Dollars Needed to Equal in Value $1 Million in the Year
2002 for each Year 1850 to 2003

Read this graph as follows: To equal the value of $1 million in dollars of the year 2002 would have required about $45,000 in 1850.

Note: Data prior to 1913 should be considered approximations, so seemingly sharp fluctuations during the 1800s may be exaggerated.