

# Inflation

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## What Will Inflation Do to Your Estate?

The consumer price index is the government's statistical measure of the changes in prices of goods and services. It is commonly used to measure the rate of inflation.

Year	Index	Percent Increase	Purchasing Power of the Dollar
1967 (Base)	100.0	n/a	\$1.00
1972	125.3	3.3%	.80
1973	133.1	6.2%	.75
1974	147.7	11.0%	.68
1975	161.2	9.1%	.62
1976	170.5	5.8%	.59
1977	181.5	6.5%	.55
1978	195.4	7.7%	.51
1979	217.4	11.3%	.46
1980	246.8	13.5%	.41
1981	272.4	10.4%	.37
1982	290.6	6.7%	.34
1983	301.5	3.8%	.33
1984	312.2	3.5%	.32
1985	323.4	3.6%	.31
1986	325.7	0.7%	.31
1987	340.2	4.4%	.29
1988	357.9	5.2%	.28
1989	371.1	3.7%	.27
1990	399.4	7.6%	.25
1991	404.7	1.3%	.25
1992	416.3	2.9%	.24
1993	423.1	1.6%	.24
1994	438.6	3.7%	.23
1995	449.5	2.5%	.22
1996	464.3	3.3%	.22
1997	471.3	1.5%	.21
1998	478.6	1.6%	.21
1999	491.8	2.8%	.20
2000	508.5	3.4%	.20
2001	515.0	1.3%	.19
2002	527.2	2.4%	.19
2003	535.6	1.6%	.19
2004	554.2	3.5%	.18
2005	573.3	2.4%	.17
2006	587.3	2.4%	.17
2007	604.0	2.8%	.17
2008	610.1	1.0%	.16
2009	630.6	3.4%	.16

**Source:** U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. City Average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group. Purchasing power of the dollar is rounded off to the nearest cent.