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Atlanta Fed GDPNow Estimate for 2018: Q3

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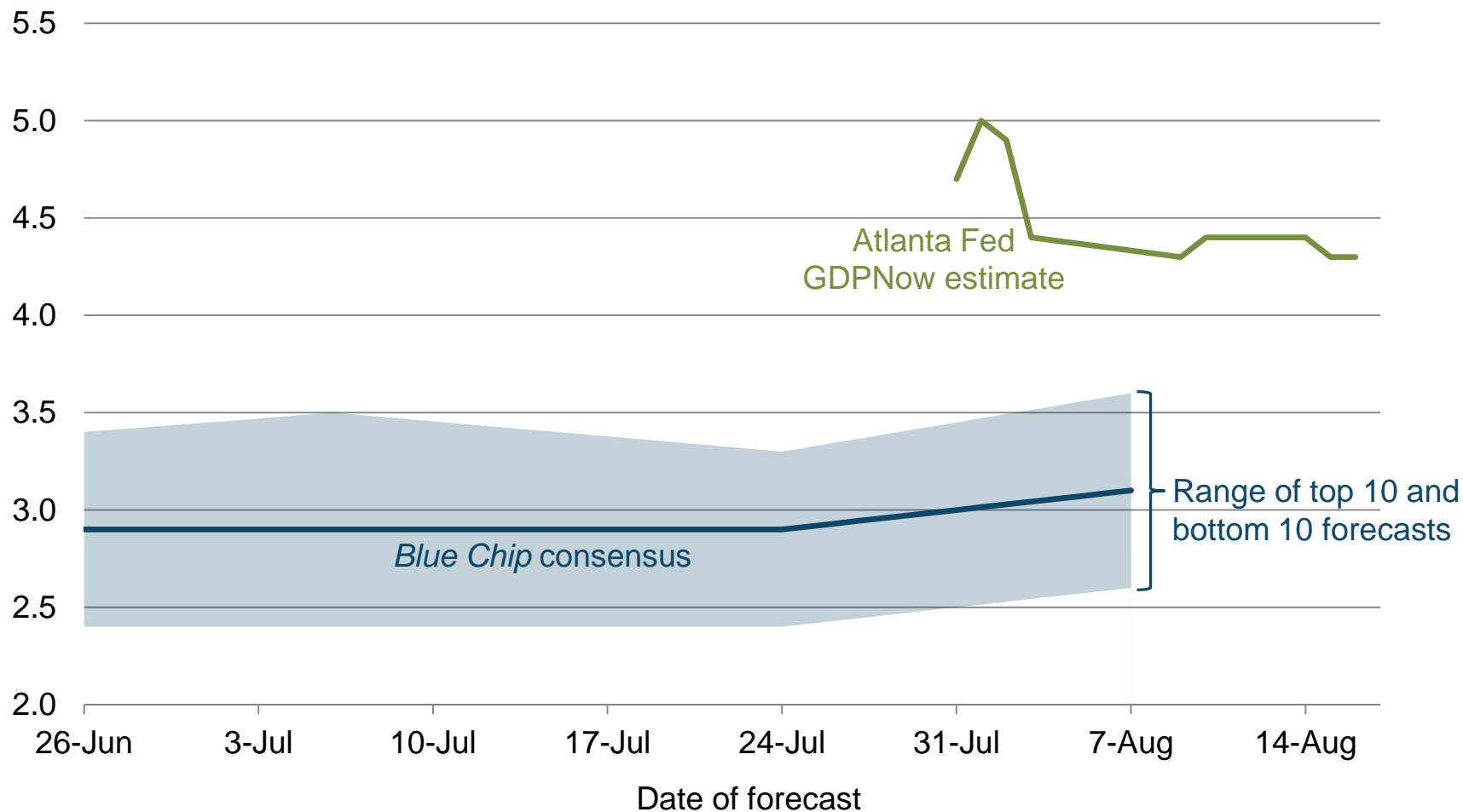
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Note: The Atlanta Fed GDPNow estimate is a model-based projection not subject to judgmental adjustments. It is not an official forecast of the Atlanta Fed, its president, the Federal Reserve System, or the Federal Open Market Committee.

Evolution of Atlanta Fed GDPNow real GDP estimate for 2018: Q3

Quarterly percent change (SAAR)



Sources: *Blue Chip Economic Indicators* and *Blue Chip Financial Forecasts*

Note: The top (bottom) 10 forecast is an average of the highest (lowest) 10 forecasts in the *Blue Chip* survey.



Evolution of Atlanta Fed GDPNow real GDP growth estimates for 2018: Q3

Date	Major Releases	GDP*
31-Jul	Initial nowcast	4.7
1-Aug	ISM Manuf., Construction spending	5.0
2-Aug	M3 Manufacturing	4.9
3-Aug	Foreign trade, Employment situation, Auto sales, ISM Nonmanufacturing	4.4
9-Aug	PPI, Wholesale trade	4.3
10-Aug	CPI, Monthly Treasury Statement	4.4
14-Aug	Import/Export prices	4.4
15-Aug	Retail trade, Industrial production	4.3
16-Aug	Housing starts	4.3

*Note: Annualized quarterly growth rate of real GDP.

Atlanta Fed GDPNow estimates for 2018: Q3, growth rates and changes

Date	Major Releases	GDP	PCE	Equip- ment	Intell. prop. prod.	Nonres. struct.	Resid. inves.	Govt.	Exports	Imports	Change in net exp.	Change in CIPI
31-Jul	Initial nowcast	4.7	3.1	9.8	7.4	2.6	-1.7	0.2	5.7	6.2	-16	92
1-Aug	ISM Manuf., Construction spending	5.0	3.4	10.3	7.5	3.5	-0.8	0.1	6.0	6.6	-17	92
2-Aug	M3 Manufacturing	4.9	3.4	10.3	7.5	3.6	-0.6	0.1	6.1	6.6	-17	90
3-Aug	Foreign trade, Employment situation, Auto sales, ISM Nonmanufacturing	4.4	2.9	6.8	7.3	3.1	-2.2	0.0	5.6	6.4	-18	98
9-Aug	PPI, Wholesale trade	4.3	2.9	6.8	7.3	3.0	-2.3	0.0	5.6	6.3	-18	96
10-Aug	CPI, Monthly Treasury Statement	4.4	2.9	6.8	7.3	3.0	-2.3	0.3	5.6	6.3	-18	96
14-Aug	Import/Export prices	4.4	2.9	6.8	7.3	3.0	-2.3	0.3	5.6	6.4	-18	96
15-Aug	Retail trade, Industrial production	4.3	3.1	6.4	7.3	-1.6	-3.3	0.3	5.5	6.2	-18	96
16-Aug	Housing starts	4.3	3.1	6.4	7.3	-1.7	-4.8	0.3	5.5	6.2	-17	96

Maximum forecast of real GDP growth

1-Aug	ISM Manuf., Construction spending	5.0	3.4	10.3	7.5	3.5	-0.8	0.1	6.0	6.6	-17	92
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Minimum forecast of real GDP growth

16-Aug	Housing starts	4.3	3.1	6.4	7.3	-1.7	-4.8	0.3	5.5	6.2	-17	96
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Note: CIPI is “change in private inventories.” Changes in net exports and CIPI are both in billions of 2012 dollars (SAAR). All other numbers are quarterly percent changes (SAAR). Table does not necessarily include all estimates for the quarter; see tab “TrackingHistory” in the [online excel file](#) for the entire history.



Atlanta Fed GDPNow estimates for 2018: Q3, contributions to growth

Date	Major Releases	GDP	PCE	Equip- ment	Intell. prop. prod.	Nonres. struct.	Resid. inves.	Govt.	Net exports	CIPI
31-Jul	Initial nowcast	4.7	2.12	0.58	0.33	0.08	-0.07	0.04	-0.23	1.83
1-Aug	ISM Manuf., Construction spending	5.0	2.31	0.61	0.33	0.11	-0.03	0.02	-0.25	1.85
2-Aug	M3 Manufacturing	4.9	2.33	0.61	0.33	0.11	-0.02	0.02	-0.25	1.80
3-Aug	Foreign trade, Employment situation, Auto sales, ISM Nonmanufacturing	4.4	1.96	0.41	0.32	0.10	-0.09	0.00	-0.27	1.95
9-Aug	PPI, Wholesale trade	4.3	1.96	0.40	0.32	0.10	-0.09	0.00	-0.27	1.91
10-Aug	CPI, Monthly Treasury Statement	4.4	1.96	0.40	0.32	0.10	-0.09	0.06	-0.27	1.91
14-Aug	Import/Export prices	4.4	1.96	0.40	0.32	0.10	-0.09	0.06	-0.26	1.91
15-Aug	Retail trade, Industrial production	4.3	2.09	0.38	0.32	-0.05	-0.14	0.06	-0.26	1.92
16-Aug	Housing starts	4.3	2.09	0.38	0.32	-0.05	-0.19	0.06	-0.26	1.91

Maximum forecast of real GDP growth

1-Aug	ISM Manuf., Construction spending	5.0	2.31	0.61	0.33	0.11	-0.03	0.02	-0.25	1.85
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Minimum forecast of real GDP growth

16-Aug	Housing starts	4.3	2.09	0.38	0.32	-0.05	-0.19	0.06	-0.26	1.91
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Note: CIPI is “change in private inventories.” All numbers are percentage-point contributions to GDP growth (SAAR). The table does not necessarily include all estimates for the quarter; see tab “ContribHistory” in the [online excel file](#) for the entire history.

