

Don't you wish you could buy things for what they cost five or ten years ago? How about twenty or fifty years ago? In 1973 you could buy a new car for \$4,000 and a gallon of milk cost \$0.62. The average home sold for \$32,500.

Prices are going up all the time, and this includes houses and land. We can look at homes that have sold to tell how much prices are going up. For example:

If a house sold for \$300,000 in 2021, and sold again for \$360,000 in 2022, we could divide \$360,000 by \$300,000 to find 120% or a 20% increase.



Now, let's say we have a home that sold for \$250,000 just one year ago. If home prices are up 20%, we can multiply \$250,000 by 120% to get \$300,000.

