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	2024				2025				2026				2024	2025	2026	2027
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4				
Production	q/q % chng : a.r.															
Real GDP (chain-weighted)	0.8	3.6	3.3	1.9	-0.6	3.8	4.4	0.5	2.0	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.8	2.1	2.0	1.9
Final Sales	1.7	2.4	3.5	2.8	-3.2	7.5	4.5	0.3	1.6	1.4	1.8	2.0	2.8	2.2	2.1	1.8
Final Domestic Demand	2.0	3.4	3.8	2.8	1.4	2.4	2.8	0.6	2.8	1.7	1.8	2.0	3.1	2.4	2.0	1.8
Consumer Spending	1.7	3.9	4.0	3.9	0.6	2.5	3.5	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.8	2.1	2.9	2.6	2.0	2.0
Durables	-0.9	7.8	8.6	13.0	-3.4	2.3	1.6	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.9	2.5	3.9	3.6	0.7	1.8
Nondurables	-1.6	4.3	4.8	3.8	2.2	2.2	3.9	0.4	-0.2	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.3	3.0	1.2	2.0
Services	3.2	3.2	3.0	2.5	0.8	2.6	3.6	2.7	2.4	1.9	2.0	2.0	3.0	2.3	2.4	2.0
Government Spending	2.3	3.3	5.4	3.3	-1.0	-0.1	2.2	-5.6	4.4	0.7	0.9	0.8	3.8	1.1	0.5	0.5
Business Investment	1.5	2.5	3.5	-3.7	9.5	7.3	3.2	2.4	10.4	3.3	3.1	3.1	2.9	4.1	5.1	2.7
Non-residential Construction	-5.0	-3.9	-2.2	-8.1	-3.1	-7.5	-5.0	-6.5	-6.7	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.1	-5.3	-3.6	1.8
Equipment	0.5	8.9	8.2	-4.3	21.4	8.5	5.3	4.3	17.2	4.5	4.0	4.0	3.5	8.3	7.7	3.1
Intellectual Property	6.7	0.7	2.6	-0.6	6.5	15.0	5.6	5.4	13.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.5	5.6	6.9	2.5
Residential Construction	8.2	-2.0	-4.8	4.3	-1.0	-5.1	-7.1	-1.7	-8.0	1.5	1.5	1.5	3.2	-2.2	-3.1	1.7
Exports	4.6	0.7	8.9	-0.9	0.2	-1.8	9.6	-3.2	12.9	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	1.6	4.9	3.4
Imports	6.9	8.4	10.1	-0.2	38.0	-29.3	-4.4	-1.0	21.4	5.0	3.4	3.3	5.8	2.7	3.5	3.0
Inventory Change	2017\$ blns : a.r.															
Contrib. to GDP Growth	ppts : a.r.															
Net Exports	2017\$ blns : a.r.															
Contrib. to GDP Growth	ppts : a.r.															
Nominal GDP	\$ blns : a.r.															
Growth	q/q % chng : a.r.															
Real GDP	y/y % chng															
Inflation	q/q % chng : a.r.															
GDP Price Index	3.1	2.6	1.8	2.4	3.6	2.1	3.8	3.7	3.6	4.7	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.8	3.5	2.3
Core PCE Deflator	4.0	2.9	2.4	2.7	3.3	2.6	2.9	2.7	4.3	3.4	2.8	2.2	2.9	2.8	3.2	2.3
CPI All Items	3.7	2.7	1.3	3.2	3.7	1.7	3.1	2.5	3.6	5.7	2.1	1.8	3.0	2.7	3.3	2.3
Ex. Food and Energy	4.2	3.2	2.2	3.5	3.4	2.2	3.2	2.0	2.8	3.3	3.1	2.5	3.4	2.9	2.8	2.5
Food Prices	2.1	1.7	2.4	3.1	3.4	2.6	3.1	2.3	3.6	2.4	1.3	1.2	2.3	2.9	2.6	1.8
Energy Prices	1.1	-0.9	-10.6	-0.3	8.6	-6.5	1.5	10.3	12.6	46.0	-7.7	-5.2	-1.3	0.1	10.9	0.8
Services	6.3	4.3	3.3	4.2	4.1	3.3	3.4	2.3	3.6	3.5	3.1	2.5	4.9	3.7	3.1	2.5
CPI All Items	y/y % chng															
Ex. Food and Energy	y/y % chng															
Core PCE Deflator	y/y % chng															
Financial	% : quarterly avg.															
Fed Funds Rate	5.38	5.38	5.21	4.63	4.38	4.38	4.29	3.79	3.63	3.63	3.54	3.29	5.15	4.21	3.52	3.13
90-Day T-Bill	5.45	5.47	5.22	4.58	4.34	4.37	4.26	3.86	3.69	3.70	3.65	3.30	5.18	4.21	3.60	3.05
1-Year T-Bill	4.90	5.14	4.45	4.26	4.15	4.03	3.88	3.60	3.55	3.65	3.55	3.30	4.69	3.92	3.50	3.15
10-Year Bond Yield	4.16	4.44	3.95	4.28	4.45	4.36	4.26	4.10	4.20	4.25	4.15	4.05	4.21	4.29	4.15	4.10
10-Year BBB Corporate Spread	ppts															
Foreign Trade	\$ blns : a.r.															
Current Account Balance	-1,043	-1,145	-1,305	-1,248	-1,753	-991	-957	-763	-1,008	-1,057	-1,043	-1,032	-1,185	-1,116	-1,035	-1,040
Share of GDP	-3.6	-3.9	-4.4	-4.2	-5.8	-3.3	-3.1	-2.4	-3.2	-3.3	-3.2	-3.1	-4.0	-3.6	-3.2	-3.1
Merchandise Balance	-1,113	-1,197	-1,237	-1,316	-1,858	-1,076	-1,064	-966	-1,213	-1,260	-1,251	-1,240	-1,215	-1,241	-1,241	-1,266
Non-Merchandise Balance	69	51	-68	68	104	85	107	203	205	203	208	208	30	125	206	226
Yen	¥/US\$: qtr. avg.															
Euro	US\$/€ : qtr. avg.															
Pound	US\$/£ : qtr. avg.															
Trade-Wt. Dollar (broad)	Jan. '97 = 100															
WTI Spot	US\$/bbl : qtr. avg.															
Henry Hub Spot	US\$/mmbtu : qtr. avg.															
Incomes	y/y % chng															
Pre-Tax Profits w/IVA,CCA	4.6	7.4	2.9	5.5	6.4	3.6	9.3	9.6	10.0	10.0	6.4	1.4	5.1	7.3	6.8	3.9
Personal Income	5.9	5.7	5.4	5.4	5.1	4.8	5.0	4.6	4.0	3.9	3.8	4.0	5.6	4.9	3.9	4.1
Real Disposable Income	3.5	3.0	2.8	2.4	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.3	1.1	0.5	0.7	1.3	2.9	1.7	0.9	2.0
Savings Rate	% : quarterly avg.															
Other Indicators	quarterly avg.															
Unemployment Rate	percent															
Housing Starts	mlns : a.r.															
Existing Home Sales	mlns : a.r.															
Home Prices (Case-Shiller)	y/y % chng															
Motor Vehicle Sales	mlns : a.r.															
Payroll Employment Growth	q/q % chng : a.r.															
Industrial Production	q/q % chng : a.r.															
CBO Budget Deficit	% of GDP															

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