

# Inflation and Your Household Budget

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# Personal action plan

Action Step	When	Done
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**Action Step**

- Create your own personal action plan throughout today's presentation



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# Introduction to Inflation



## What is inflation?

- Rise in prices, which reduces your purchasing power over time

## What causes inflation?

- “Too many dollars chasing too few goods”, due to:
  - Low interest rates
  - Increased government spending
  - Supply disruptions
  - Increased government regulation



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# Did You Know?

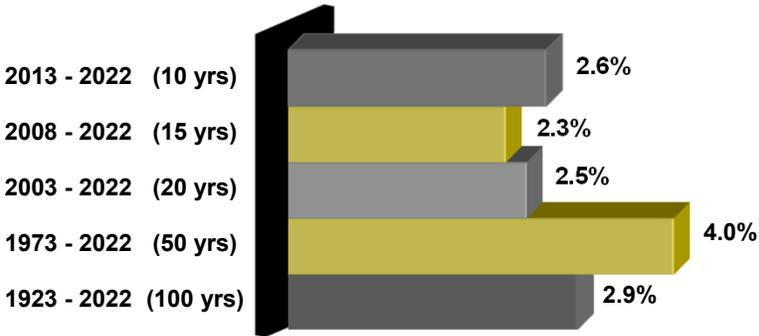
What was the average annual inflation rate in the last decade?

- 2.6%
- 4.2%
- 7.7%
- 9.5%



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# Historical Inflation Rates



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics 2023  
[www.bls.gov/cpi/](http://www.bls.gov/cpi/)



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## Rule of 72



**\$3.00/gal**  
**Year 1**



**\$4.02/gal**  
**Year 10**



**\$5.43/gal**  
**Year 20**



**\$7.29/gal**  
**Year 30**

**RULE OF 72: 72 / Inflation Rate = # years before amount doubles**

Assumption: 3% rate of inflation

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## How Can Inflation Be Managed?

### Reduce overall spending

- Federal Reserve raises interest rates
- Consumers/companies save more
- Consumers/companies spend less
- Governments raise taxes to limit income available to spend

### Increase overall supply

- Fix supply chain barriers
- Increase partnerships with other countries on trade, including food and fuel



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## Managing Your Household Budget



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## What Are You Spending On?

Track spending for 3-6 months

Account for your spending

Tools to track spending

- Pencil and notebook
- Spreadsheet
- Personal finance software
- Home Budget calculator on EY Navigate Digital™

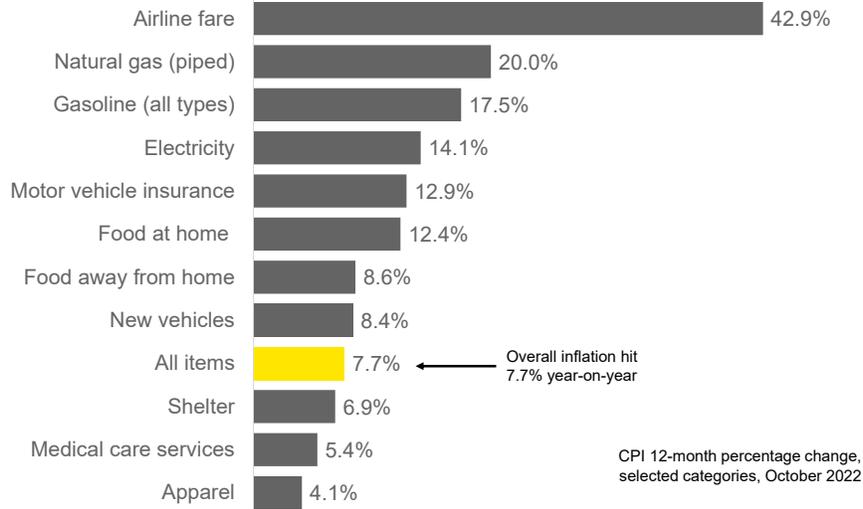


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# Inflation: What's Rising



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# Plan For Larger Purchases

- New or used car**
  - Hold onto current vehicle longer if it's an option
  - Consider selling vehicle now if not needed
- Home purchase**
  - Plan to save more, and for a longer period, to reach your goal
  - Modify goals
- Rental housing (apartment, etc.)**
  - Consider lower-cost options
- Consider other income**
  - Tax refund, Bonus, Side job



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## What About Ongoing Expenses?



### Gas

- Drive less
- Consider more efficient vehicles
- Carpool and combine trips

### Heating fuel and electricity

- Conduct an energy audit and make improvements
- Conserve hot water
- Adjust thermostat

### Food

- Eat healthier
- Plan your meals
- Use sales/coupons
- Buy in bulk
- Substitute items

## Other Ways to Manage Your Spending

### Manage your expenses and debt

- Check mortgage rates
- Consider credit card consolidation
- Refinance student loans if applicable

### Drop services you aren't using or can get for free

- Subscriptions
- Streaming services

### Expenses that can be reduced

- Television
- Internet
- Cell phone
- Auto and home insurance



### Action Step

- Visit 'My Goals & Finances' on the EY Navigate Digital website to use the 'Live by a budget' goal

## Emergency Fund

At least 3-6 months of expenses

Based on non-discretionary expenses

- Mortgage/rent
- Utilities
- Insurance payments
- Auto and other loan payments
- Out-of-pocket health care expenses
- Food/fuel/transportation
- Childcare expenses

### Action Step

- Use the "Emergency savings" calculator on EY Navigate Digital



## Other Considerations If Inflation Continues

Get the most bang for your buck for your short-term cash equivalent accounts

Revisit your home insurance and other policies to possibly include insurance inflation protection

Lock in prices for future expenses such as using a prepaid college plan

Avoid impulse purchases in order to stay within your budget

Find other income sources

### Action Step

- Consider retaining your "inflation budget" even if inflation recedes; put the extra money toward other financial goals



# Managing your investments



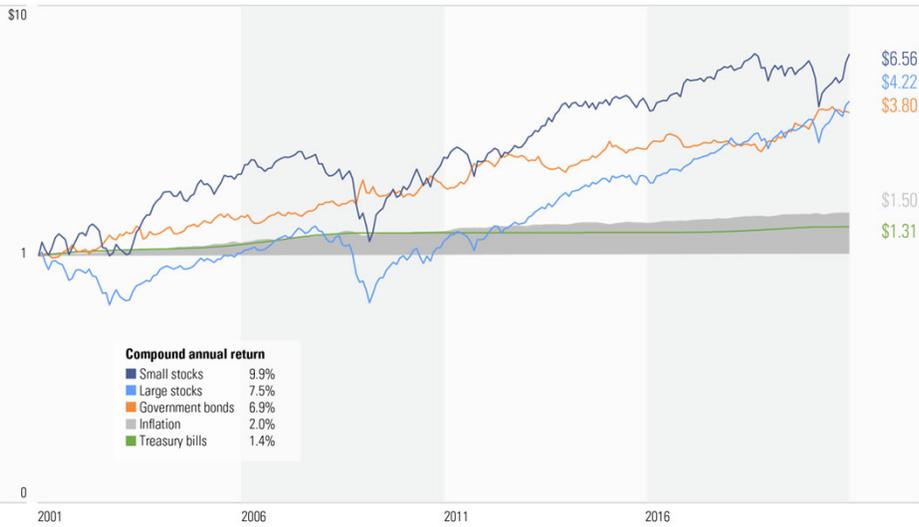
# Stocks, bonds, bills and inflation 1926–2020



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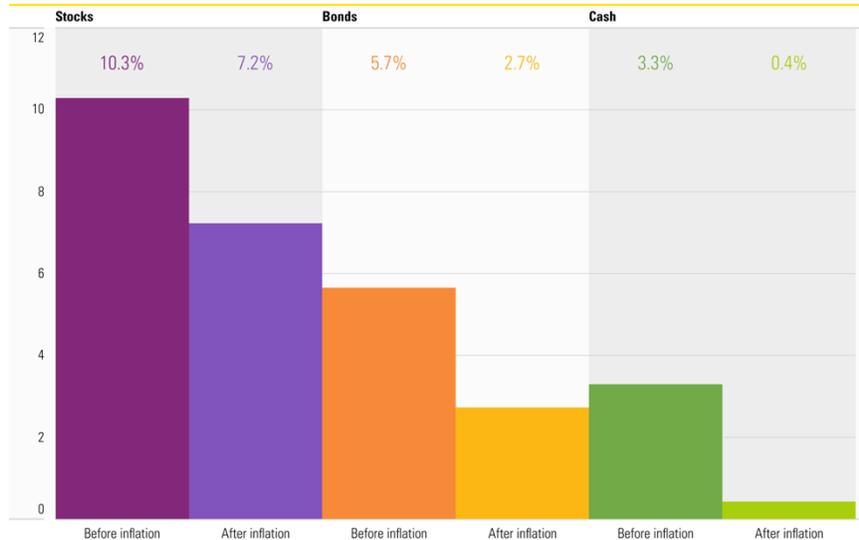
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## Returns before and after inflation 1926–2020



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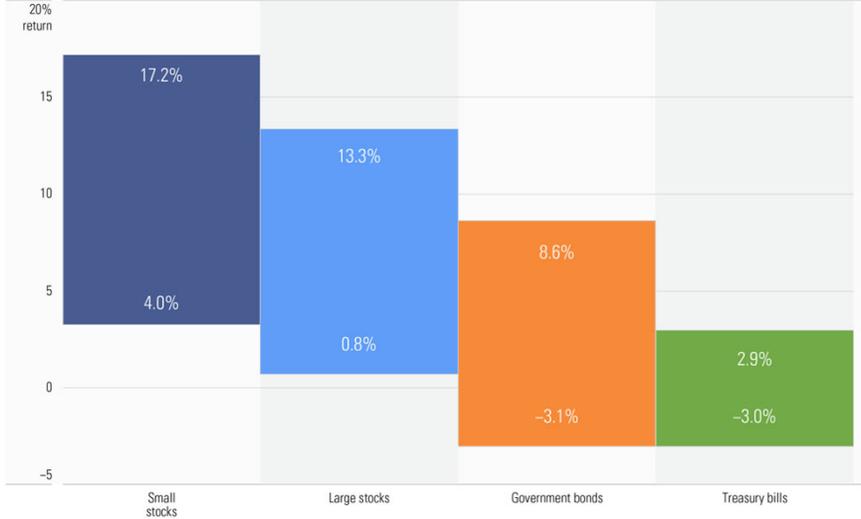


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# Inflation risk: stocks versus fixed income

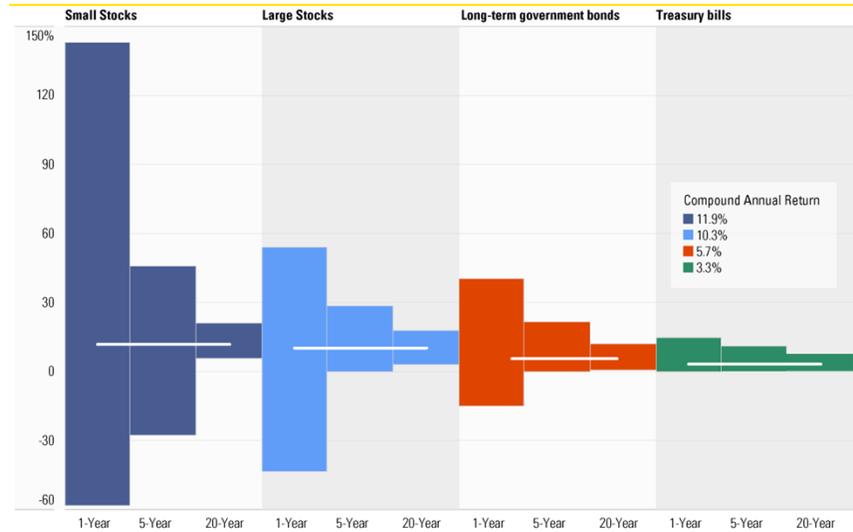
## Range of average inflation-adjusted returns over 20-year periods, 1926–2020



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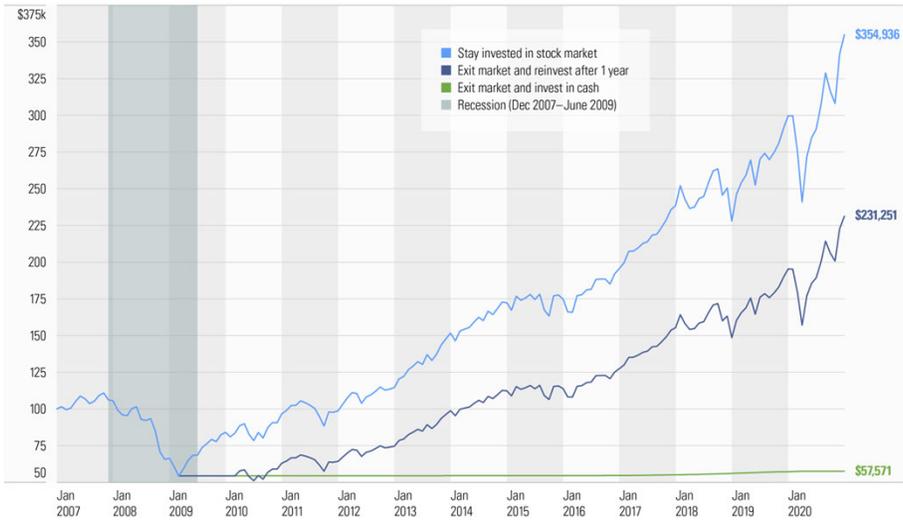
# Reduction of risk over time

## 1926–2020



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## The importance of staying invested Ending wealth values after a market decline



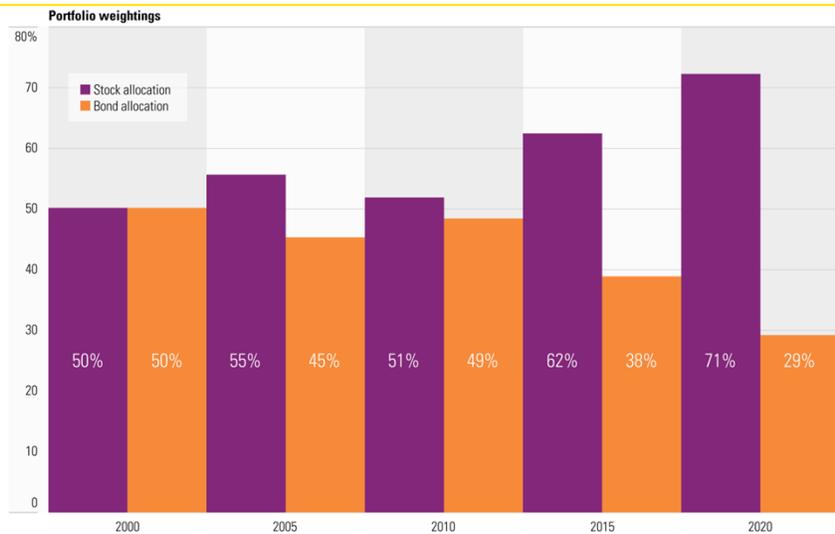
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## The importance of rebalancing 2000–2020



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## Summary principles of investing

Invest according to your investor profile

- Time horizon
- Risk tolerance
- Required rate of return

Utilize an appropriate asset allocation for each goal

Avoid market timing

Regularly rebalance your portfolio

### Action Step

- Visit EY Navigate Digital to use the Asset Allocation tool within the “Plan for retirement” goal to receive investment guidance.



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## What 3 actions will you commit to taking following this workshop?

- A. Analyze your spending over the past three months
- B. Track your spending for the next three months
- C. Identify opportunities to reduce your expenses
- D. Establish an emergency fund
- E. Determine your investor profile
- F. Implement an appropriate asset allocation for each financial goal
- G. Register on EY Navigate Digital and download the app
- H. Call the EYNPL to get started planning

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1. Workshop evaluation\*
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## Questions?

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**APPENDIX**

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Dear Eligible Participant:

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If, after considering the issues discussed above, you do not want to participate in financial education and counseling in conjunction with this program, please contact your sponsoring organization, as soon as possible.

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**Ernst & Young LLP**  
**Ernst & Young Investment Advisers LLP**  
***Employee Financial Services***

09/15/2022

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- **Financial planning website** offers:
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    - EY financial planner communication through messaging
    - Chat feature for help
    - Single sign on which allows users to access the EFS website from client sites without further login
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    - Access to a user dashboard which provides participants with the ability to view their personal financial situation, including their aggregation of financial account information if applicable
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(1) Name, (2) year of birth, (3) education and (4) business background for preceding five years:

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4. 1998 to date, Ernst & Young LLP

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3. B.S., Siena College, Loudonville, NY
4. 1998 to date, Ernst & Young LLP

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2. 1964
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4. 2002 to date, Ernst & Young LLP

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2. 1970
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4. 1997 to date, Ernst & Young LLP

1. Aaron Cherry
2. 1976
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**Other Business Activities for the above: None**

**Additional Compensation for the above: None**

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We offer investment education and counseling services to employees, members of associations, unions or other large groups (“Participants”) pursuant to engagements by corporate employers, pension plan trustees, or other entities formed for the benefit of such Participants (“Sponsors”). These services include, at a Participant’s request, the following:

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- Preparation of personal asset allocation targets (based on modern portfolio theory and using EY’s own or other approved financial planning tools) after obtaining and evaluating information concerning a Participant’s individual circumstances provided either in conversation with an EY financial planner and/or by completing a questionnaire.
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**Conversation Starters when speaking with your financial professional:**

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- What is your relevant experience, including your licenses, education and other qualifications? What do these qualifications mean?

**What fees will I pay?**

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**What are your legal obligations to me when acting as my investment adviser? How else does your firm make money and what conflicts of interest do you have?**

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Our financial professionals are compensated on a salaried or hourly basis.

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**Conversation Starter when speaking with your financial professional:**

**Who is my primary contact person? Is he or she a representative of an investment-adviser or a broker-dealer? Who can I talk to if I have concerns about how this person is treating me**

**PERSONAL ACTION PLAN**

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