



ECONOMIC FORECAST DETAIL – UNITED STATES

August 2018

Real growth in the economy (Quarter-over-quarter annualized % change unless otherwise indicated)

| | Actuals | | | | Forecast | | | | | | | | Actual | | Forecast | |
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| | 2017 | | | | 2018 | | | | 2019 | | | | year-over-year | | % change | |
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| Consumer spending | 1.8 | 2.9 | 2.2 | 3.9 | 0.5 | 4.0 | 3.2 | 2.7 | 1.7 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.4 |
| Durables | 1.9 | 8.6 | 7.8 | 12.6 | -2.0 | 9.3 | 4.5 | 2.8 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 1.6 | 5.5 | 6.8 | 5.7 | 3.0 |
| Non-durables | 1.9 | 4.0 | 2.3 | 4.0 | 0.1 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 3.5 | 1.9 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 1.8 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 2.9 | 2.8 |
| Services | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 2.6 | 1.0 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 1.6 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.2 |
| Government spending | -0.8 | 0.1 | -1.0 | 2.4 | 1.5 | 2.1 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 1.4 | -0.1 | 1.6 | 2.4 |
| Residential investment | 11.1 | -5.5 | -0.5 | 11.2 | -3.4 | -1.0 | 0.0 | 3.4 | 1.8 | 0.9 | 1.9 | 1.2 | 6.5 | 3.3 | 0.7 | 1.5 |
| Non-residential investment | 9.6 | 7.3 | 3.4 | 4.9 | 11.5 | 7.4 | 3.9 | 5.7 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 0.5 | 5.3 | 6.9 | 3.7 |
| Non-residential structures | 12.8 | 3.8 | -5.8 | 1.3 | 13.9 | 13.2 | 3.0 | 5.2 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | -5.0 | 4.6 | 6.2 | 4.3 |
| Equipment & software | 9.1 | 9.7 | 9.8 | 9.9 | 8.5 | 3.8 | 5.0 | 6.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 0.7 | 0.1 | -1.5 | 6.1 | 7.5 | 3.7 |
| Intellectual property | 7.9 | 6.6 | 1.7 | 0.7 | 14.1 | 8.2 | 3.0 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 3.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 7.5 | 4.6 | 6.4 | 4.2 |
| Final domestic demand | 2.6 | 2.6 | 1.7 | 4.0 | 1.9 | 3.9 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.9 | 2.6 |
| Exports | 5.0 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 6.6 | 3.6 | 9.3 | 1.0 | 2.5 | 1.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | -0.1 | 3.0 | 4.8 | 2.7 |
| Imports | 4.8 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 11.8 | 3.0 | 0.5 | 7.5 | 6.0 | 5.4 | 3.3 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 1.9 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.6 |
| Inventories (change in \$b) | -2.4 | 11.9 | 64.4 | 16.1 | 30.3 | -27.9 | 5.0 | 15.0 | 25.0 | 27.0 | 27.0 | 32.0 | 23.4 | 22.5 | 5.6 | 27.8 |
| Real gross domestic product | 1.8 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 4.1 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 1.8 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 2.2 | 2.8 | 2.4 |

Other indicators (Year-over-year % change unless otherwise indicated)

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|---------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Business and labour | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Productivity | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.2 |
| Pre-tax corporate profits | 3.0 | 3.6 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 5.9 | 7.1 | 7.5 | 5.8 | 4.8 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.1 | -1.1 | 3.2 | 6.6 | 3.0 |
| Unemployment rate (%)* | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 3.7 |
| Inflation | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Headline CPI | 2.5 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 1.3 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 2.5 |
| CPI ex. food and energy | 2.2 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 2.3 |
| External trade | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current account balance (\$b)* | -431 | -487 | -414 | -465 | -496 | -430 | -474 | -510 | -534 | -544 | -550 | -558 | -433 | -449 | -477 | -547 |
| % of GDP* | -2.3 | -2.5 | -2.1 | -2.4 | -2.5 | -2.1 | -2.3 | -2.4 | -2.5 | -2.5 | -2.6 | -2.6 | -2.3 | -2.3 | -2.3 | -2.6 |
| Housing starts (000s)* | 1231 | 1171 | 1172 | 1259 | 1317 | 1262 | 1300 | 1315 | 1315 | 1315 | 1325 | 1325 | 1177 | 1208 | 1299 | 1320 |
| Motor vehicle sales (millions, saar)* | 17.1 | 16.8 | 17.1 | 17.6 | 17.1 | 17.2 | 17.3 | 17.3 | 17.3 | 17.3 | 17.4 | 17.4 | 17.5 | 17.1 | 17.2 | 17.4 |

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