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		2024 Q1	02	Q3	04	2025 Q1	02	Q3	04	2026 Q1	02	03	04	2023	2024	2025	2026
Production	g/g % chng : a.r.	٠,٠	4-	43	۷.	٩.	4-	43	٧.	٧.	4-	43	٧.				
Real GDP (chain-weighted)		1.6	3.0	3.1	2.3	2.1	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	3.2	1.7	2.0	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	3.1	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.1	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.8	2.7	3.0	2.5	1.9
Consumer Spending		1.9	2.8	3.7	4.2	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.5	2.8	3.0	2.1
Durables		-1.8	5.5	7.6	12.1	2.7	3.0	3.0	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.9	3.3	5.2	2.3
Nondurables		-0.8	1.7	4.6	3.8	2.7	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.0	1.8	1.8	0.8	1.9	2.8	2.0
Services		3.4	2.7	2.8	3.1	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.1
Government Spending		1.8	3.1	5.1	2.5	0.7	0.0	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	0.6	0.8	3.9	3.4	1.7	1.1
Business Investment	•	4.5	3.9	4.0	-2.2	1.4	2.2	2.2	2.4	1.7	1.9	1.9	1.9	6.0	3.7	1.5	2.0
Non-residential Construction	I	6.3 0.3	0.2 9.8	-5.0	-1.1	-1.6 1.5	1.0 2.0	1.0	2.0	1.4 2.0	1.4 2.0	1.4	1.4	10.8 3.5	3.2	-0.8	1.4
Equipment Intellectual Property		7.5	0.7	10.8 3.1	-7.8 2.6	2.6	3.0	2.0 3.0	2.0 3.0	1.5	2.0	2.0 2.0	2.0 2.0	5.8	3.4 4.1	1.5 2.7	2.0 2.2
Residential Construction		13.7	-2.8	-4.3	5.3	1.0	2.5	2.3	2.2	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	-8.3	4.1	1.4	1.8
Exports		1.9	1.0	9.6	-0.8	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	-0.8	6.0	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	-1.2	5.4	4.1	2.4
Inventory Change	2017\$ blns : a.r.	17.7	71.7	57.9	4.4	27.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	33.1	37.9	36.8	40.0
Contrib. to GDP Growth	ppts : a.r.	-0.5	1.1	-0.2	-0.9	0.4	0.2	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		-1,069.2	-1,066.8		-1,103.5		-1,108.5		-1,104.3			-932.8		-1,104.6	
Contrib. to GDP Growth	ppts : a.r.	-0.6	-0.9	-0.4	0.0	-0.6	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	-0.5	-0.3	0.0
Nominal GDP	\$ blns : a.r.	28,624	29,017	29,375	29,701	30,077	30,405				31,644		32,250	27,721	29,179	30,559	
Growth	q/q % chnq : a.r.	4.7	5.6	5.0	4.5	5.2	4.4	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.9	6.6	5.3	4.7	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	2.1	2.0	1.9				
Inflation	q/q % chng : a.r.																
GDP Price Index		3.0	2.5	1.9	2.2	2.9	2.1	2.1	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.6	2.4	2.3	2.0
Core PCE Deflator		3.7	2.8	2.2	2.5	3.1	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	4.1	2.8	2.6	2.2
CPI All Items		3.7	2.8	1.4	3.0	4.1	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	4.1	3.0	2.8	2.2
Ex. Food and Energy		4.2	3.1	2.4	3.4	3.7	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	4.8	3.4	3.0	2.2
Food Prices		2.4	1.5	2.3	3.2	3.5	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	5.8	2.3	2.7	2.2
Energy Prices		0.5	1.2	-11.0	-1.3	11.9	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	-4.9	-1.3	2.0	2.1
Services		6.4	4.3	3.4	4.0	4.1	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	6.0	4.9	3.4	2.2
CPI All Items	y/y % chng	3.2	3.2	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	3.0	2.8	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2				
Ex. Food and Energy	y/y % chng	3.8	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.7	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2				
Core PCE Deflator	y/y % chng	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.1				
Financial	% : quarterly avg.	F 20	F 20	F 24	4.63	4.30	4 30	4 20	404	2.70	254	2.20	242	F 10	F 1F	4 37	2.44
Fed Funds Rate 90-Day T-Bill		5.38 5.45	5.38 5.47	5.21 5.22	4.63 4.58	4.38 4.35	4.38 4.35	4.29 4.30	4.04 4.05	3.79 3.80	3.54 3.55	3.29 3.30	3.13 3.05	5.10 5.28	5.15 5.18	4.27 4.25	3.44 3.40
1-Year T-Bill		4.90	5.14	4.45	4.26	4.35	4.35	4.10	3.90	3.70	3.50	3.25	3.15	5.08	4.69	4.23	3.40
10-Year Bond Yield		4.16	4.44	3.95	4.28	4.60	4.25	4.40	4.30	4.15	4.05	4.00	4.00	3.96	4.03	4.45	4.05
10-Year BBB Corporate Spread	ppts	1.21	1.13	1.20	1.04	1.02	1.27	1.57	1.87	1.98	1.98	1.98	1.98	1.57	1.15	1.43	1.98
Foreign Trade	\$ blns : a.r.	1.21	1.13	1.20	1.01	1.02	1,2,	1,57	1.07	1.20	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.57	1.13	11-13	1.70
Current Account Balance	7 UIII3 . G.II.	-964	-1,100	-1,244	-1,194	-1,231	-1,237	-1,244	-1,250	-1,248	-1,247	-1,252	-1,253	-905	-1,125	-1,240	-1,250
Share of GDP		-3.4	-3.8	-4.2	-4.0	-4.1	-4.1	-4.0	-4.0	-4.0	-3.9	-3.9	-3.9	-3.3	-3.9	-4.1	-3.9
Merchandise Balance		-1,108	-1,189	-1,229	-1,243	-1,282	-1,293	-1,305	-1,316	-1,323	-1,331		-1,346	-1,063	-1,192	-1,299	-1,335
Non-Merchandise Balance		144	89	-15	50	51	56	61	66	75	84	86	93	158	67	59	85
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\$/£ : qtr. avg.	1.27	1.26	1.30	1.28	1.23	1.21	1.23	1.24	1.26	1.27	1.28	1.30	1.24	1.28	1.23	1.28
Trade-Wt. Dollar (broad)	Jan. '97 = 100	121.0	122.9	122.9	126.1	129.3	129.2	128.0	127.0	126.2	125.4	124.7	124.0	120.5	123.2	128.4	125.1
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																
Pre-Tax Profits w/IVA,CCA		8.2	10.8	6.0	2.5	5.7	3.1	4.6	4.5	4.2	4.1	4.0	3.9	6.9	6.8	4.4	4.0
Personal Income		5.9	5.5	5.2	5.4	4.2	4.4	4.7	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.1	5.9	5.5	4.5	4.3
Real Disposable Income		3.4	2.8	2.7	2.6	1.5	1.8	2.1	2.0		2.3	2.2	2.1	5.1	2.9	1.8	2.2
Savings Rate	% : quarterly avg.	5.4	4.9	4.3	4.1	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.8	4.7	4.7	3.7	3.8
Other Indicators	quarterly avg.																
Unemployment Rate	percent	3.8	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.2		4.1	3.6	4.0	4.2	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		1.46	1.42	1.36	1.43	1.45
Existing Home Sales	mlns : a.r.	4.20	4.05	3.89	4.12	4.25	4.50	4.80	5.00		5.10		5.15	4.10	4.06	4.64	5.11
Home Prices (Case-Shiller)	y/y % chng	7.3	6.8	5.2	4.3	4.0	3.4	2.9	2.6		2.5		2.4	1.8	5.9	3.2	2.5
Motor Vehicle Sales	mlns : a.r.	15.6	15.9	15.8	16.7	16.0	16.3	16.4	16.4	16.5	16.5		16.7	15.6	16.0	16.3	16.6
Payroll Employment Growth	q/q % chng : a.r.	1.5	1.3	0.9	1.3	1.5	1.1	1.2	1.2		1.3		1.1	2.2	1.3	1.2	1.2
Industrial Production	q/q % chng : a.r.	-1.8	2.4	-0.6	-1.4	5.3	2.1	2,1	2,1	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.2	-0.3	1.9	1.9
CBO Budget Deficit	% of GDP													-6.2	-6.4	-6.5	-6.4

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