Net New Jobs

Slower growth recently

Consumer Spending

Some of the weakness is weather

Consumer Credit Growth

Too much student debt
This is reasonable

Housing Index
National Assn of Home Builders/Wells Fargo

Values above 50 show more "good" than "poor" responses

Oil Drilling Rigs Operating

Business Cash Holdings

Not too bad, but likely to go even lower.

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Interest Rates

Stock Market

A September rate hike now more likely than June.

Soft growth lately.

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