

Jackie Comments City Council Meeting August 10, 2026

I just saw in the news that the economy shed 23,000 jobs last month. It is going to get ugly. People don't have job security right now. As I have said before to City Council and staff, they are not going to be able to tax their way out of it. Companies are cutting jobs as you have well seen with a lost council member. Many Bellevue residents are elderly and we need to keep them in their houses. We are only a community with a population of 2,500 people. If people don't have money for LOT taxes, they don't have money for increased property taxes.

I will never vote for a property tax increase unless they itemize specific equipment, they will buy to maintain the ROW and roads, there is a concrete plan and budget in place, and the increase is for a short time. For example, like a dump truck (to haul away snow and debris) industrial lawn mower and leaf collectors. We already gave you money to fix the sewer and water facilities. We don't have extra money for plazas or cultural events. We fix what is critical infrastructure and security. As Diane Shay stated regarding BURA, we start slow.

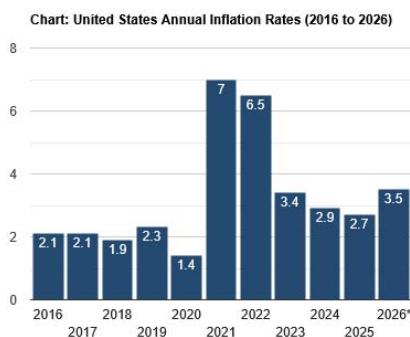
Inflation Rates have only increased 3.5% if you believe the government.

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Current U.S. Inflation Rates (2000-2026)

The annual inflation rate in the United States was 3.5% for the 12 months ending June, down from 4.2% previously, according to U.S. Labor Department data released July 14, 2026. The next update is scheduled for August 12 at 8:30 a.m. ET and will cover the 12 months ending July.

Below is a chart and table displaying annual US inflation rates for calendar years from 2000 and 2016 through 2026. For inflation rates in prior years, please refer to [historical inflation rates](#). If you would like to calculate the accumulated rates between two different dates, you can use the [US Inflation Calculator](#).



**The latest inflation data (12-month based) is always displayed in the chart's final column.*