# Then and Now

1929, 2012

This is a comparison of the average family statics in America when the Model A Ford was in full production compared against todays (2012) averages.

**1929**

Average annual earnings $1,236.00 (Teachers salary $970.00, Farm labor $534.24)

Life expectancy: Male 53.6, Female 54.6

Cost of 1 gallon of gas $ .21

Cost of average home $7,809.00

Average cost of a new automobile $643.00

Cost of a Model A ford Tudor $500.00

**2012**

Average annual earnings $50,054 .00 (Teachers salary $44,000 .00, Farmer $57,050.00)

Life expectancy: Male 75.6, Female 80.6

Cost of 1 gallon of gasoline $3.64

Cost of average home $146,000.00

Average cost of new automobile $30,303.00

Cost of an average 1929 Model A Ford Tudor $15,000.00 (no data exists so this is a estimate)

So using the average annual earnings as the baseline for comparison to arrive at an equivalent cost to 2012 here is what it looks like:

Gas in 1929 was .017% of yearly income, in 2012 it was .0073%

Average home cost in 1929, 632% of yearly income, in 2012 it was 292%

Average cost of new automobile in 1929 was 52% of yearly income, in 2012 it was 61%

Model A Ford Tudor cost in 1929 was 40% of yearly income, in 2012 it was 30%

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