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Indicator	2024				2025				2026				2024	2025	2026
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
GDP (Quarterly YoY, Annual Avg)															
Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	1.6	3.0	3.1	2.4	-0.5	3.0	1.1	1.6	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.5	1.3	2.2
Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE)	1.9	2.8	3.7	4.0	0.5	1.4	0.4	1.4	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	3.1	0.9	2.0
Durable Goods	-1.8	4.4	7.6	12.4	-3.7	3.7	-2.1	-0.1	0.4	0.6	1.0	1.4	5.0	-0.6	0.9
Nondurable Goods	-0.8	1.7	4.6	3.1	2.1	1.3	-0.1	0.4	0.4	0.9	1.5	1.5	2.2	0.9	1.1
Services	3.4	2.7	2.8	3.0	0.6	1.1	1.4	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.4	3.0	1.0	1.2
Gross Private Domestic Investment	3.6	8.3	0.8	-5.6	23.8	-15.6	0.1	0.9	1.1	1.6	1.9	2.0	1.8	2.3	1.7
Residential Investment	13.7	-2.8	-4.3	5.5	-1.3	-4.6	-0.1	3.0	3.7	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.0	-0.8	3.9
Change in Private Inventories (\$B, Chained 2017)	17.7	71.7	58.9	8.9	160.5	-26.0	36	77	101	108	114	123	39.3	61.9	111.5
Nonresidential Investment	4.5	3.9	4.0	-3.0	10.3	1.9	-0.1	1.4	2.3	3.6	5.2	5.1	2.4	3.4	4.1
Government Spending	1.8	3.1	5.1	3.1	-0.6	0.4	-2.1	0.9	0.9	1.6	0.9	1.5	3.3	-0.4	1.2
Net Exports (\$B, Chained 2017)	-977.0	-1035.7	-1069.2	-1052.7	-1359.0	-1026.3	-994	-991	-980	-968	-957	-945	-1033.7	-1092.6	-962.5
Exports	1.9	1.0	9.6	-0.2	0.4	-1.8	-3.1	3.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.5	3.1	-0.2	1.8
Imports	6.1	7.6	10.7	-1.9	37.9	-30.3	-7.1	1.9	2.4	3.4	2.9	2.7	5.6	0.6	2.9
Inflation (Quarterly YoY, Annual Avg)															
Consumer Price Index (CPI)	3.2	3.2	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.5	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.2	3.0	2.8	3.0	2.9	3.0
Core Consumer Price Index (CPI)	3.8	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.1	2.8	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.0	2.8	3.5	3.1	3.1
Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE)	2.7	2.6	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.5	3.2	3.2	3.2	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.9
Core Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE)	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.7	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.4	2.6	2.4	2.8	3.2	3.0
Labor Market (Pct. Chng, Annual Avg)															
Nonfarm Employment	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.7
Temporary Help Services Employment	-9.1	-8.4	-7.9	-7.0	-5.6	-4.2	-2.9	-0.9	-0.6	0.8	1.1	0.7	-8.1	-3.4	0.5
Unemployment Rate	3.8	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.0	4.3	4.6
Labor Productivity	3.3	3.0	2.5	2.1	1.3	0.9	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.6	2.7	0.7	0.7
Financial Markets (Quarterly Avg, Annual Avg)															
Federal Funds Rate	5.5	5.5	5.0	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.3	3.8	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	5.1	4.3	3.3
10-Year Treasury Note Yield	4.2	4.5	4.0	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.5	4.2

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