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References

Worksheet

Learning Objective: 07-04 Outline the impact of inflation on interest rates.

Difficulty: 1 Basic

Section: 7.6 Inflation and Interest Rates

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Treasury bill rate	8.78 ^{+/-1%}	%
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Explanation:

Note: Intermediate answers are shown below as rounded, but the full answer was used to complete the calculation.

The Fisher equation, which shows the exact relationship between nominal interest rates, real interest rates, and inflation is:

$$(1 + R) = (1 + r)(1 + h)$$

$$R = (1 + .035)(1 + .051) - 1$$
$$R = .0878, \text{ or } 8.78\%$$

