## Inflation

Unit 5 - Macroeconomics

#### Top 10 Highest Grossing Movies

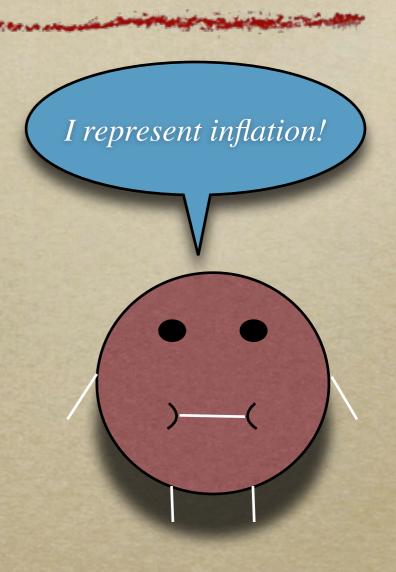
Rank	Movie	Gross	Year
1	Avatar	\$2,782,275,172	2009
2	Titanic	\$2,185,372,302	1997
3	Avengers	\$1,511,757,910	2012
4	Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2	\$1,328,111,219	2011
5	Transformers - Dark of the Moon	\$1,123,746,996	2011
6	The Lord of the Rings - Return of the King	\$1,119,929,521	2003
7	Skyfall	\$1,108,561,013	2012
8	The Dark Knight Rises	\$1,081,041,287	2012
9	Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest	\$1,066,179,725	2006
10	Toy Story 3	\$1,063,171,911	2010

# Top 10 Highest Grossing Movies: Adjusted for Inflation

Rank	Movie	Gross	Year
1	Gone With the Wind	\$3,301,400,000	1939
2	Avatar	\$2,782,300,000	2009
3	Star Wars	\$2,710,800,000	1977
4	Titanic	\$2,413,800,000	1997
5	The Sound of Music	\$2,269,800,000	1965
6	E.T.	\$2,216,800,000	1982
7	The Ten Commandments	\$2,098,600,000	1956
8	Doctor Zhivago	\$1,988,600,000	1965
9	Jaws	\$1,945,100,000	1975
10	Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs	\$1,746,100,000	1937

#### INFLATION

- Inflation is a gradual rising of prices
  - Your money buys less
- Economists calculate inflation by using a <u>price level</u>
  - o CPI, PPI, GDP deflator



You need to know this!

Inflation =  $\frac{change\ in\ price\ level\ x\ 100}{beginning\ price\ level}$ 

### CPI: Consumer Price Index

- The Bureau of Labor Statistics establishes the CPI using a sample of 400 commonly purchased consumer goods
- o These goods are known as the market basket

# Market Basket Components

- Food andBeverages
- o Housing
- o Apparel
- Transportation

- o Medical Care
- o Recreation
- Education and Communication
- o Other G&S

### PPI: Producer Price Index

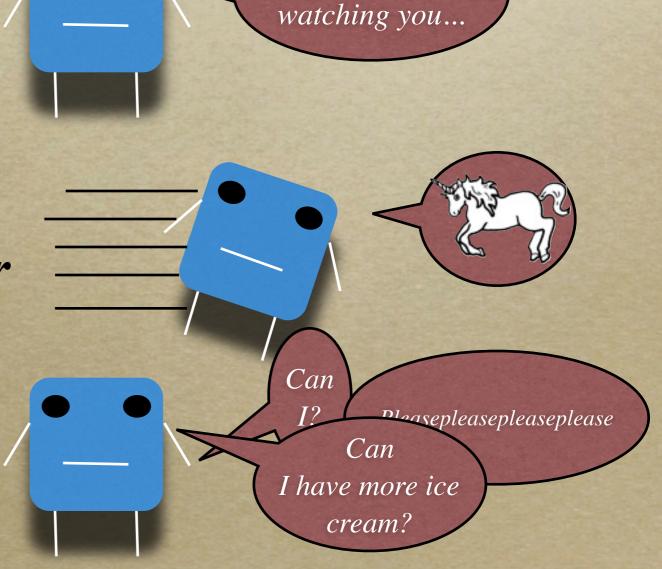
- The PPI measures the price changes paid by domestic producers for their inputs
- Includes commodities, farm products, fuels, chemicals, rubber, pulp and paper, and processed foods.

### **GDP Price Deflator**

- An index of average levels of prices for all G&S in the economy
- Computed quarterly
- o Has a base year of 1996

# Degrees of Inflation

- o There are different types of inflation
  - o Creeping inflation
    - o 1-3% a year
  - Galloping Inflation
    - o 100-300% a year
  - Hyper Inflation
    - o 500% or more



Hey, I've been

#### Causes of Inflation

- 1. Demand pull theory:
  - o As demand increases so do prices
- o 2. Federal Government spends more than it earns
- o 3. Rising costs of inputs cause goods to cost more
  - o I.E. if you get paid more they charge more
- 4. Too much money
  - o If the Federal Reserve prints too much money then some groups have more purchasing power

# Consequences of Inflation

- Decreased purchasing power
  - o You can buy less
- Change in spending habits
  - You buy different things
- Speculation takes place
  - People gamble with investments
- Lenders stop lending money
  - Capital creation slows

