

Cumulative percentage increases in the age pension, MTAW and CPI from January 1989 to end September 2017



Cumulative increases since December 1989, and average annual increases.

Single pension Age Pension: 204.0% and 4.10%.
 Male Total Average Weekly Earnings (MTAWE): 162.0% and 3.54%.
 CPI used to index Commonwealth superannuation pensions, civilian and military):
 106.0% and 2.64%.

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Example of the effect of CPI indexation of CSS/PSS superannuation pensions:

A person who retired on 1 January 1990 receives a gross fortnightly CSS or PSS pension of \$1,500. If the pension had been indexed the same way as the Age Pension, the fortnightly pension would be in the order of \$2,221. This person is losing over \$700 each fortnight!

