

NO LABELS

INFLATION ON THE RISE

No matter which measure you look at, inflation is rising across our economy. The Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) Index, which measures certain household expenditures, is used by the Federal Reserve to set its long-term inflation goal of two percent. It is currently running at more than twice that rate. But other measures are running hot too:

	2012–2019 AVERAGE	CURRENT ANNUAL RATE
PCE INDEX	1.6%	4.3%
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI)	1.6%	5.4%
CORE CPI (ALL BUT FOOD AND ENERGY)	2.0%	4.0%
PRODUCER PRICE INDEX (PPI) *	1.7%	8.6%
CORE PPI (ALL BUT FOOD AND ENERGY)	1.7%	6.0%

* The PPI measures the change in selling prices over time, and is seen as predictive of future CPI rates.