

RBC Economics

ECONOMIC FORECAST DETAIL — UNITED STATES

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	2025				2026				2027				<u>2025F</u>	<u>2026F</u>	<u>2027F</u>
	<u>Q1</u>	<u>Q2</u>	<u>Q3</u>	<u>Q4</u>	<u>Q1</u>	<u>Q2</u>	<u>Q3</u>	<u>Q4</u>	<u>Q1</u>	<u>Q2</u>	<u>Q3</u>	<u>Q4</u>			
Real gross domestic product	-0.6	3.8	2.5	0.5	1.7	1.5	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.8
Consumer Expenditures	0.6	2.5	2.7	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	2.5	1.3	1.5
Durables	-3.4	2.3	1.3	0.0	0.5	0.7	1.1	1.5	1.9	1.8	1.5	1.5	3.5	0.8	1.6
Non-Durables	2.2	2.2	4.0	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.6	1.6	1.2	1.3	1.0	1.0	3.1	1.3	1.3
Services	0.8	2.6	2.5	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.1	1.4	1.6
Government spending	-1.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.7	1.0	1.6	1.4	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.2	0.8	1.3
Residential Investment	-1.0	-5.1	-3.8	3.5	3.8	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.5	-1.4	2.3	3.8
Non-Residential Investment	9.5	7.3	4.2	0.6	1.7	2.7	4.0	3.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.0	4.1	2.7	3.3
Non-Res. Structures	-3.1	-7.5	-4.0	-3.8	-2.1	-2.0	-1.8	-1.5	-1.2	-0.9	-0.6	-0.3	-5.0	-2.9	-1.2
Non-Res. Equipment	21.3	8.5	10.0	0.5	0.8	3.0	5.7	5.5	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.0	8.7	3.6	3.8
Intellectual Property	6.5	15.0	3.0	3.0	4.5	4.9	5.3	5.2	5.1	4.9	4.8	4.7	5.2	4.9	5.0
Final Domestic Demand	1.4	2.4	2.2	0.7	1.1	1.5	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.4	2.3	1.5	1.9
Exports	0.2	-1.8	5.0	-3.0	3.0	1.8	2.3	1.8	2.0	1.0	0.3	1.9	1.1	1.4	1.6
Imports	38.0	-29.3	-3.0	2.0	3.0	3.5	3.5	2.8	2.1	1.4	0.7	0.0	3.1	-0.3	2.0
Inventories (change in \$b)	172.0	-18.3	-60.0	-40.0	-3.0	8.0	16.0	17.0	10.0	9.0	11.0	18.0	13.4	9.5	12.0
Labour market indicators															
Unemployment rate (%)	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.5	4.4
Policy rate and government bond yield	<u>ls</u>														
Fed Funds Rate (%, eop, top of range	4.50	4.50	4.25	3.75	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.25	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.75	3.50	3.00
Two-year	3.89	3.72	3.60	3.55	3.75	3.85	3.90	3.75	3.60	3.55	3.60	3.65	3.55	3.75	3.65
10-year	4.23	4.24	4.16	4.10	4.25	4.35	4.40	4.35	4.25	4.20	4.25	4.30	4.10	4.35	4.30
<u>Inflation</u>															
Headline CPI (y/y%)	2.7	2.4	2.9	3.0	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.8	2.7	2.3
CPI ex-food & energy (y/y%)	3.1	2.8	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.1	3.0	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.4	3.0	3.1	2.6
<u>Other</u>															
Housing starts (000s)	1401.0	1354.0	1445.7	1458.1	1459.1	1460.1	1461.1	1462.1	1463.1	1464.1	1465.1	1466.1	1414.7	1460.6	1464.6
Motor vehicle sales (mill,saar)	16.4	16.2	16.4	16.4	16.5	16.6	16.8	17.1	17.4	17.7	17.9	18.2	16.4	16.8	17.8
Productivity	1.2	1.5	1.5	1.0	1.9	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.2
Pre-tax corporate profits	6.4	3.6	5.9	0.6	2.5	3.0	2.3	2.5	2.0	1.6	1.1	0.6	4.0	2.6	1.3

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