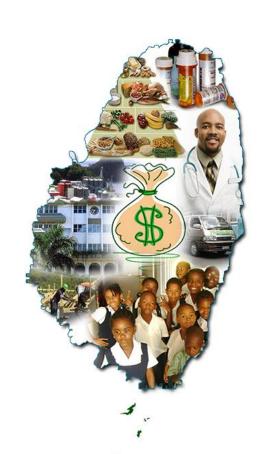


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The Consumer Price Index recorded a 0.3 percent increase during the month of October 2011. The "All Items" index stood at 105.7 for the month of October compared with 105.4 for the month of September 2011. The "point-to-point" inflation rate was registered as 4.5 percent.

Six (6) groups recorded increases during the month: "Communication" (0.9 percent), "Clothing & Footwear" (0.8 percent), "Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages (0.7 percent), "Recreation and Culture" (0.4 percent), "Miscellaneous Good & Services" (0.3 percent) and "Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels" (0.2 percent). Two (2) groups recorded decreases during the month: "Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics" (0.9 percent), "Restaurants & Hotels" (0.2 percent). Four (4) groups remained unchanged: "Furnishing, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance", "Health", "Transport" and "Education".

The 0.9 percent increase in the "Communication" index is due mainly to an increase in the average cost per minute for mobile to mobile calls (3.8 percent) and mobile to fixed line calls (1.3 percent).

The group index for "Clothing & Footwear" grew by 0.8 percent as a result of higher prices for a 2-piece women sleepwear (74.1 percent), T-shirt (50 percent), ladies' hand purse (33.3 percent) and women sandals (33.2 percent).

"Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco" group index increased by 0.7 percent due to an increase in the prices of several food items, namely: chocolate chip cookies (43.5 percent), tannias

(22.2 percent), pineapple (20.9 percent), mince meat (19.4 percent), breadfruit (17.6 percent), dried fruits-current (13.7 percent), pig feet – frozen (12.9 percent), green bananas (11.9 percent), cream biscuits (11.8 percent), crackers – whole wheat (9.8 percent), sweet potatoes (8.5 percent), limes (8.4 percent), eddoes (8.3 percent), chicken – whole legs (7.2 percent), bananas – ripe (7.1 percent), crackers – white (6.5 percent) and white sugar (3.5 percent).

The 0.4 percent increase in the "Recreation and Culture" group index is accounted for mainly by higher price for plant food (66.4 percent), a 14.3 percent increase in the price of a note book and a 4.5 percent increase for a form 4 English textbook.

The group index for "Miscellaneous Goods and Services" grew by 0.3 percent due mainly to an increase in the price of colognes (33.3 percent), sanitary napkins- ultra thin (13.5 percent), hair dress (2.5 percent) and toilet soap (2.2 percent).

TABLE 1
AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS

AVERAGE	UNIT	AVERAG	CHANGE	PERCENTAGE	
ITEM	OF	EC		IN	CHANGE
	QUANTITY	OCTOBER	SEPTEMBER	PRICE	IN
		2011	2011		PRICE
INCREASED					
Chocolate chip cookies	145g pk	4.32	3.01	1.31	43.52
Cream biscuits	140 g pk	2.37	2.12	0.25	11.79
Chocolate chip cookies	200g pk	3.50	3.00	0.50	16.67
Crackers, salted, white	50 oz	3.12	2.93	0.19	6.48
Crackers, whole wheat	50 oz	3.26	2.97	0.29	9.76
Mince meat	Lb	11.95	10.01	1.94	19.38
Pig feet, fozen	Lb	3.68	3.26	0.42	12.88
Chicken, whole legs	Lb	3.44	3.21	0.23	7.17
Limes	Lb	1.67	1.54	0.13	8.44
Bananas, ripe	Lb	1.05	0.98	0.07	7.14
Pineapple	Lb	4.86	4.02	0.84	20.90
Dried fruits, currants	Lb	9.99	8.79	1.20	13.65
Green bananas	Lb	0.94	0.84	0.10	11.90
Breadfruit	Lb	2.27	1.93	0.34	17.62
Sweet potatoes	Lb	2.29	2.11	0.18	8.53
Tannias	Lb	3.14	2.57	0.57	22.18
Eddoes	Lb	2.47	2.28	0.19	8.33
Sugar, white	Lb	2.05	1.98	0.07	3.54
Textile material, linen, 60"	1 yard	17.95	16.95	1.00	5.90
T-shirt, large	Each	15.00	10.00	5.00	50.00
Women's sleepwear, 2pc set	Each	35.00	20.10	14.90	74.13
Ladies' hand purse	Each	20.00	15.00	5.00	33.33
Women's sandals, size 4	Pair	39.95	30.00	9.95	33.17
Lamp holder, bayonett, straight	Each	5.08	4.92	0.16	3.25
Wood preserver	1 gal.	32.00	27.60	4.40	15.94
Mobile to mobile, peak	1 minute	0.81	0.78	0.03	3.85
Mobile to fiexed line, peak	1 minue	0.78	0.77	0.01	1.30
Plant food	567g	29.95	18.00	11.95	66.39
English text book, form 4	Each	58.39	55.89	2.50	4.47
Note book	Each	7.99	6.99	1.00	14.31
Hair dressing	5.25oz	7.01	6.84	0.17	2.49
Antiseptic mouthwash	250ml bot.	12.78	12.41	0.37	2.98
Sanitary napkins, ultra-tin	Pk of 14	17.25	15.20	2.05	13.49
Colognes	125ml	159.00	119.25	39.75	33.33
Toilet soap	125g bar	3.27	3.20	0.07	2.19
Antibacterial soap	125g bar	3.82	3.74	0.08	2.14
DECREASED					
Stout	275ml bot.	4.85	5.07	-0.22	-4.34
Beer	280ml bot.	4.00	4.09	-0.09	-2.20
Cigarettes, local	pk of 10	2.65	2.73	-0.08	-2.93
School meals, bakes & chicken	Each	2.50	3.00	-0.50	-16.67
ochool meals, bakes & chicken	Each	2.30	3.00	-0.30	-10.07

TABLE 2
AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS
OCTOBER 2011 COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 2010

ITEMS			RAGE	CHANGE	PERCENTAGE	
	OF	E	C\$	IN	CHANGE	
	QUANTITY	OCTOBER	OCTOBER	PRICE	IN	
		2011	2010		PRICE	
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC						
BEVERAGES						
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00	
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	6.68	6.03	0.65	10.78	
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	2.79	2.63	0.16	6.08	
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.64	1.53	0.11	7.19	
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.85	4.47	0.38	8.50	
Turkey Wings	Lb.	2.67	2.51	0.16	6.37	
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00	
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	Lb.	2.50	3.71	-1.21	-32.61	
Fish - Fresh (Robins)	Lb.	5.08	4.00	1.08	27.00	
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	5.06	4.99	0.07	1.40	
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	7.38	7.38	0.00	0.00	
Codfish	Lb.	13.76	12.28	1.48	12.05	
Cornflakes	12 oz	12.16	11.60	0.56	4.83	
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.10	3.64	0.46	12.64	
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.04	2.86	0.18	6.29	
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	3.57	3.25	0.32	9.85	
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	2.04	1.84	0.20	10.87	
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	4.20	4.10	0.10	2.44	
Eggs	Doz	9.08	8.00	1.08	13.50	
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	6.97	6.62	0.35	5.29	
Brown Sugar	Lb.	1.43	1.25	0.18	14.40	
Sugar - White (loose)	Lb.	2.05	1.80	0.25	13.89	
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.27	1.18	0.09	7.63	
Flour - Packaged (white)	2 kg	6.67	6.75	-0.08	-1.19	
Flour - Packaged (wholewheat)	2 kg	6.92	7.13	-0.21	-2.95	
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.79	1.79	0.00	0.00	
Rice - Package	2 kg	9.23	9.23	0.00	0.00	
Bananas	Lb.	1.05	1.04	0.01	0.96	
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.27	1.73	0.54	31.21	
Eddoes	Lb.	2.47	2.26	0.21	9.29	
Dasheens	Lb.	2.28	2.04	0.24	11.76	
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.29	2.52	-0.23	-9.13	
Oranges	Each	0.73	0.72	0.01	1.39	
Tomatoes	Lb.	5.27	6.18	-0.91	-14.72	
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	7.40	7.00	0.40	5.71	
Vegetable Oil	1 Litre	10.02	9.32	0.70	7.51	
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	9.40	8.89	0.51	5.74	
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail (not cold)	280 ml Bottle		2.06	0.19	9.22	
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle		5.11	-0.02	-0.39	

TABLE 2 Cont'd AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS OCTOBER 2011 COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 2010

ITEMS	UNIT	AVERAGE PRICE		CHANGE	PERCENTAGE
	OF	EC\$		IN	CHANGE
	QUANTITY	OCTOBER	OCTOBER	PRICE	IN
		2011	2010		PRICE
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO					
& NARCOTICS					
Rum - Local (white)	750 ml Bot.	26.88	26.77	0.11	0.41
Beer - Local	280ml Bottle	4.00	4.09	-0.09	-2.20
Cigarettes - Local	Pkt. (10)	2.65	2.73	-0.08	-2.93
Gonsalves Black Wine	26 oz Bottle	16.81	16.26	0.55	3.38
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR					
Textile material - Terelyne	Yd.	47.95	54.45	-6.50	-11.94
Textile material - Linen	Yd.	17.95	15.95	2.00	12.54
Men's Shirts - Long Sleeve	Each	64.95	64.95	0.00	0.00
Men's Jeans (long) - size 30	Each	35.85	45.00	-9.15	-20.33
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	69.95	70.00	-0.05	-0.07
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	89.95	79.95	10.00	12.51
Women's 2Pc Skirtsuit (polyester) large	Each	100.00	89.95	10.05	11.17
Women's Blouse (cotton/Spandex)	Each	16.19	26.95	-10.76	-39.93
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY					
GAS AND OTHER FUELS					
Rent:					
Unfurnished house -2 Bedroom	1Month	546.43	546.43	0.00	0.00
Unfurnished house -3 Bedroom	1Month	612.50	612.50	0.00	0.00
Furnished Apartment- 2 Bedroom	1Month	791.67	791.67	0.00	0.00
Cement - Portland (grey)	94 Lbs	21.83	21.97	-0.14	-0.64
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	1 Length	80.56	80.56	0.00	0.00
Oil Paint	1 Gal.	97.00	97.00	0.00	0.00
Lumber -Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	1 Length	69.69	68.26	1.43	2.09
Water - Consumption Charge	5000 Gals.	32.50	32.50	0.00	0.00
Kerosene	1 Gal.	13.03	10.10	2.93	29.01
Charcoal	1 Sack	40.00	40.00	0.00	0.00
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	44.56	37.75	6.81	18.04
Electricity consumption charge	140 KWH	138.78	119.40	19.38	16.23
FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD					
EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD					
MAINTENANCE					
Bed - Cherry 54"x75"	Each	1,150.00	1,150.00	0.00	0.00
Sheets -double - coloured/cotton	Each	88.80	88.80	0.00	0.00
Frying Pan - 12" - non-stick	Each	52.76	49.95	2.81	5.63
Laundry soap	Each	1.19	1.19	0.00	0.00
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	4.66	4.48	0.18	4.02

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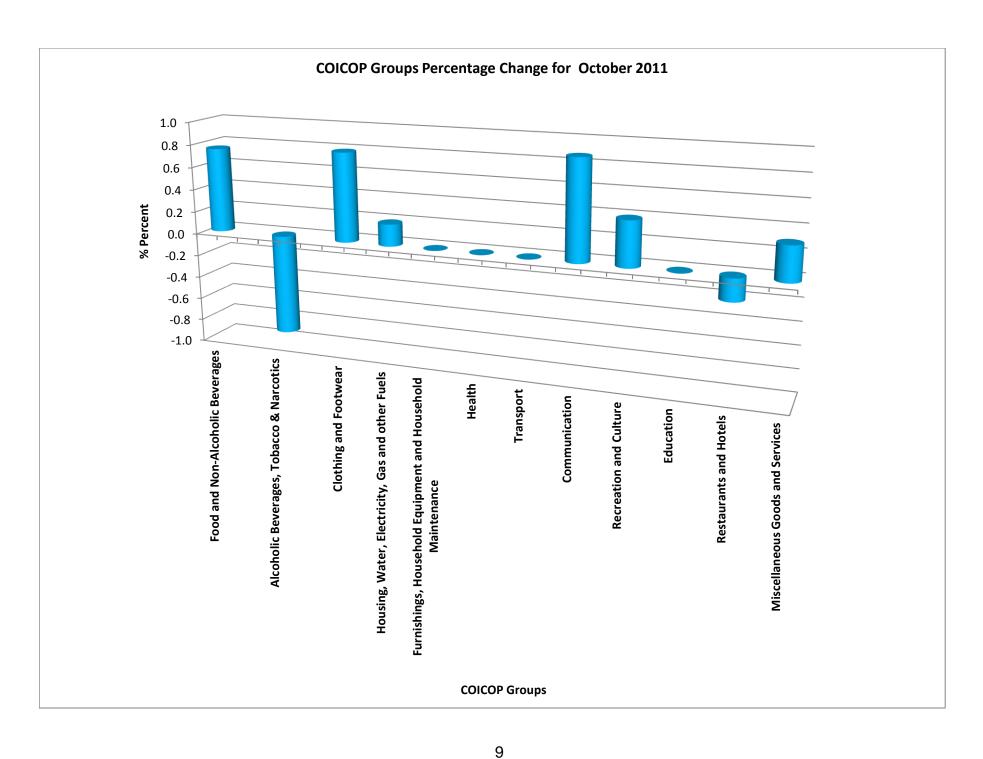
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	OF	E	C\$	IN	CHANGE
	QUANTITY	OCTOBER	OCTOBER	PRICE	IN
		2011	2010		PRICE
HEALTH					
Doctor's Fee - Gynaecologist	1 Visit	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00
Eye Care	1 Test	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Hospitalisation (Private Ward)	1 Day	75.00	75.00	0.00	0.00
Drug for Hypertension	1 Mth supply	3.50	3.74	-0.24	-6.42
Drug for Diabetes	1 Mth supply	14.10	14.86	-0.76	-5.11
Cough, cold preparation	125 ml.	15.37	16.41	-1.04	-6.34
Dental Care	1 Visit	99.17	98.33	0.84	0.85
Chest X- ray	1 Test	100.00	90.00	10.00	11.11
TRANSPORT					
Petrol - Unleaded	1 Gal.	15.10	12.20	2.90	23.77
Vehicle License (car) - not exd. 2000 lbs	1 Year	470.00	410.00	60.00	14.63
Bus Fare - Mesopotamia	One Way	3.00	2.50	0.50	20.00
Boat Fare - Bequia	One Way	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
COMMUNICATION					
Telephone service - rental of line- domestic	1 Month	23.46	23.46	0.00	0.00
Telephone - Consumption Charge	226 Units	18.08	18.08	0.00	0.00
Internet charge	1 Month	101.70	101.70	0.00	0.00
Fixed Line domestic rate- peak	1 Minute	0.08	0.08	0.00	0.00
Mobile to mobile- domestic	1 Minute	0.81	0.75	0.06	8.00
RECREATION AND CULTURE					
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	1,999.00	1,999.00	0.00	0.00
Cable TV Basic Charge	1 Month	74.75	74.75	0.00	0.00
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	4,640.48	4,399.00	241.48	5.49
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	1,899.00	1,999.00	-100.00	-5.00
Car Remote Control	Each	308.45	395.00	-86.55	-21.91
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	2.98	2.95	0.03	1.02
Dance Admission to Night Club	Per Person	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Carnival costume and Band Fees (Adult)	Each	300.00	300.00	0.00	0.00

TABLE 2 Cont'd
AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS
OCTOBER 2011 COMPARED WITH OCTOBER 2010

ITEMS	UNIT	AVERA	GE PRICE	CHANGE	PERCENTAGE
	OF	EC\$		IN	CHANGE
	QUANTITY	OCTOBER	OCTOBER	PRICE	IN
		2011	2010		PRICE
EDUCATION					
Pre-Primary - Private	1 Month	205.00	205.00	0.00	0.00
Primary School Fee - Private	1 Term	650.00	650.00	0.00	0.00
Secondary School Fee - Private	1 Term	100.00	125.00	-25.00	-20.00
Newspaper - Local	Each	1.33	1.00	0.33	33.00
Exercise Book - Primary - 24 leaves	Each	0.50	0.60	-0.10	-16.67
Lead Pencils	Each	0.42	0.45	-0.03	-6.67
Mathematics Textbook - From 4	Each	77.00	73.53	3.47	4.72
Tuition for local evening classes	1 Subject	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS					
Chicken Lunch - regular	Each	14.28	13.39	0.89	6.65
Fish Lunch - regular	Each	15.87	15.32	0.55	3.59
Fast Food - 2 Pc Chicken and Fries	Each	15.45	15.45	0.00	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS					
AND SERVICES					
Toilet Soap	125g	3.29	3.30	-0.01	-0.30
Toothpaste	130g tube	8.85	9.18	-0.33	-3.59
Men's Haircut	1 Visit	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Hairdressing (Relaxer)	1 Visit	64.81	64.81	0.00	0.00
Disposable Diapers medium	10 per Pk.	12.89	12.45	0.44	3.41
Health Insurance - group (family)	≥3 Ppersons	278.70	278.70	0.00	0.00
Legal Expenses (Affidavit)	Fee	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00

TABLE 3
THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BY MAIN GROUPS
JANUARY 2010 = 100

	GROUP	WEIGHT	SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER PREVIOUS:		
			2011	2011	2010	MONTH	YEAR	
						SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	107.1	107.9	103.2	0.7	4.6	
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	101.5	100.6	100.6	-0.9	0.0	
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	101.5	102.3	100.5	0.8	1.8	
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	103.4	103.6	99.7	0.2	3.9	
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	99.2	99.2	99.9	0.0	-0.7	
06.	Health	1.79	98.2	98.2	99.9	0.0	-1.7	
07.	Transport	11.84	120.7	120.7	102.5	0.0	17.8	
08.	Communication	9.41	103.2	104.1	100.7	0.9	3.4	
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	101.3	101.7	99.5	0.4	2.2	
10.	Education	1.32	108.6	108.6	106.0	0.0	2.5	
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	103.0	102.8	101.5	-0.2	1.3	
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	100.0	100.3	99.8	0.3	0.5	
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	105.4	105.7	101.1	0.3	4.5	



				OCTOBER	Percentage	Cost W	Veight	Change in	Contribution
	GROUP	WEIGHT	SEPTEMBER			SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	Cost	to
			2011	2011	Change	2011	2011	Weight	Change
									%
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	107.1	107.9	0.7	2,346.56	2,364.09	17.5	58.4
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	101.5	100.6	-0.9	392.81	389.32	-3.5	-11.6
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	101.5	102.3	0.8	326.83	329.41	2.6	8.6
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	103.4	103.6	0.2	3,108.20	3,114.22	6.0	20.0
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	99.2	99.2	0.0	653.73	653.73	0.0	0.0
6.	Health	1.79	98.2	98.2	0.0	175.78	175.78	0.0	0.0
7.	Transport	11.84	120.7	120.7	0.0	1,429.09	1,429.09	0.0	0.0
8.	Communication	9.41	103.2	104.1	0.9	971.11	979.58	8.5	28.2
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	101.3	101.7	0.4	385.95	387.48	1.5	5.1
10.	Education	1.32	108.6	108.6	0.0	143.35	143.35	0.0	0.0
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	103.0	102.8	-0.2	192.61	192.24	-0.4	-1.2
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	100.0	100.3	0.3	431.00	432.29	1.3	4.3
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	105.4	105.7	0.3	10540.00	10570.00	30.0	100.0

TABLE 5
MONTHLY INDEX - 2011
JANUARY 2010 = 100

GROUP	ALL ITEMS	Food and Non- Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages Tobacco & Narcotics	Clothing & Footwear	Housing Water Electricity Gas and Fuels	Furnishings Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communi- cation	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants and Hotels	Miscell- aneous Goods and Services
WEIGHT	100.00	21.91	3.87	3.22	30.06	6.59	1.79	11.84	9.41	3.81	1.32	1.87	4.31
MONTH													
January	101.7	103.5	100.3	100.3	100.0	99.6	99.5	105.5	101.6	100.9	106.0	102.3	100.0
February	101.8	103.5	100.2	100.1	100.6	99.7	99.1	104.6	102.1	101.0	106.0	101.8	100.1
March	101.7	103.2	100.2	100.2	100.8	99.7	98.7	105.5	102.0	100.6	103.9	100.6	100.0
April	102.5	103.2	100.3	100.1	102.9	99.9	99.1	106.3	102.0	100.5	103.9	100.6	99.8
May	102.6	104.2	100.8	100.3	102.5	99.8	99.1	106.2	102.0	100.5	103.9	101.1	99.8
June	103.3	105.6	100.9	100.5	103.6	99.7	99.0	106.4	102.0	101.2	103.9	101.1	99.9
July	103.9	105.2	100.8	100.9	103.0	99.0	98.6	113.5	102.1	101.6	103.9	102.8	100.1
August	105.0	106.5	101.5	101.5	102.9	99.2	98.1	119.3	103.2	101.6	106.0	103.1	100.2
September	105.4	107.1	101.5	101.5	103.4	99.2	98.2	120.7	103.2	101.3	108.6	103.0	100.0
October	105.70	107.9	100.6	102.3	103.6	99.2	98.2	120.7	104.1	101.7	108.6	102.8	100.3