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Inflation

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Introduction

Inflation is a constant increase in the general level of prices of goods and services in the economy over a period of time. When the general price level increases, each monetary unit buys fewer goods and services. therefore, inflation reflects a decrease in purchasing power per unit of currency - the actual loss of value of the medium of exchange and the unit of account in the economy. One measure of inflation is the rate of inflation, the annual percentage change in the overall price index, usually the consumer price index, over time. The opposite of inflation is deflation, a steady decline in the general level of prices for goods and services.

Inflation affects the economy in different ways, positive and negative. The negative effects of inflation include an increase in the opportunity cost of monetary retention, uncertainty about future inflation, which could hinder investment and savings, and, if inflation is sufficiently rapid, shortages of goods as consumers start to pile up for fear that prices will rise. Positive effects include a reduction in unemployment due to nominal wage tension, which gives the central bank more freedom to pursue monetary policy, encouraging borrowing and investment rather than accumulating money and avoiding inefficiencies related to deflation. Inflation is the loss of the purchasing power of a currency. A unit, such as the dollar, is generally expressed in the form of a general increase in the prices of goods and services. We have many inflation indicators, but none of them provides a really reliable measure of inflation at any given time. The most common indicator is the Consumer Price Index (CPI), published monthly by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Subindices are available for different cities and for different classes of goods and services.

Low inflation can not be bad for the economy. Is there a "gold" inflation rate? Inflation from a series of videos on the economic downturn in St. Louis.

Suppose we are in 1964 and you are in high school. The price of a hamburger is 15 cents and you can go to the movies for a dollar. Gasoline costs 27 cents a gallon for you, and the best part? You are driving on your new 1964 Mustang, which you bought for $ 2,320

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This may be hard to believe, but prices were once so low.

The definition Correcting inflation means eliminating the effect of inflation on prices or nominal values in order to be able to compare their actual changes over time.

An example Suppose that at the age of 10, the Sunday paper costs $ 2, and now, at age 20, it costs $ 3. Changing the price of $ 1 is not everything, because newspapers are now more expensive than other products, such as books, colleges, etc., but partly because inflation has increased the cost of everything with time. In other words, a $ 1 nominal price increase is due in part to inflation.

If inflation led to a price increase of 20 per cent in those ten years, then inflation would be the price of a newspaper at $ 2.40. Thus, the remaining price increase of $ 0.60 (= $ 3.00 to $ 2.40) is a real economic increase in the price of the newspaper. An economist would say that the price of a newspaper, adjusted for inflation, rose by 60 cents [or 30% = (US $ 3.00-2.40) / US $ 2.00].

Adjustment for inflation, also known as the wage adjustment, is most often done by dividing by the Consumer Price Index published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, a division of the Labor Department of the United States. United States.

Inflation is a constant increase in the level of global prices. Hyperinflation is very high inflation. Although the threshold is arbitrary, economists generally reserve the term hyperinflation for episodes in which the monthly inflation rate exceeds 50%. At a monthly rate of 50%, an item costing $ 1 on January 1st will cost $ 130 on January 1st of next year.

... Capital gains have been taxed in the United States since the introduction of the federal income tax in 1913. During this period, certain features of the capital gains tax remained unchanged. Only capital gains and losses from the sale of assets, not unrealized paper gains and losses, are recognized for tax purposes. The amount of the gain or loss in taxable capital in dollars is not adjusted for inflation. This means that some of the obvious capital gains that are taxed are actually ghost savings: they do not represent real gains in purchasing power.

Hanke argues that despite the seemingly aggressive policy of the US Federal Reserve over the past four years, there is virtually no risk of severe inflation in the United States. His argument is that the general indicators of the money supply are well below the level of the trend. Although the strong reserves did develop significantly, they did not increase enough to offset the reduction in bank money, partly because of Basel III requirements. Thus, the broad money supply has declined. Hanke argues that the current fiscal trajectory of the United States poses a serious threat to economic stability. The conversation ends with a discussion of hyperinflation in Iran - its causes and its possible consequences.

The economy is collapsing before our eyes, but the real tragedy is not the macroeconomic indicators we read every day: rising inflation, rising unemployment, non-existent consumer goods and falling oil prices. The real tragedy is that the innocent citizens of Venezuela are suffering and this suffering is the new norm.

A general discontent with high inflation in the late 1970s and early 1980s again sparked interest in the gold standard. Although this interest is low today, it increases whenever inflation exceeds 6%. It makes sense. Whatever the other problems of the gold standard, constant inflation was not part of it. Between 1880 and 1914, when the United States applied the "standard gold standard", the average inflation rate was only 0.1% per year ....

Fisher has been a pioneer in the construction and use of price indexes. Yale's James Tobin called Fisher "the greatest index expert of all time". Indeed, from 1923 to 1936, his own Institute of Digital Indices calculated price indices from around the world.

Fisher was also the first economist to make a clear distinction between real and nominal interest rates. He pointed out that the real interest rate is equal to the nominal interest rate (the one we observe) minus the expected inflation rate. For example, if the nominal interest rate is 12%, but people expect 7% inflation, the real interest rate is only 5%. Again, this remains a basic understanding of modern economists ...

Phillips suggested that the lower the unemployment rate, the closer the job market is, and therefore the faster businesses have to raise wages to attract lean labor. With rising unemployment, the pressure has decreased. Phillips' "curve" represented the average relationship between unemployment and wage behavior over the business cycle. He showed the rate of wage inflation that would occur if a certain level of unemployment persisted for some time.

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