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Economic Activity
Consumer Confidence and Sentiment

- **Confidence (Index = 100 in 1985):**
  - Date Last Modified: 2/26/19
  - Last Data Point: February = 131.4

- **Sentiment (Index = 100 in 1964):**
  - Date Last Modified: 3/15/19
  - Last Data Point: March = 97.8

**NOTE:** Gray shaded areas indicate NBER recessions.

**SOURCES:** The Conference Board; Survey of Consumers; Survey Research Center; U. of Michigan.
Initial Claims for Unemployment and Unemployment Rate

Initial Claims - 4 Week MA: (Left Side)
Date Last Modified: 3/14/19
Last Data Point: 3/9/19 = 223.75

Unemployment Rate: (Right Side)
Date Last Modified: 3/8/19
Last Data Point: February = 3.8

NOTE: Gray shaded areas indicate NBER recessions.
SOURCES: Bureau of Labor Statistics; Department of Labor.
**Economic Activity**

**Housing Starts and Permits**

- **Date Last Modified:** 3/8/19
- **Last Data Point:** January = 1230

- **Date Last Modified:** 3/14/19
- **Last Data Point:** January = 1317

**NOTE:** Gray shaded areas indicate NBER recessions.

**SOURCE:** Census Bureau.
New Orders for Durable Goods

Billions of Dollars


NOTE: Grey shaded areas indicate NBER recessions.
SOURCE: Census Bureau.
Change in Nonfarm Employment

-900 -600 -300 0 300 600


Date Last Modified: 3/8/19
Last Data Point: February = 20

SOURCES: Bureau of Labor Statistics; Author's calculations.
Economic Activity

ISM Manufacturing and Nonmanufacturing

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NOTES: Grey shaded areas indicate NBER recessions. Measurements above 50 indicate expanding activity; measurements below 50 indicate falling activity.

Real Personal Consumption Expenditures

1 month % change

-1.5 -1.0 -0.5 0.0 0.5 1.0 2007 2009 2011 2013 2015 2017 2019

SOURCES: Bureau of Economic Analysis; Author's calculations.

Date Last Modified: 3/1/19
Last Data Point: December = -.6

3 Year Average
NOTES: Gray shaded areas indicate NBER recessions.
*Euro Area, Canada, Japan, UK, Switzerland, Australia, and Sweden
SOURCE: Federal Reserve Board.
Economic Activity

Real GDP

1 quarter % change annualized

Date Last Modified: 2/28/19
Last Data Point: 2018 Q4 = 2.6

SOURCE: Bureau of Economic Analysis.
Core Producer Price Index


Date Last Modified: 3/13/19
Last Data Point: February = .1

3 Year Average
PRODUCER PRICE INDEX (PPI)

DATE LAST MODIFIED: 3/13/19
LAST DATA POINT: FEBRUARY = .2
3 YEAR AVERAGE

SOURCE: BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.
Headline and Core Consumer Price Index

NOTE: Gray shaded areas indicate NBER recessions.
SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics
Average Hourly Earnings

Date Last Modified: 3/8/19
Last Data Point: February = 0.35

3 Year Average

NOTES: Gray shaded areas indicate NBER recessions. Dashed line indicates Fed target inflation rate of 2 percent. SOURCE: Bureau of Economic Analysis.
Commodity Prices

KR-CRB Spot Commodity Price Index:
- Metals
  Date Last Modified: 2/28/19
  Last Data Point: February = 876

KR-CRB Spot Commodity Price Index:
- Raw Materials
  Date Last Modified: 2/28/19
  Last Data Point: February = 487

NOTE: Gray shaded areas indicate NBER recessions.
SOURCE: Commodity Research Bureau.
Financial Activity
Short-Term Interest Rates

SOURCE: Federal Reserve Board.
Long-Term Interest Rates

SOURCE: Federal Reserve Board.