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## researching current economic conditions



Changing economic factors affect the decisions we make. Using *The Wall Street Journal*, Internet, or other sources of economic news, obtain information about current economic trends that influence various saving, investing, spending, and borrowing decisions. For example, higher interest rates make borrowing more expensive; however, higher interest rates make saving more attractive.

| economic factor | recent trends | possible influences on personal and financial decisions |
|-----------------|---------------|---|
| Interest rates  |               |   |
| Consumer prices |               |   |
| Other           |               |   |
| Other           |               |   |