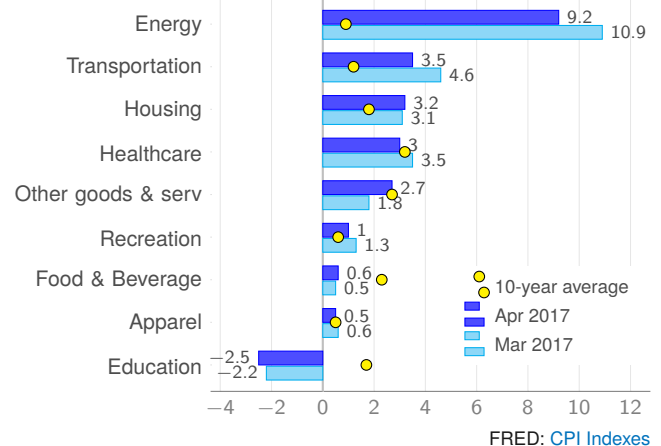
## Inflation and Prices

### Consumer price index (CPI) (annual percent change)

5-year expected annual inflation rate:  
May 22, 2017: 1.9% (FRED: [T5YIFR](#))

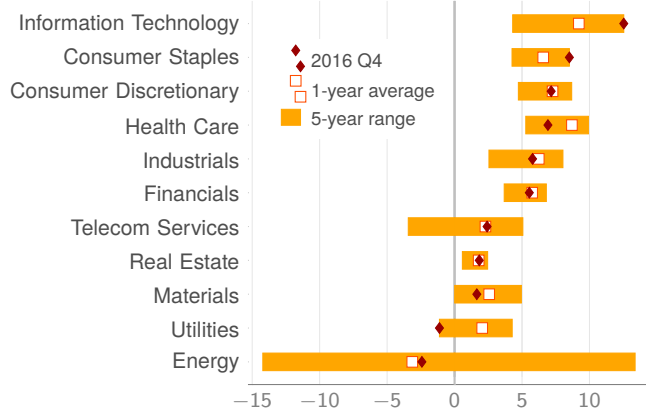


### CPI components (annual percent change)



## 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	2398.42	▲ 0.4%	▲ 16.9%	2017-05-23
CBOE volatility index (VIX)	10.72	▼ -0.4%	▼ -32.2%	2017-05-23
Bank deposit interest rate	0.17%	0.00	▲ 0.06	Apr 2017
3-month treasury bill yield	0.92%	▲ 0.10	▲ 0.61	2017-05-23
2-year treasury bond yield	1.31%	▲ 0.02	▲ 0.42	2017-05-23
10-year treasury bond yield	2.29%	▼ -0.06	▲ 0.44	2017-05-23
30-year mortgage rate	4.02%	▲ 0.05	▲ 0.44	2017-05-18
US Dollar, broad index	124.23	▼ -0.1%	▲ 2.9%	May 2017
Crude oil, US\$/barrel	\$50.81	▲ 3.3%	▲ 6.6%	2017-05-22
Industrial production index	105.1	▲ 1.0%	▲ 2.2%	Apr 2017
Consumer confidence index	97.0	▲ 0.1%	▲ 9.0%	Apr 2017

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