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FEATURED ARTICLES & ABOUT THE AUTHORS

America's Monetary Landscape in Recent Decades: A Review of Interest Rate and Inflation Dynamics
By Mahbod Ashrafizadeh

This article reviews US inflation and interest rate dynamics within the context of the post-2000 era, emphasizing the period from the 2008 financial crisis to the contemporary, post-COVID era marked by increased inflation, fiscal spending, and rising interest rates. The article uses various illustrations of macroeconomic factors to explain the multifaceted US inflation and interest rate dynamics such as real inflation (past and future), expected inflation, labour market characteristics, and Ben Bernanke's variation of the Taylor Rule.

The Effects of Immigration on the Housing Market: Canada
By Vivek Gala



Immigration and housing is perhaps the most important economic challenge facing Canada in 2024. This research explores the historical relationships between immigration and the prices of houses at a provincial level in Canada. While there is little significant correlation between the two historically, this paper finds that there are some strong variations in immigration rates across provinces that are not fully translated into house prices. There is potentially a more direct effect of immigration on demand and price in the rental market.

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