



INFLATION - **Still Not An Issue**

Every two months the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics gauges consumer prices in the Philadelphia region, including northern Delaware. As shown in the charts below, the recent recession has put a damper on inflation in the region. After deflation during most of 2009, the overall inflation rate now hovers around 1.6%.

Foreclosures and weak demand keep the price of housing steady. Food prices have gained ground as eating out is reviving. A seasonal increase in gasoline prices is raising transportation costs. And healthcare price increases remain half of the historic rate.

