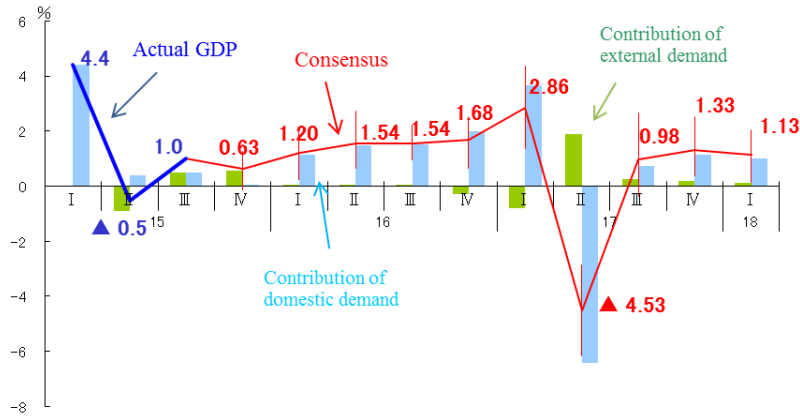


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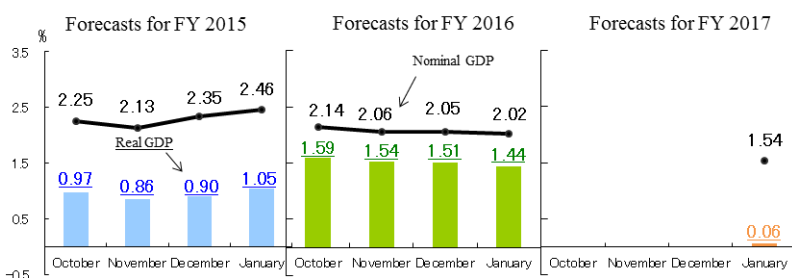
Real GDP (Quarterly)

Professional forecasters (40 forecasters surveyed) in Japan expect real GDP to grow at an annual rate of 0.63% last quarter, a little slower than the previous quarter, and predict stable growth around 1% over the survey period except the consumption tax hike.



GDP Growth (FY)

The average rates of real GDP growth prediction are 1.05% in FY2015, 1.44% in FY2016, and 0.06% in FY2017. The nominal figures for each fiscal year are 2.46%, 2.02%, and 1.54%, respectively.



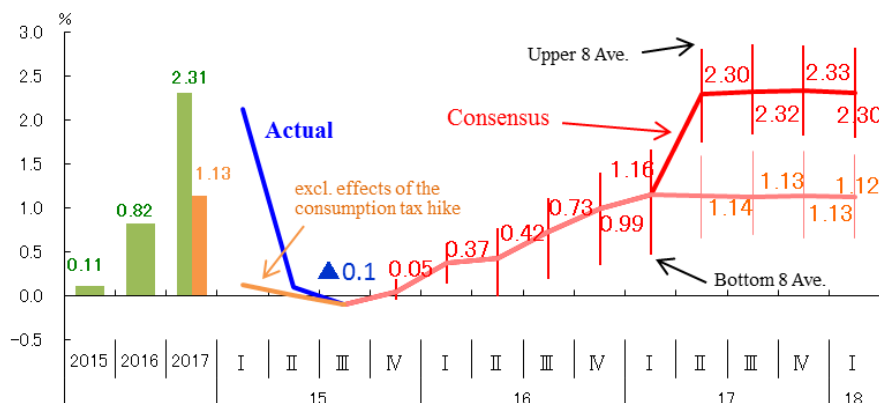
Contribution	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
Domestic	0.9 (1.1/0.7)	1.4 (1.9/1.0)	▲0.3 (0.2/▲0.7)
Private	0.7 (0.9/0.5)	1.3 (1.7/0.9)	▲0.5 (0.0/▲0.9)
Public	0.2 (0.3/0.1)	0.1 (0.3/▲0.1)	0.2 (0.3/0.0)
External	0.1 (0.3/0.0)	0.0 (0.3/▲0.3)	0.4 (0.7/0.0)
Real GDP growth	1.05 (1.16/0.90)	1.44 (1.81/1.10)	0.06 (0.46/▲0.34)

(Notes) Consensus (Upper 8 Ave./Bottom 8 Ave.).
Contributions are approximate values.

Core CPI (year-on-year)

After having leveled off at ▲0.1% in the 3rd quarter of 2015, the forecasters expect core CPI to moderately increase up to 1.16% in the 1st quarter of 2017 and remain flat thereafter. Annual average core CPI is 0.11% in FY2015, 0.82% in FY2016, and 1.13% in FY2017.

(Note) Core CPI: All items less fresh food



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