

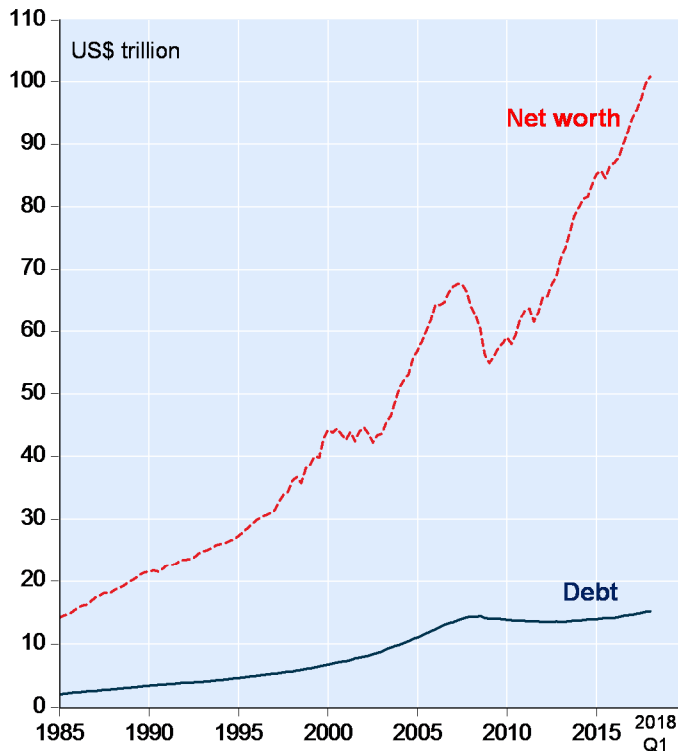
U.S. Watch

The net worth of American households and non-profit organizations climbed to a record US\$100.8 trillion in the first quarter of 2018 according to the Federal Reserve’s latest Financial Accounts. While the stock market rout lowered the value of corporate equities held, that was more than offset by increases in the value of real estate and other assets which pushed up net worth by a little more than US\$1 trillion during Q1. Household debt also rose, but at a much slower pace. So much so that, as today’s *Hot Charts* show, the household debt to net worth ratio plunged to a 31-year low in Q1. This development, coupled with the strong labour market, bodes well for U.S. consumption spending over the rest of the year.

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U.S.: Debt to net worth ratio lowest since 1987

Debt and net worth of households and nonprofit organizations



Debt to net worth ratio



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