Inflation, United States vs. European Union, 1981–2026

Annual average inflation; 2026 points are August year-over-year rates



The 1981–2025 plotted points are annual averages. Inauguration lines mark calendar years, not January inflation readings.

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (CPI-U, all items, 1981–2025), Eources: (CPI-U, all items, 1981–2025), 2026 current rates: Bls and Eurostat.