

■ HAS INFLATION AFFECTED YOU?

The government reports that inflation is relatively low – about four 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 25-30 years. See if you can guess the prices of the following items from 1975 compared to 2007.

	1975	2007
First-Class Stamp	\$	\$0.41
Box of Corn Flakes	\$	\$2.79
Jar of Instant Coffee	\$	\$4.99
60-Watt Light Bulbs (2-pack)	\$	\$2.99
Ford Mustang (V6 standard coupe)	\$	\$19,995.00
Oil Change	\$	\$36.99
Bayer Aspirin (100 count)	\$	\$4.99
Pork Chops - (1 lb)	\$	\$3.29