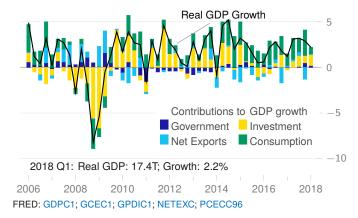
Fourth quarter U.S. economic growth, which remained strong, was driven by increased consumption and partially offset by a growing trade gap. The labor market is gradually nearing full employment and still adding jobs at a strong pace. Inflation remains near the Fed's two percent target in both the core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





May 2018: 3.8% unemployed and looking for work 2006 2008 2010 2014 2016 2018

College degree

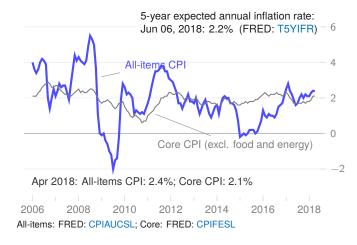
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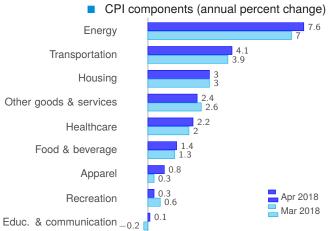
FRED: CPI Indexes

Civilian unemployment rate (percent)

## Inflation and Prices

Consumer price index (CPI) (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	2770.37	▲ 2.7%	▲ 13.9%	2018-06-07
CBOE volatility index (VIX)	12.13	▼ -9.6%	▲ 16.7%	2018-06-07
Bank deposit interest rate	0.34%	▲ 0.01	▲ 0.16	May 2018
3-month treasury bill yield	1.94%	▲ 0.06	▲ 0.97	2018-06-07
2-year treasury bond yield	2.50%	▼ -0.04	▲ 1.20	2018-06-07
10-year treasury bond yield	2.93%	▼ -0.07	▲ 0.79	2018-06-07
30-year mortgage rate	4.54%	▼ -0.01	▲ 0.65	2018-06-07
US Dollar, broad index	122.32	▲ 0.7%	▲ 0.2%	Jun 2018
Crude oil, US\$/barrel	\$65.95	▼ -7.5%	<b>▲</b> 44.1%	2018-06-07
Industrial production index	107.3	▲ 0.7%	▲ 3.5%	Apr 2018
Consumer confidence index	98.0	▼ -0.8%	▲ 0.9%	May 2018

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