Real consumer spending rose in April and there was a notable upward revision to the pace of growth in March. Auto sales, however, have slowed noticeably this year from the strong pace of 2016.

Capital spending indicators point to some tapering in the near-term momentum for business equipment spending.

Indicators suggest that the gradual recovery in housing is being maintained, while surveys generally signal continued expansion in the manufacturing and services sectors.
Payroll growth slowed in May, but still points to improving labor market conditions. The unemployment rate, the employment-to-population ratio and the labor force participation rate all declined.  
- The unemployment rate is at its lowest level in 16 years.

Recent monthly readings on PCE inflation have been soft, suggesting a pause in the progress toward the FOMC’s longer-run objective.

Revisions indicate stronger growth in 2017Q1

% Change – Annual Rate

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis via Haver Analytics
Consumer spending rebounds in April

12 Month % Change

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Federal Reserve Board via Haver Analytics

Note: Shading shows NBER recessions.
Light-weight vehicle sales have likely peaked in this cycle.
Energy sector driving nonresidential structures investment

% Change – Annual Rate

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis via Haver Analytics

Note: Shading shows NBER recessions.
Lower OPEC production has not pushed up oil prices

Monthly Average, USD

Source: Energy Information Administration via Haver Analytics

Note: Shading shows NBER recessions.
Housing starts remain on gradual uptrend

Source: Census Bureau via Haver Analytics

Note: Shading shows NBER recessions.
Government spending has been weak

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis via Haver Analytics

Note: Shading shows NBER recessions.
Labor market conditions remain solid

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics via Haver Analytics

Note: Shading shows NBER recessions.
Inflation running below the FOMC's objective

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis via Haver Analytics

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