

# YRI Economic Forecasts

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Item (1)	2017				2018				2017a/	2018e/
	Q1a	Q2a	Q3a	Q4a	Q1e	Q2e	Q3e	Q4e	2016a	2017a
<b>Real GDP</b>	1.2	3.1	3.2	2.9	2.3	3.5	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.8
Final Sales	2.7	2.9	2.4	3.4	1.9	3.9	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.8
Gross Domestic Purchases	1.0	2.8	2.7	4.0	2.1	3.5	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.9
Finals Sales to Domestic Purchasers	2.4	2.7	1.9	4.5	1.6	3.2	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.7
<b>Personal Consumption Expenditures</b>	1.9	3.3	2.2	4.0	1.1	3.6	2.4	2.7	2.8	2.6
Durable Goods	-0.1	7.6	8.6	13.7	-3.3	9.9	4.5	6.1	6.7	5.9
Nondurable Goods	1.1	4.2	2.3	4.8	0.1	4.7	3.1	3.3	2.4	2.9
Services	2.5	2.3	1.1	2.3	2.1	1.8	1.7	1.6	2.2	1.9
<b>Nonresidential Fixed Investment</b>	7.1	6.7	4.7	6.8	6.1	5.3	4.2	3.6	4.7	5.5
Structures	14.8	7.0	-7.0	6.3	12.3	3.3	3.7	4.1	5.6	5.0
Producers' Durable Equipment	4.4	8.8	10.8	11.5	4.7	6.7	3.1	2.4	4.8	7.0
Intellectual Property Products	5.8	3.7	5.2	0.9	3.6	4.3	6.1	5.2	3.9	3.8
<b>Residential Fixed Investment</b>	11.1	-7.3	-4.7	12.8	0.1	1.3	6.8	2.9	1.8	2.5
<b>Inventory Investment (billion dollars)</b>	1.2	5.5	38.5	15.6	33.1	42.1	40.1	45.1	15.2	40.1
<b>Net Exports (billion dollars)</b>	-622.2	-613.6	-597.5	-653.9	-645.9	-651.9	-652.9	-660.9	-621.8	-652.9
<b>Total Government Purchases</b>	-0.6	-0.2	0.7	3.0	1.2	1.0	0.2	0.5	0.1	1.2
Federal Government	-2.4	1.9	1.3	3.2	1.7	1.9	0.4	1.1	0.2	1.8
State & Local Government	0.5	-1.5	0.2	2.9	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.8
<b>Real GDP (y/y)</b>	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.6	2.9	3.0	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.7
<b>Light Vehicle Sales (million units)</b>	17.2	16.8	17.2	17.8	17.2	17.3	17.5	17.4	17.3	17.4
<b>Housing Starts (million units)</b>	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.4
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	4.7	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.1	3.9	3.8	3.6	4.4	3.9
<b>Nonfarm Productivity</b>	0.2	1.7	2.6	0.0	0.7	1.5	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.1
<b>PCE Core Deflator</b>	1.8	0.9	1.3	1.9	2.5	2.1	2.3	2.4	1.5	2.3
<b>Fed Funds Target Rate (%)</b>	0.88	1.13	1.13	1.38	1.63	1.88	2.13	2.38	1.13	2.00
<b>10-Year Government Yield (%)</b>	2.44	2.26	2.24	2.37	2.77	2.97	3.15	3.35	2.33	3.06

a=actual. e=estimate.

(1) Quarterly and annual average percent change.

Estimates based on limited information and are subject to frequent and large revisions as new information becomes available.

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