

ARE YOU LOSING THE RACE AGAINST INFLATION?



In light of recent market volatility, it's understandable why wary investors might be drawn to seemingly *safe* investment options. The downside of playing it safe, however, is that you may actually be *losing* money by putting your assets in investment vehicles that don't keep pace with inflation. The end result for you could be a loss in purchasing power.

The original Ford Mustang debuted in 1964, selling for roughly \$2,300¹—a bargain even then. At that time, \$100,000 invested in a six-month CD² would have provided you with \$4,300 in income—nearly the cost of two Mustangs! Unfortunately, the income on the same \$100,000 CD today would only provide you with enough income to pay for one tire for your cherished Mustang.

The Effects of Inflation: \$100,000 6-Month CD Investment

Year	CD Rate ²	CD Income	MSRP Ford Mustang	Your CD Income Could Buy...
1964	4.30%	\$4,300	\$2,320 ¹	2 Ford Mustangs (\$4,640) 
1984	8.85%	\$8,850	\$7,089 ¹	1 Ford Mustang (\$7,089 ¹) 
2004	2.66%	\$2,660	\$18,345 ¹	Almost two sets of tires for your Ford Mustang (\$2,856 ³) 
2012	0.67%	\$670	\$22,200 ⁴	1 tire for your Ford Mustang (\$435 ⁵) 

CDs are insured by the FDIC, offer a fixed rate of return, and are generally designed for short-term savings needs. The principal value and investment return of investment securities (including mutual funds) are subject to risk, will fluctuate with changes in market conditions, are generally considered long-term investments, and are not suitable for all investors.

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¹ www.themustangsource.com/timeline

² 6-Month Certificate of Deposit: Secondary Market Rate (CD6M), www.research.stlouisfed.org, 8/12

³ Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company Consumer Relations, 8/12

⁴ <http://www.ford.com/cars/mustang/>

⁵ <http://www.goodyear.com>, 2011 Ford Mustang GT, 8/12

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