



## Then and now: Comparing '67 and '07

How much did a Big Mac cost in 1967? A gallon of gas? A first class stamp? We compare the way things were 40 years ago and today.

	1967	2007
<b>President</b>	Lyndon B. Johnson (Democrat)	George W. Bush (Republican)
<b>Vice President</b>	Hubert H. Humphrey	Richard B. Cheney
<b>Average cost of a new home</b>	\$24,600	\$229,100
<b>Median household income</b>	\$7,143	\$46,242 (2005, latest figure)
<b>Cost of a movie ticket</b>	\$1.20	\$6.58
<b>Newsstand price of Rolling Stone (launched 1967)</b>	\$0.25	\$4.50
<b>Price of a pack of cigarettes</b>	\$0.30	\$4.50
<b>Cost of a McDonald's Big Mac (first introduced in 1967)</b>	\$0.45	\$3.22
<b>Average cost of a new car</b>	\$2,750	\$28,200
<b>Cost of a Chrysler Town &amp; Country wagon ('67) vs. Chrysler Town &amp; Country minivan ('07)</b>	\$4,086	\$26,045
<b>Cost of a gallon of regular gas</b>	\$0.33	\$3.16
<b>Dow Jones Industrial Average</b>	High: 943; low: 786	High: 13,692; low: 10,683 (52 weeks to June 20)
<b>Cost of a first class stamp</b>	\$0.05	\$0.41
<b>Cost of a dozen eggs</b>	\$0.49	\$1.51
<b>Cost of a gallon of milk</b>	\$1.03	\$3.20
<b>Average life expectancy (U.S.)</b>	70.5 years	78 years
<b>U.S. population</b>	198,712,056	302,062,547
<b>Inflation rate</b>	2.8%	2.6%
<b>Cost of a Barbie doll</b>	\$3.22	\$9.99
<b>Cost of The Beatles' "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" (released in 1967)</b>	\$5.49	\$9.97

SOURCES: Various; compiled by Petra Cahill. NOTE: All prices are national averages

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