



# HAS INFLATION AFFECTED YOU?

As of 2010, the average inflation rate is about 2.5 percent a year. It may not seem like much, however it does add up fast. Over time, inflation erodes the purchasing power of present-day dollars. Prices have jumped over the last 30 years. See if you can guess the prices of the following items from 1980 compared with 2010.

|                                            | 1980 | 2010            |
|--------------------------------------------|------|-----------------|
| <b>First-Class Stamp</b>                   |      | <b>\$0.44</b>   |
| <b>One Dozen Grade A Large Eggs</b>        |      | <b>\$1.78</b>   |
| <b>Can of Shaving Cream</b>                |      | <b>\$1.99</b>   |
| <b>Package of Oreo Cookies</b>             |      | <b>\$2.99</b>   |
| <b>Ford Mustang (V6 standard coupe)</b>    |      | <b>\$21,695</b> |
| <b>Movie Ticket</b>                        |      | <b>\$7.95</b>   |
| <b>Bayer Aspirin (100 count)</b>           |      | <b>\$7.99</b>   |
| <b>Gallon of Regular Unleaded Gasoline</b> |      | <b>\$2.89</b>   |