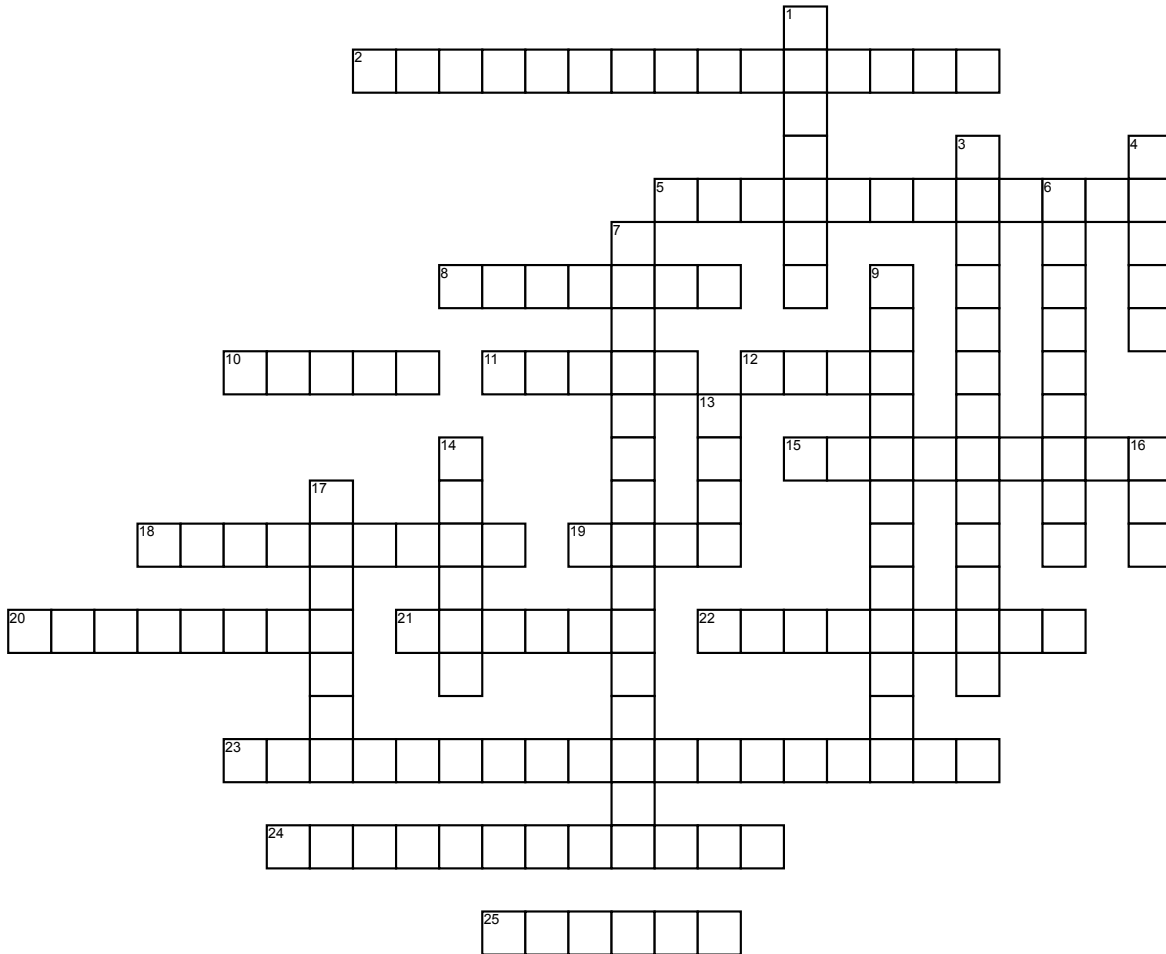


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# U.S. economy 'performing well' as Federal Reserve hikes rates



**Across**

- 2. financial assets suddenly lose a large part of their nominal value
- 5. a member of a government department, legislature, or other organization who is responsible for making new rules
- 8. a parliamentary bill relating to taxation
- 10. relative worth, merit, or importance
- 11. permitted by law
- 12. something that is owed or that one is bound to pay to or perform for another
- 15. the process by which something, as a word or custom, is adopted or absorbed
- 18. a persistent, substantial rise in the general level of prices related to an increase in the volume of money and resulting in the loss of value of currency

- 19. a fixed price paid or charged for something, especially goods or services
- 20. to make greater, as in number, size, strength, or quality
- 21. a supply of goods kept on hand for sale to customers by a merchant
- 22. the state or fact of being different
- 23. out of proportion
- 24. the state of being unemployed
- 25. a reduction in the rate of tax charged by a government

**Down**

- 1. the act or process of buying, selling, or exchanging commodities, at either wholesale or retail, within a country or between countries
- 3. relating to the branch of economics concerned with large-scale or general economic factors, such as interest rates and national productivity

- 4. a useful and desirable thing or quality
- 6. the science that deals with the production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services, or the material welfare of humankind.
- 7. system that enables lenders and borrowers to exchange funds
- 9. the proportion of a loan that is charged as interest to the borrower, typically expressed as an annual percentage of the loan outstanding
- 13. money that is paid or received for work or services
- 14. the act or process
- 16. gross domestic product
- 17. an occupation or profession, especially one requiring special training followed as one's lifework