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		2024 Q1	02	Q3	04	2025 Q1	Q2	Q3	04	2026 Q1	Q2	03	04	2023	2024	2025	2026
Production	q/q % chng : a.r.	7.	٦-	Α-	,	1	~ -	~~	٠,٠	1	Α_	Α,					
Real GDP (chain-weighted)		1.6	3.0	3.1	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.9	2.9	2.8	2.4	2.0
Final Sales		2.1	1.9	3.3	2.7	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.9	3.3	2.7	2.4	2.0
Final Domestic Demand		2.7	2.8	3.7	2.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.8	2.7	3.0	2.4	1.9
Consumer Spending		1.9	2.8	3.7	3.4	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.5	2.7	2.8	2.1
Durables		-1.8	5.5	7.6	6.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.9	2.9	4.2	2.3
Nondurables		-0.8	1.7	4.6	3.2	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.0	1.8	1.8	0.8	1.9	2.5	2.0
Services		3.4	2.7	2.8	3.0	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.9	2.9	2.6	2.1
Government Spending		1.8	3.1	5.1	1.3	0.3	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.3	0.6	0.8	3.9	3.3	1.5	1.1
Business Investment		4.5	3.9	4.0	-1.5	1.8	2.2	2.2	2.4	1.7	1.9	1.9	1.9	6.0	3.7	1.8	2.0
Non-residential Construction		6.3	0.2	-5.0	0.0	-1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	10.8	3.3	-0.4	1.4
Equipment		0.3	9.8	10.8	-7.0	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.5	3.5	1.7	2.0
Intellectual Property		7.5	0.7	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	1.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	5.8	4.1	2.9	2.2
Residential Construction		13.7	-2.8	-4.3	7.0	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.2	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	-8.3	4.3	2.1	1.8
Exports		1.9	1.0	9.6	-1.0	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5	2.8	3.2	3.1	3.4
Imports		6.1	7.6	10.7	-1.4	3.0	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	-1.2	5.3	3.2	2.4
Inventory Change	2017\$ blns : a.r.	17.7	71.7	57.9	30.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	33.1	44.4	40.0	40.0
Contrib. to GDP Growth	ppts : a.r.	-0.5	1.1	-0.2	-0.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Exports	2017\$ blns : a.r.	-977.0	-1,035.7	-1,069.2	-1,062.6	-1,069.2	-1,072.2	-1,074.5	-1,076.7	-1,074.2	-1,072.3	-1,070.2	-1,068.1	-932.8	-1,036.1	-1,073.2	-1,071.2
Contrib. to GDP Growth	ppts : a.r.	-0.6	-0.9	-0.4	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	-0.5	-0.2	0.0
Nominal GDP	\$ blns : a.r.	28,624	29,017	29,375	29,687	30,039	30,363	30,678	30,982	31,289	31,597	31,896	32,201	27,721	29,176	30,516	31,746
Growth	q/q % chng : a.r.	4.7	5.6	5.0	4.3	4.8	4.4	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.9	6.6	5.2	4.6	4.0
Real GDP	y/y % chng	2.9	3.0	2.7	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.9				
Inflation	q/q % chng : a.r.																
GDP Price Index		3.0	2.5	1.9	2.0	2.5	2.2	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.6	2.4	2.2	2.0
Core PCE Deflator		3.7	2.8	2.2	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	4.1	2.8	2.5	2.1
CPI All Items		3.8	2.8	1.2	3.1	3.6	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	4.1	3.0	2.7	2.2
Ex. Food and Energy		4.2	3.2	2.2	3.5	2.8	2.6	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	4.8	3.4	2.7	2.2
Food Prices		2.6	1.1	2.3	3.4	3.0	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	5.8	2.3	2.7	2.3
Energy Prices		1.2	2.3	-12.0	-2.1	14.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	-4.9	-1.3	2.3	2.1
Services		6.6	4.3	3.2	4.1	2.9	2.6	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	6.0	4.9	3.1	2.2
CPI All Items	y/y % chng	3.2	3.2	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.9	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2				
Ex. Food and Energy	y/y % chng	3.8	3.4	3.2	3.3	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2				
Core PCE Deflator	y/y % chnq	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.1				
Financial	% : quarterly avg.										-	-					
Fed Funds Rate	or quarterly angl	5.38	5.38	5.21	4.63	4.38	4.29	4.04	3.79	3.54	3.38	3.29	3.13	5.10	5.15	4.13	3.33
90-Day T-Bill		5.45	5.47	5.22	4.58	4.35	4.30	4.05	3.80	3.55	3.30	3.30	3.05	5.28	5.18	4.15	3.30
1-Year T-Bill		4.90	5.14	4.45	4.26	4.20	4.15	3.95	3.70	3.55	3.35	3.25	3.15	5.08	4.69	4.00	3.30
10-Year Bond Yield		4.16	4.44	3.95	4.28	4.65	4.55	4.40	4.20	4.05	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.96	4.21	4.45	4.00
10-Year BBB Corporate Spread	ppts	1.21	1.13	1.20	1.04	1.08	1.35	1.62	1.88	1.97	1.97	1.97	1.97	1.57	1.15	1.48	1.97
Foreign Trade	\$ blns : a.r.													1.01			
Current Account Balance	7 0113 . 0.11	-964	-1,100	-1,244	-1,192	-1,199	-1,205	-1,215	-1,221	-1,221	-1,221	-1,218	-1,218	-905	-1,125	-1,210	-1,220
Share of GDP		-3.4	-3.8	-4.2	-4.0	-4.0	-4.0	-4.0	-3.9	-3.9	-3.9	-3.8	-3.8	-3.3	-3.9	-4.0	-3.8
Merchandise Balance		-1,108	-1,189	-1,229	-1,243	-1,258	-1,269	-1,280	-1,291	-1,297	-1,305	-1,312	-1,319	-1,063	-1,192	-1,274	-1,308
Non-Merchandise Balance		144	89	-15	51	59	63	65	70	77	83	94	101	158	67	64	89
Yen	¥/US\$: qtr. avg.	149	156	149	152	155	153	151	150	149	148	147	145	140	151	152	147
Euro	US\$/€ : qtr. avg.	1.09	1.08	1.10	1.07	1.02	1.02	1.04	1.05	1.06	1.06	1.07	1.08	1.08	1.08	1.03	1.07
Pound	US\$/£ : atr. avg.	1.27	1.26	1.30	1.28	1.21	1.21	1.23	1.24	1.26	1.27	1.28	1.30	1.24	1.28	1.22	1.28
Trade-Wt. Dollar (broad)	Jan. '97 = 100	121.0	122.9	122.9	126.0	129.9	129.2	127.9	126.8	126.0	125.2	124.5	123.8	120.5	123.2	128.5	124.9
WTI Spot	US\$/bbl : qtr. avg.	77.3	81.0	75.8	70.3	75.0	75.0	75.0	75.0	75.0	75.0	75.0	75.0	77.6	76.1	75.0	75.0
Henry Hub Spot																	
	US\$/mmbtu : qtr. avg.	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.4	3.5	3.0	3.0	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	2.5	2.2	3.3	3.3
Incomes	y/y % chng	0.3	400														
Pre-Tax Profits w/IVA,CCA		8.2	10.8	6.0	2.5	5.5	3.0	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.0	3.9	6.9	6.8	4.3	4.0
Personal Income		5.9	5.5	5.2	5.3	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.1		4.1	4.1	4.0	5.9	5.5	4.1	4.1
Real Disposable Income	0/	3.4	2.8	2.7	2.5	1.4	1.5	1.8	1.7	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	5.1	2.8	1.6	2.0
Savings Rate	% : quarterly avg.	5.4	4.9	4.3	4.1	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	4.7	4.7	3.6	3.5
Other Indicators	quarterly avg.																
Unemployment Rate	percent	3.8	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.1	3.6	4.0	4.3	4.2
Housing Starts	mlns : a.r.	1.41	1.34	1.33	1.38	1.42	1.42	1.43	1.44	1.44	1.45	1.45	1.46	1.42	1.36	1.43	1.45
Existing Home Sales	mlns : a.r.	4.20	4.05	3.89	4.07	4.25	4.50	4.80	5.00		5.10	5.12	5.15	4.10	4.05	4.64	5.11
Home Prices (Case-Shiller)	y/y % chng	7.3	6.9	5.2	4.2	3.8	3.1	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.5		2.4	1.8	5.9	3.0	2.5
Motor Vehicle Sales	mlns : a.r.	15.6	15.9	15.8	16.7	16.4	16.3	16.4	16.4	16.5	16.5	16.6	16.7	15.6	16.0	16.4	16.6
Payroll Employment Growth	q/q % chng : a.r.	2.0	1.5	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.1	2.3	1.6	1.2	1.2
Industrial Production	q/q % chng : a.r.	-1.8	2.4	-0.6	-0.8	3.4	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.2	-0.3	1.5	1.9
CBO Budget Deficit	% of GDP													-6.2	-6.4	-6.5	-6.4
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