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# Inflation

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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 Change	Purchasing Power of the Dollar
1968	104.2	4.2%	\$0.96
1969	109.8	5.4%	\$0.91
1970	116.3	5.9%	\$0.86
1971	121.3	4.3%	\$0.82
1972	125.3	3.3%	\$0.80
1973	133.1	6.2%	\$0.75
1974	147.7	11.0%	\$0.68
1975	161.2	9.1%	\$0.62
1976	170.5	5.8%	\$0.59
1977	181.5	6.5%	\$0.55
1978	195.3	7.6%	\$0.51
1979	217.7	11.5%	\$0.46
1980	247.0	13.5%	\$0.40
1981	272.3	10.2%	\$0.37
1982	288.6	6.0%	\$0.35
1983	297.4	3.0%	\$0.34
1984	307.6	3.4%	\$0.33
1985	318.5	3.5%	\$0.31
1986	323.4	1.5%	\$0.31
1987	335.0	3.6%	\$0.30
1988	348.4	4.0%	\$0.29
1989	365.2	4.8%	\$0.27
1990	384.4	5.3%	\$0.26
1991	399.9	4.0%	\$0.25
1992	411.5	2.9%	\$0.24
1993	423.1	2.8%	\$0.24

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1994	433.8	2.5%	\$0.23
1995	446.1	2.8%	\$0.22
1996	459.1	2.9%	\$0.22
1997	469.3	2.2%	\$0.21
1998	475.6	1.3%	\$0.21
1999	486.2	2.2%	\$0.21
2000	503.1	3.5%	\$0.20
2001	516.8	2.7%	\$0.19
2002	523.9	1.4%	\$0.19
2003	535.6	2.2%	\$0.19
2004	549.5	2.6%	\$0.18
2005	568.9	3.5%	\$0.18
2006	587.2	3.2%	\$0.17
2007	604.0	2.9%	\$0.17
2008	628.7	4.1%	\$0.16
2009	624.4	-0.7%	\$0.16
2010	637.3	2.1%	\$0.16
2011	660.0	3.6%	\$0.15
2012	673.9	2.1%	\$0.15
2013	683.1	1.4%	\$0.15
2014	693.4	1.5%	\$0.14
2015	690.5	-0.4%	\$0.14
2016	697.2	1.0%	\$0.14
2017	712.1	2.1%	\$0.14
2018	730.2	2.5%	\$0.14
2019	742.4	1.7%	\$0.13
2020	751.4	1.2%	\$0.13
2021	790.9	5.3%	\$0.13

**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.