Inflation = % Change in Price Index

(Deflator Year X) -

(Deflator Previous year)

X 100 (Deflator Previous year)

Inflation GDP Year Deflator Rate 2007 200 2008 250

Inflation =

% change in Price relative to the Base

70/

This is the change in prices relative to the previous year

Prices in 2009 are 4% higher than prices in 2008



Prices in 2009 are 160% higher than in the Base

Inflation = % Change in Price Index

Inflation = $\frac{260}{\text{Deflator Year X}}$ - $\frac{250}{\text{Deflator Previous year}}$ X 100 (Deflator Previous year)

Year	GDP Deflator	Inflation Rate	change in prices relative to the previous year	This is the change in prices relative to the Base	% change in Price relative to the Base
2007	200				
2008	250	25%	Prices in 2009 are 4% higher	Prices in 2009 are 160%	150%
2009	260	4% <	than prices in 2008	higher than in the Base	_ 160%

The Consumer Price Index

A Price Index