



Trends and Transitory Shocks

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Figure 1: Inflation Rate: Change in Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) Price Indices August 2014 - July 2017

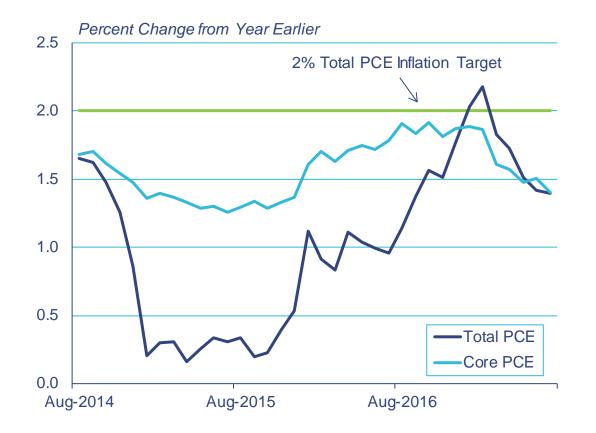
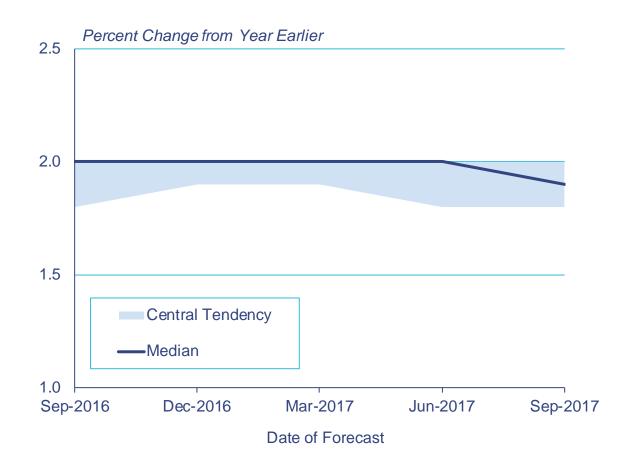


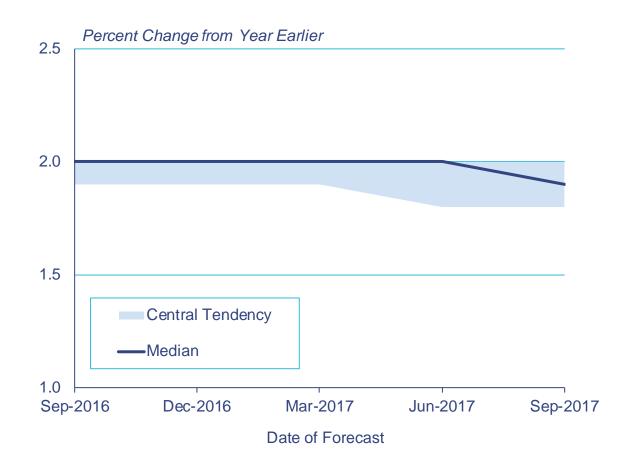
Figure 2: PCE Inflation Forecasts for 2018:Q4 from the Summary of Economic Projections September 2016 - September 2017



Note: The central tendency excludes the three highest and three lowest observations.

Source: FOMC, Summary of Economic Projections (SEP)

Figure 3: Core PCE Inflation Forecasts for 2018:Q4 from the Summary of Economic Projections September 2016 - September 2017

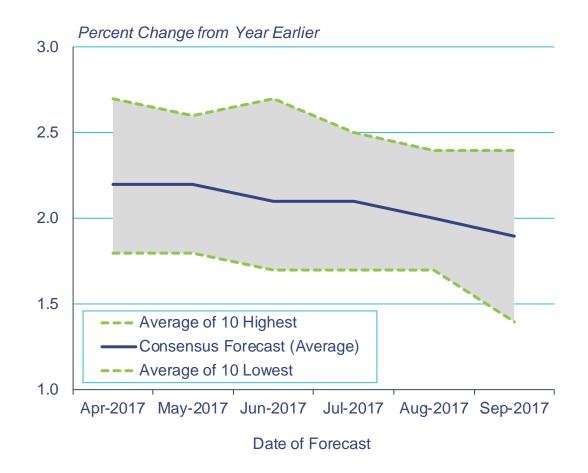


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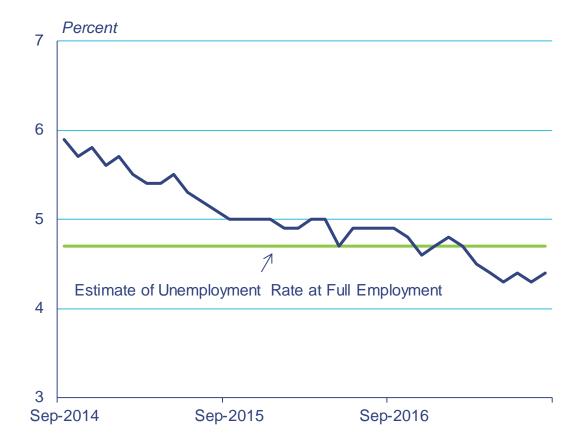
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Figure 4: Blue Chip Forecasts for PCE Inflation in December 2018

Forecasts as of April 2017 - September 2017

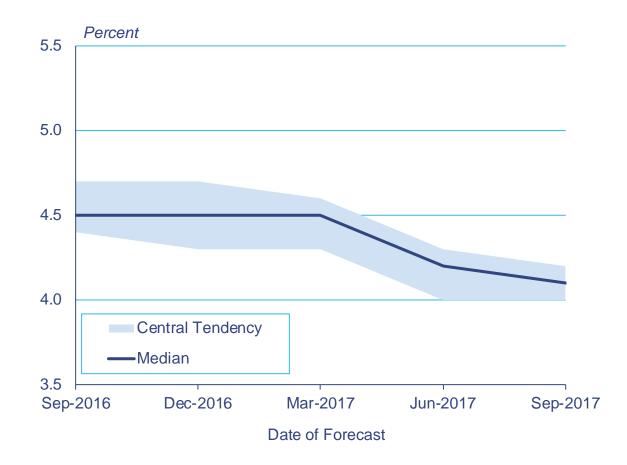






Source: BLS, Haver Analytics

Figure 6: Unemployment Rate Forecasts for 2018:Q4 from the Summary of Economic Projections September 2016 - September 2017



Note: The central tendency excludes the three highest and three lowest observations.

Source: FOMC, Summary of Economic Projections (SEP)

Figure 7: Blue Chip Forecasts for the Unemployment Rate in 2018:Q4 Forecasts as of January 2017 - September 2017

Percent 5.5 Average of 10 Highest Consensus Forecast (Average) --- Average of 10 Lowest 5.0 4.5 4.0

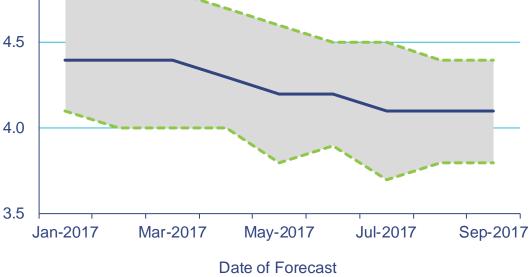
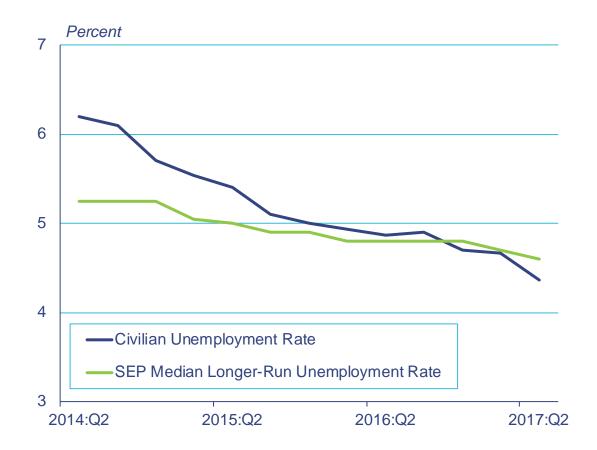


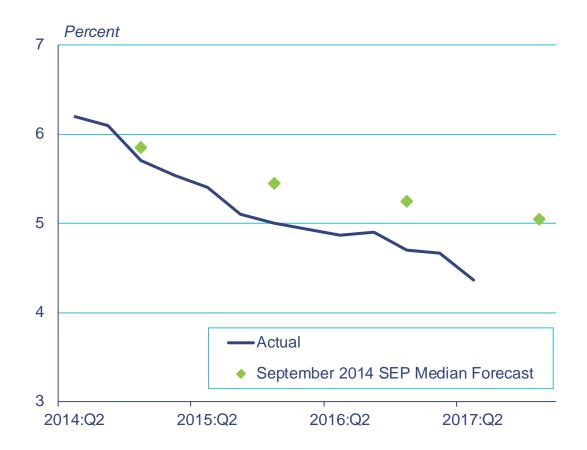
Figure 8: Civilian Unemployment Rate and SEP Estimates of the Longer-Run Unemployment Rate 2014:Q2 - 2017:Q2



Note: Prior to June 2015, SEP medians are not reported. Proxies for the medians are calculated from the distribution of participants' projections reported in ranges of tenths in the meeting minutes.

Source: FOMC, Summary of Economic Projections (SEP); BLS; Haver Analytics

Figure 9: Civilian Unemployment Rate: Actual and Forecast from the Summary of Economic Projections 2014:Q2 - 2017:Q4



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Source: FOMC, Summary of Economic Projections (SEP), September 17, 2014; BLS; Haver Analytics

Figure 10: Wage Growth for Private Industry Workers 2012:Q1 - 2017:Q2

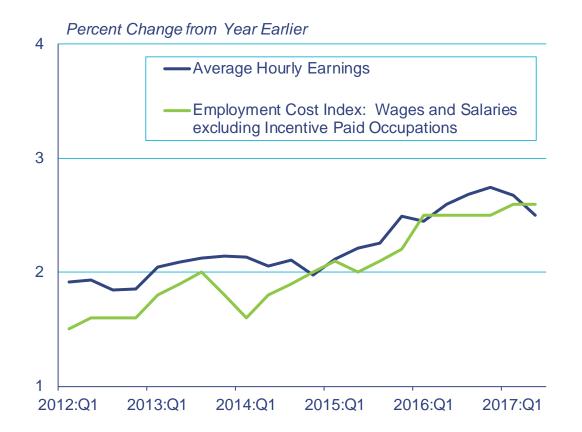
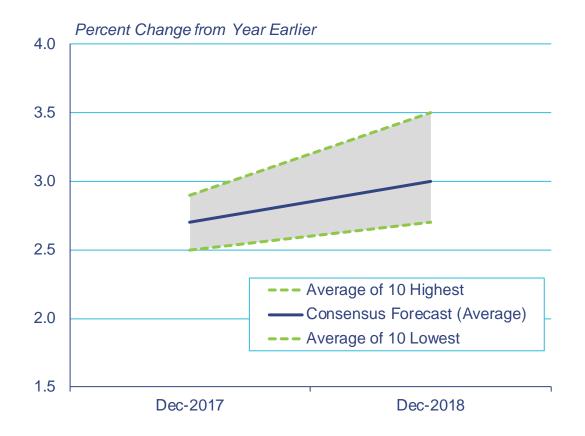
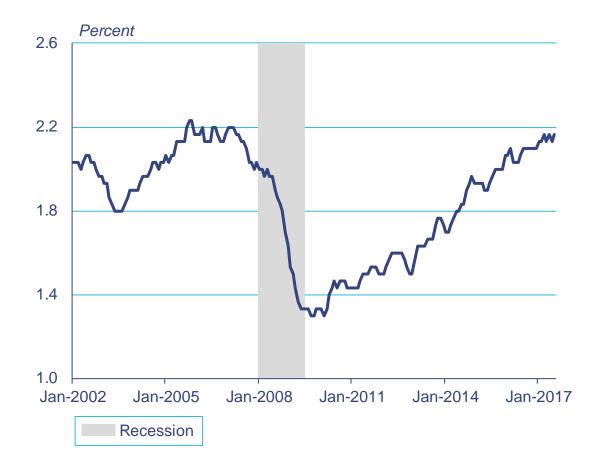


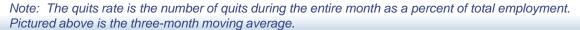
Figure 11: Blue Chip Forecast for Growth in Average Hourly Earnings Forecast as of September 2017



Source: Blue Chip Economic Indicators, September 10, 2017, Special Question

Figure 12: Job Leavers: The Quits Rate January 2002 - July 2017





Source: BLS, NBER, Haver Analytics