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		2022				2024				2025							
		2023 Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2024 Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2025 Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2022	2023	2024	2025
Production	q/q % chng : a.r.		·			Ì	Ì	·	Ì								
Real GDP (chain-weighted)		2.2	2.1	4.9	3.4	1.6	1.7	1.4	1.6	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.5	2.4	1.8
Final Sales		4.6	2.1	3.6	3.9	2.0	1.6	1.4	1.5	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.3	2.9	2.4	1.8
Final Domestic Demand		3.8	2.0	3.5	3.6	2.8	1.9	1.4	1.6	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.7	2.3	2.5	1.8
Consumer Spending		3.8	0.8	3.1	3.3	2.5	2.0	1.5	1.7	2.1	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.5	2.2	2.3	1.9
Durables		14.0	-0.3	6.7	3.2	-1.2	2.0	1.5	1.6	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.5	-0.3	4.2	1.7	2.1
Nondurables		0.5	0.9	3.9	2.9	0.0	1.5	1.5	1.6	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.2	0.6	0.8	1.6	1.9
Services		3.1	1.0	2.2	3.4	4.0	2.1	1.5	1.7	2.1	1.8	1.9	2.0	3.7	2.3	2.7	1.9
Government Spending		4.8	3.3	5.8	4.6	1.2	1.6	0.3	0.5	1.0	1.4	1.4	1.1	-0.9	4.1	2.4	1.0
Business Investment		5.7	7.4	1.4	3.7	2.9	1.9	1.7	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4	5.2	4.5	2.8	2.2 1.7
Non-residential Construction	I	30.3 -4.1	16.1 7.7	11.2	10.9 -1.1	-0.1 2.1	0.5 1.5	1.5	1.5	1.8 1.8	2.0 2.0	2.0	2.0	-2.1 5.2	13.2 -0.3	4.6 0.7	1.7
Equipment Intellectual Property		3.8	2.7	-4.4 1.8	4.3	5.4	3.0	1.0 2.5	1.5 3.0	3.0	3.0	2.0 3.0	2.0 3.0	9.1	4.5	3.6	2.9
Residential Construction		-5.3	-2.2	6.7	2.8	13.9	2.0	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.2	-9.0	-10.6	5.4	2.4
Exports		6.8	-9.3	5.4	5.1	0.9	1.0	1.5	1.8	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.1	7.0	2.6	1.7	2.4
Imports		1.3	-7.6	4.2	2.2	7.2	3.0	1.5	2.0	2.0	2.3	2.3	2.1	8.6	-1.7	3.1	2.1
Inventory Change	2017\$ blns : a.r.	27.2	14.9	77.8	54.9	35.4	40.0	45.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	127.0	44.0	42.8	50.0
Contrib. to GDP Growth	ppts : a.r.	-2.2	0.0	1.3	-0.5	-0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	-0.4	0.0	0.0
Net Exports	2017\$ blns : a.r.	-935.1	-928.2	-930.7	-918.5	-973.2	-992.9	-996.6			-1,012.9	-1,018.7	-1,024.9	-1,051.0	-928.1		
Contrib. to GDP Growth	ppts : a.r.	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.2	-0.9	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5	0.6	-0.3	-0.1
Nominal GDP	\$ blns : a.r.	26,814	27,063	27,610	27,957	28,285	28,591	28,818			29,665		30,257	25,744	27,361	28,695	
Growth	g/g % chng : a.r.	6.3	3.8	8.3	5.1	4.8	4.4	3.2	3.8	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	9.1	6.3	4.9	3.9
Real GDP	v/v % chna	1.7	2.4	2.9	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.0	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.9	2.0	,	0.5		2
Inflation	q/q % chnq : a.r.	1.7	2.1	2.7	5.1	5.0	2.,,	2.0	1.0			1.,,	2.0				
GDP Price Index	q/q // cinig r cin	3.9	1.7	3.3	1.6	3.1	2.6	1.7	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	7.1	3.6	2.4	2.1
Core PCE Deflator		5.0	3.7	2.0	2.0	3.7	3.2	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	5.2	4.1	2.9	2.3
CPI All Items		3.8	3.0	3.4	2.7	3.8	3.8	1.8	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.3	8.0	4.1	3.2	2.3
Ex. Food and Energy		4.9	4.7	3.0	3.4	4.2	3.6	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4	6.2	4.8	3.5	2.5
Food Prices		5.1	1.6	2.4	2.8	2.6	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.9	2.2	1.7	1.4	10.0	5.8	2.0	1.7
Energy Prices		-8.8	-11.6	10.7	-4.4	1.2	12.2	-5.9	3.7	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	25.0	-4.9	1.6	1.9
Services		6.6	4.0	4.5	5.1	6.6	4.8	3.0	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4	6.2	6.0	4.9	2.6
CPI All Items	y/y % chnq	5.7	4.0	3.6	3.2	3.2	3.4	3.0	3.0	2.6	2.2	2.3	2.2				
Ex. Food and Energy	y/y % chng	5.5	5.2	4.4	4.0	3.8	3.5	3.4	3.2	2.8	2.4	2.4	2.3				
Core PCE Deflator	y/y % chng	4.8	4.6	3.8	3.2	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.2				
Financial	% : quarterly avg.																
Fed Funds Rate		4.63	5.04	5.38	5.38	5.38	5.38	5.29	5.04	4.79	4.54	4.38	4.21	1.90	5.10	5.27	4.48
90-Day T-Bill		4.78	5.27	5.53	5.52	5.45	5.45	5.45	5.15	4.90	4.60	4.40	4.25	2.08	5.28	5.40	4.55
1-Year T-Bill		4.77	4.95	5.39	5.22	4.90	5.10	4.95	4.75	4.55	4.35	4.20	4.10	2.79	5.08	4.90	4.30
10-Year Bond Yield		3.65	3.59	4.15	4.44	4.16	4.50	4.25	4.05	4.00	4.00	3.95	3.95	2.95	3.96	4.25	3.95
10-Year BBB Corporate Spread	ppts	1.66	1.71	1.50	1.42	1.21	1.17	1.30	1.43	1.56	1.69	1.82	1.95	1.70	1.57	1.28	1.76
Foreign Trade	\$ blns : a.r.																
Current Account Balance		-851	-860	-786	-779	-860	-893	-899	-909	-920	-930	-941	-950	-972	-819	-890	-935
Share of GDP		-3.2	-3.2	-2.8	-2.8	-3.0	-3.1	-3.1	-3.1	-3.1	-3.1	-3.1	-3.1	-3.8	-3.0	-3.1	-3.1
Merchandise Balance		-1,047	-1,095	-1,037	-1,060	-1,136	-1,161	-1,171	-1,183	-1,195	-	-1,220	-1,234	-1,183	-1,060	-1,163	-1,214
Non-Merchandise Balance		196	236	251	281	276	268	271	275	275	277	280	284	211	241	272	279
Yen	¥/US\$ : qtr. avg.	132	137	145	148	149	154	152	151	149	148	147	145	131	140	151	147
Euro	US\$/€ : qtr. avg.	1.07	1.09	1.09	1.08	1.09	1.07	1.08	1.09	1.10	1.10	1.11	1.12	1.05	1.08	1.08	1.11
Pound	US\$/£ : qtr. avg.	1.22	1.25	1.27	1.24	1.27	1.25	1.27	1.28	1.28	1.29	1.29	1.30	1.24	1.24	1.27	1.29
Trade-Wt. Dollar (broad)	Jan. '97 = 100	120.3	119.6	120.2	121.8	121.0	122.3	121.4	120.6	119.9	119.1	118.4	117.7	120.7	120.5	121.3	118.8
WTI Spot	US\$/bbl : qtr. avg.	76.1	73.8	82.3	78.3	77.3	82.7	80.0	80.0	80.0	80.0	80.0	80.0	94.6	77.6	80.0	80.0
Henry Hub Spot	US\$/mmbtu : qtr. avg.	2.7	2.2	2.6	2.7	2.1	1.6	2.0	3.3	3.5	3.0	3.0	3.5	6.4	2.5	2.3	3.3
Incomes	y/y % chng																
Pre-Tax Profits w/IVA,CCA		4.6	-2.7	-0.6	5.1	9.0	9.9	7.1	3.9		3.8		4.0	9.8	1.5	7.4	3.9
Personal Income		5.8	5.6	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.9			4.4	4.4	2.0	5.2	4.8	4.3
Real Disposable Income		3.7	4.9	4.1	4.1	1.7	1.1	1.5	1.5		2.2	2.2		-6.0	4.2	1.5	2.2
Savings Rate	% : quarterly avg.	4.8	5.1	4.3	4.0	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.3	4.5	3.6	3.8
Other Indicators	quarterly avg.																
Unemployment Rate	percent	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.1	4.2	4.2		4.1	4.0	3.6	3.6	4.0	4.1
Housing Starts	mlns : a.r.	1.39	1.45	1.37	1.48	1.42	1.43	1.45	1.46		1.48	1.49	1.50	1.55	1.42	1.44	1.48
Existing Home Sales	mlns : a.r.	4.32	4.19	4.02	3.88	4.19	4.23	4.40	4.64	4.88	5.04	5.16	5.22	5.09	4.10	4.36	5.07
Home Prices (Case-Shiller)	y/y % chng	0.8	-1.6	2.1	5.5	6.3	4.5	2.5	1.5	2.1	2.6	2.6	2.6	14.8	1.7	3.7	2.5
Motor Vehicle Sales	mlns : a.r.	15.1	15.9	15.7	15.8	15.4	15.7	15.8	15.8		16.0	16.1	16.2	13.9	15.6	15.7	16.1
Civilian Employment Growth	q/q % chng : a.r.	4.1	1.2	1.3	0.1	-0.6	1.4	1.0	1.2		1.4	1.4	1.2	3.7	1.7	0.6	1.3
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Industrial Production CBO Budget Deficit	q/q % chng : a.r. % of GDP	-0.3	0.8	1.6	-1.9	-1.8	3.0	1.5	1.7	1.9	2.1	2, 1	2.1	-5.4	-6.3	-5.6	-6.0

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