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Purchasing Power of Money in the United States from 1774 to Present

Computing the Purchasing Power of a monetary transaction in the past compares the relative value of a past amount of dollars to a present amount. A simple "calculator" uses only the prices of consumer purchases to do this whereas a complete purchasing power comparator, such as found in this website, uses various prices, wages, output, etc., depending on the context. For more information on this issue, consult **Seven Ways to Compute the Relative Value of a US Dollar Amount, 1774 - Present** where you will find a more extensive discussion of how to compute relative worth with many examples.

The answers you get from this comparator will be the same as those from the **Relative Value** comparator. That is, you will get the "simple" purchasing power calculator result and other choices that may be better depending on the context.

To determine the value of an amount of money in a particular ("original") year compared to another ("desired") year, enter the values in the appropriate places below. For example, you may want to know: How much money would you need in the year **2000**, to have the same "purchasing power" as **\$500** in the year **1960**? If you entered these values in the correct places, you will find that the "the simple purchasing power" answer is **\$2,910.00**.

You can make this computation among all the years between 1774 and Present.

Initial Year:	<input type="text"/>
Initial Amount:	\$ <input type="text"/>
Desired Year:	<input type="text"/>
<input type="button" value="Calculate"/>	
Enter data as a number without a \$ sign or commas.	
Why not current year?	

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