Money Museum

History of Inflation

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Inflation is the general rise of prices over time, and that rise can impact our purchasing power. The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, alongside the Board of Governors and the other 11 Regional Reserve Banks, work together to ensure that prices are stable, and the economy is strong. While at the Money Museum, you can take leap back in time and see how prices has changed since you were young- cars, houses, clothes, and yes, even milk, have increased in price over the past few decades.

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