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		2024 Q1	02	Q3	04	2025 Q1	Q2	Q3	04	2026 Q1	Q2	03	04	2023	2024	2025	2026
Production	g/g % chng : a.r.	٩.	4-	43	۷.	٩.	٧-	43	٧.	٧.	٧-	43	٠,				
Real GDP (chain-weighted)		1.6	3.0	3.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.8	2.9	2.8	2.3	2.0
Final Sales		2.1	1.9	3.3	2.3	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.8	3.3	2.7	2.3	2.0
Final Domestic Demand		2.7	2.8	3.7	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.8	2.7	3.0	2.3	2.0
Consumer Spending		1.9	2.8	3.7	3.0	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.8	2.5	2.7	2.7	2.1
Durables		-1.8	5.5	7.6	4.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.5	2.2	2.0	1.8	1.8	3.9	2.8	3.9	2.3
Nondurables		-0.8	1.7 2.7	4.6	3.2 2.7	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.2 2.1	2.2	2.0	1.8	1.8	0.8 2.9	1.9 2.9	2.5	2.0
Services Government Spending		3.4 1.8	3.1	2.8 5.1	0.9	2.4 0.6	2.4 0.8	2.3 0.9	1.0	2.0 1.6	2.0 1.7	2.0 1.8	1.8 1.8	3.9	3.3	2.5 1.5	2.1 1.4
Business Investment		4.5	3.9	4.0	-1.5	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.8	6.0	3.7	1.9	2.1
Non-residential Construction		6.3	0.2	-5.0	0.0	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.8	10.8	3.3	0.6	1.9
Equipment		0.3	9.8	10.8	-7.0	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.8	3.5	3.5	1.7	1.9
Intellectual Property		7.5	0.7	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.8	5.8	4.1	2.9	2.3
Residential Construction		13.7	-2.8	-4.3	7.0	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.8	-8.3	4.3	2.1	2.0
Exports		1.9	1.0	9.6	-1.0	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.3	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.8	3.2	3.1	2.4
Imports		6.1	7.6	10.7	-1.4	3.0	2.6	2.6	2.6	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	-1.2	5.3	3.2	2.1
Inventory Change	2017\$ blns : a.r.	17.7	71.7	57.9	45.0	55.0	55.0	60.0	60.0	61.0	61.0	62.0	62.0	33.1	48.1	57.5	61.5
Contrib. to GDP Growth	ppts : a.r.	-0.5	1.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0
Net Exports	2017\$ blns : a.r.	-977.0	-1,035.7	-1,069.2		-1,069.2	-1,072.2	•	-1,076.7	-1,080.2		-1,089.9				-1,073.2	
Contrib. to GDP Growth	ppts : a.r.	-0.6	-0.9	-0.4	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.5	-0.5	-0.2	-0.1
Nominal GDP	\$ blns : a.r.	28,624	29,017	29,375		29,987		30,627	30,929	31,238		31,847		27,721	29,171		31,693
Growth	q/q % chng : a.r.	4.7	5.6	5.0	4.0	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.8	6.6	5.2	4.4	4.0
Real GDP	y/y % chng	2.9	3.0	2.7	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.2	2,2	2.1	2,1	2.0	1.9				
Inflation GDP Price Index	q/q % chng : a.r.	2.0	2.5	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	20	26	2.4	2.0	2.0
Core PCE Deflator		3.0 3.7	2.5	2.2	2.6	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0 2.1	3.6 4.1	2.4	2.5	2.0 2.1
CPI All Items		3.8	2.8	1.2	2.0	2.6	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	4.1	2.0	2.5	2.1
Ex. Food and Energy		4.2	3.2	2.2	3.6	2.9	2.5	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	3.4	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	-5.4	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	-4.9	-1.5	-1.2	2.1
Services		6.6	4.3	3.2	4.1	2.8	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	6.0	4.9	3.0	2.2
CPI All Items	y/y % chng	3.2	3.2	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2				
Ex. Food and Energy	y/y % chng	3.8	3.4	3.2	3.3	3.0	2.8	2.8	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2				
Core PCE Deflator	y/y % chng	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1				
Financial	%: quarterly avg.																
Fed Funds Rate		5.38	5.38	5.21	4.63	4.29	4.04	3.79	3.63	3.54	3.38	3.29	3.13	5.10	5.15	3.94	3.33
90-Day T-Bill		5.45	5.47	5.22	4.58	4.30	4.05	3.80	3.60	3.55	3.30	3.30	3.05	5.28	5.18	3.95	3.30
1-Year T-Bill		4.90	5.14	4.45	4.26	4.15	3.95	3.75	3.60	3.50	3.35	3.30	3.15	5.08	4.69	3.85	3.30
10-Year Bond Yield		4.16	4.44	3.95	4.28	4.60	4.40	4.25	4.05	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.96	4.21	4.35	4.00
10-Year BBB Corporate Spread	ppts	1.21	1.13	1.20	1.04	1.17	1.42	1.67	1.91	1.99	1.99	1.99	1.99	1.57	1.15	1.54	1.99
Foreign Trade	\$ blns : a.r.	064	1 100	1 7//	1 100	1 100	1 205	1 215	1 221	1 220	1 224	1 744	1 254	005	1 175	1 710	1 740
Current Account Balance Share of GDP		-964 -3.4	-1,100	-1,244	-1,192	-1,199	-1,205 -4.0	-1,215 -4.0	-1,221	-1,229 -3.9	-1,234 -3.9	-1,244 -3.9	-1,254	-905 -3.3	-1,125 -3.9	-1,210 -4.0	-1,240 -3.9
Merchandise Balance		-1,108	-3.8 -1,189	-4.2 -1,229	-4.0 -1,243	-4.0 -1,258	-1,269	-1,280	-3.9 -1,291	-1,302	-1,314	-1,326	-3.9 -1,339	-3.3 -1,063	-1,192	-1,274	-3.9 -1,320
Non-Merchandise Balance		144	89	-1,229	51	-1,236 59	63	65	70	73	80	82	85	158	67	64	80
Yen	¥/US\$ : qtr. avq.	149	156	149	152	158	155	151	150	149	148	147	145	140	151	154	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	1.20	1.20	1.22	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	129.6	129.0	127.6	126.5	125.6	124.9	124.2	123.5	120.5	123.2	128.2	124.6
WTI Spot	US\$/bbl : qtr. avq.	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			2.5	2.2	3.3	
Incomes	y/y % chng																
Pre-Tax Profits w/IVA,CCA		8.2	10.8	6.0	2.4	5.3	2.8	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.0	3.9	6.9	6.8	4.1	4.0
Personal Income		5.9	5.5	5.2	5.3	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.0	5.9	5.5	4.1	4.1
Real Disposable Income		3.4	2.8	2.7	2.6	1.6	1.8	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	5.1	2.9	1.8	2.0
Savings Rate	% : quarterly avg.	5.4	4.9	4.3	4.3	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.7	4.7	3.9	3.9
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	1.32	1.40	1.42	1.43	1.44	1.44	1.45	1.45	1.46	1.42	1.35	1.42	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		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			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. q/q % chng : a.r.	2.0	1.5	1.1 -0.6	1.2 <b>-2.5</b>	1.3 1.5	1.0	1.2	1.2 2.1	1.2 2.0	1.3	1.2		2.3	1.6	1.2	1.2
Industrial Production CBO Budget Deficit	% of GDP	-1.8	2.4	-0.6	-2.5	1.5	2.1	2.1	Z. I	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.2 -6.2	-0.4 -6.4	0.7 -6.5	1.9 -6.4
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Bolded values represent forecasts



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