



CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MONTHLY STATISTICAL BULLETIN



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The Consumer Price Index registered an increase of 0.5 percent for the month of August 2013. The “All Items” index stood at 107.5 in comparison to 107.0 for the month of August 2013. The “point-to-point” inflation rate was recorded as 0.5 percent

Seven (7) groups recorded increases during the month: “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (0.9 percent), “Restaurants and Hotels” (0.9 percent), “Health” (0.8 percent), “Transport” (0.5 percent), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (0.4 percent), “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (0.3 percent) and “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” (0.2 percent). One (1) group recorded a decrease during the period: “Clothing and Footwear” (0.1 percent). Four (4) groups remained unchanged “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance”, “Communication”, “Recreation and Culture” and “Education”.

The group index for “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” grew by 0.9 percent as a result of an increase of 5.1 percent in the cost of electricity. This increase is due to an upward movement in the fuel surcharge rate from 50.84 cents per kilowatt hour for July 2013 to 55.96 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of August 2013.

The 0.9 percent increase in the index for “Restaurants and Hotels” is due to an increase of 9.1 percent in the price of fast food meals.

“Health” group index recorded an increase of 0.8 percent, which resulted from an increase in the price for medical services. There was an increase of 25.0 percent for dental services, in particular, cleaning/polishing of teeth and an increase of 8.3 percent for a CBC blood test.

The index for “Transport” increased by 0.5 percent due mainly to a higher price for airfare from St Vincent to St Lucia, which grew by 29.6 percent.

The group index for “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” increased by 0.4 percent due to an increase in the price of several food items: pork ribs (19.8 percent), garlic (15.4 percent), and powdered milk-full cream (12.1 percent), mangoes (11.4 percent), eddoes (10.2 percent), green bananas (8.1 percent), christophene (7.9 percent) and cornmeal (7.3 percent).

The “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” group index recorded an increase of 0.3 percent, which is a result of a 20.0 percent increase in the price of a pack of hair weave. The 0.2 percent increase in the “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” group index is due mainly to an increase of 7.1 percent in the price of brandy.

TABLE 1
AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS

ITEM	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		EC\$			
		AUGUST 2013	JULY 2013		
INCREASED					
Cornmeal	Lb	2.95	2.75	0.20	7.27
Pork ribs	Lb	5.75	4.80	0.95	19.79
Powdered milk- full cream	Lb	8.92	7.96	0.96	12.06
Mangoes	Each	0.78	0.70	0.08	11.43
Canned fruit - pineapple slices	20oz tin	6.75	6.35	0.40	6.30
Christophene	Lb	3.27	3.03	0.24	7.92
Green bananas	Lb	0.93	0.86	0.07	8.14
Eddoes	Lb	2.71	2.46	0.25	10.16
Garlic	per head	0.75	0.65	0.10	15.38
Red kidney beans	400g Pk	7.85	7.40	0.45	6.08
Frozen vegetables - mixed vegetables	32oz Pk	13.97	13.13	0.84	6.40
Instant yeast	1/4 Lb	3.46	3.21	0.25	7.79
Brandy	700ml bot.	25.36	23.67	1.69	7.14
Women's sandals	pair	49.95	39.95	10.00	25.03
Electricity consumption	140KWh	148.34	141.18	7.16	5.07
Dental Services - cleaning/polising	1 service	130.00	120.00	10.00	8.33
Blood Test -CBC	1 test	25.00	20.00	5.00	25.00
Passenger airfare - St Vincent to St Lucia	1 way	454.46	350.55	103.91	29.64
Fast food - Chicken and fries meal	1 box	16.85	15.45	1.40	9.06
Beauty products - weave	1 Pk	60.00	50.00	10.00	20.00
DECREASED					
Women panties (medium)	Each	3.95	4.95	-1.00	-20.20
Limes	Lb	2.42	2.59	-0.17	-6.56
Paw paw	Lb	1.19	1.28	-0.09	-7.03
Breadfruit	Lb	2.27	2.45	-0.18	-7.35
Tomatoes	Lb	4.10	4.94	-0.84	-17.00
Cucumbers	Lb	2.51	3.13	-0.62	-19.81
Stout - royal extra	275ml	4.33	4.42	-0.09	-2.04
Indoor/outdoor plant food	567g	24.95	28.60	-3.65	-12.76

TABLE 2
AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS
AUGUST 2013 COMPARED WITH AUGUST 2012

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		AUGUST 2013	AUGUST 2012		
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	6.00	6.12	-0.12	-1.96
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	3.04	3.07	-0.03	-0.98
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.70	1.68	0.02	1.19
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.02	4.93	-0.91	-18.46
Turkey Wings	Lb.	3.23	3.44	-0.21	-6.10
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	Lb.	4.00	4.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Robins)	Lb.	4.00	3.50	0.50	14.29
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	5.38	5.21	0.17	3.26
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	7.91	7.68	0.23	2.99
Codfish	Lb.	14.73	14.22	0.51	3.59
Cornflakes	12 oz	12.36	12.04	0.32	2.66
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.08	4.23	-0.15	-3.55
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.22	3.22	0.00	0.00
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	3.31	3.57	-0.26	-7.28
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	1.99	2.03	-0.04	-1.97
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	4.25	4.20	0.05	1.19
Eggs	Doz	8.67	8.76	-0.09	-1.03
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	7.46	6.79	0.67	9.87
Brown Sugar	Lb.	1.54	1.52	0.02	1.32
Sugar - White (loose)	Lb.	2.00	2.18	-0.18	-8.26
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.43	1.38	0.05	3.62
Flour - Packaged (white)	2 kg	6.75	6.75	0.00	0.00
Flour - Packaged (wholewheat)	2 kg	7.39	7.39	0.00	0.00
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.78	1.78	0.00	0.00
Rice - Package	2 kg	9.20	9.20	0.00	0.00
Bananas	Lb.	1.18	1.10	0.08	7.27
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.27	1.91	0.36	18.85
Eddoes	Lb.	2.71	2.18	0.53	24.31
Dasheens	Lb.	1.20	2.02	-0.82	-40.59
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.19	2.32	-0.13	-5.60
Oranges	Each	0.78	0.82	-0.04	-4.88
Tomatoes	Lb.	4.10	4.28	-0.18	-4.21
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	8.05	7.43	0.62	8.34
Vegetable Oil	1 Litre	10.54	10.73	-0.19	-1.77
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	9.87	9.73	0.14	1.44
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail (not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.24	2.21	0.03	1.36
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.76	5.10	0.66	12.94

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ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		AUGUST 2013	AUGUST 2012		
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO & NARCOTICS					
Rum - Local (white)	750 ml Bot.	28.53	28.50	0.03	0.11
Beer - Local	280ml Bottle	4.51	4.00	0.51	12.75
Cigarettes - Local	Pkt. (10)	3.47	3.47	0.00	0.00
Gonsalves Black Wine	26 oz Bottle	17.63	17.18	0.45	2.62
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR					
Textile material - Terelyne	Yd.	47.95	47.95	0.00	0.00
Textile material - Linen	Yd.	17.95	14.95	3.00	20.07
Men's Shirts - Long Sleeve	Each	69.95	64.95	5.00	7.70
Men's Jeans (long) - size 30	Each	34.28	35.73	-1.45	-4.06
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	79.95	79.95	0.00	0.00
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	110.00	89.95	20.05	22.29
Women's 2Pc Skirtsuit (polyester) large	Each	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Blouse (cotton/Spandex)	Each	24.51	25.00	-0.49	-1.96
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	24.75	24.62	0.13	0.53
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	1 Length	86.38	86.38	0.00	0.00
Oil Paint	1 Gal.	110.00	97.00	13.00	13.40
Lumber -Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	1 Length	69.69	69.69	0.00	0.00
Water - Consumption Charge	5000 Gals.	37.50	37.50	0.00	0.00
Kerosene	1 Gal.	13.79	13.33	0.46	3.45
Charcoal	1 Sack	40.00	40.00	0.00	0.00
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	44.56	44.56	0.00	0.00
Electricity consumption charge	140 KWH	148.34	145.63	2.71	1.86
FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE					
Bed - Cherry 54"x75"	Each	1,162.50	1,162.50	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	52.76	0.00	0.00
Laundry soap	Each	1.13	1.16	-0.03	-2.59
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	5.45	5.48	-0.03	-0.55

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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	3.50	0.00	0.00
Drug for Diabetes	1 Mth supply	13.90	14.18	-0.28	-1.97
Cough, cold preparation	125 ml.	15.52	15.41	0.11	0.71
Dental Care	1 Visit	114.17	99.17	15.00	15.13
Chest X- ray	1 Test	110.00	110.00	0.00	0.00
TRANSPORT					
Petrol - Unleaded	1 Gal.	15.12	14.90	0.22	1.48
Vehicle License (car) - ≤ 2000 cc	1 Year	470.00	470.00	0.00	0.00
Bus Fare - Mesopotamia	One Way	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00
Boat Fare - Bequia	One Way	25.00	25.00	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	0.73	0.81	-0.08	-9.88
RECREATION AND CULTURE					
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	1,999.03	1,999.93	-0.90	-0.05
Cable TV Basic Charge	1 Month	74.75	74.75	0.00	0.00
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	4,621.70	4,642.65	-20.95	-0.45
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	1,891.32	1,899.89	-8.57	-0.45
Car Remote Control	Each	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	3.81	2.94	0.87	29.59
Dance Admission to Night Club	Per Person	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Carnival costume and Band Fees (Adult)	Each	300.00	250.00	50.00	20.00

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ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		AUGUST 2013	AUGUST 2012		
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	100.00	0.00	0.00
Newspaper - Local	Each	1.33	1.33	0.00	0.00
Exercise Book - Primary - 24 leaves	Each	0.85	0.60	0.25	41.67
Lead Pencils	Each	0.92	0.55	0.37	67.27
Mathematics Textbook - From 4	Each	74.02	69.87	4.15	5.94
Tuition for local evening classes	1 Subject	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS					
Chicken Lunch - regular	Each	13.86	14.28	-0.42	-2.94
Fish Lunch - regular	Each	15.10	15.87	-0.77	-4.85
Fast Food - 2 Pc Chicken and Fries	Each	16.85	15.45	1.40	9.06
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES					
Toilet Soap	125g	3.41	3.34	0.07	2.10
Toothpaste	130g tube	9.12	8.96	0.16	1.79
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.	12.91	12.93	-0.02	-0.15
Health Insurance - group (family)	≥3 Persons	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	JULY 2013	AUGUST 2013	AUGUST 2012	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER PREVIOUS:	
						MONTH JULY	YEAR AUGUST
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	110.6	111.0	109.0	0.4	1.8
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	107.4	107.6	102.1	0.2	5.4
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	105.9	105.8	105.6	-0.1	0.2
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	104.9	105.8	105.3	0.9	0.5
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	101.2	101.2	99.3	0.0	1.9
06.	Health	1.79	102.9	103.7	98.6	0.8	5.2
07.	Transport	11.84	124.9	125.5	123.6	0.5	1.5
08.	Communication	9.41	96.5	96.5	104.0	0.0	-7.2
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	103.7	103.7	101.2	0.0	2.5
10.	Education	1.32	109.6	109.6	108.6	0.0	0.9
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	100.3	101.2	102.6	0.9	-1.4
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	100.8	101.1	100.6	0.3	0.5
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	107.0	107.5	107.0	0.5	0.5

COICOP Groups Percentage Change for August 2013

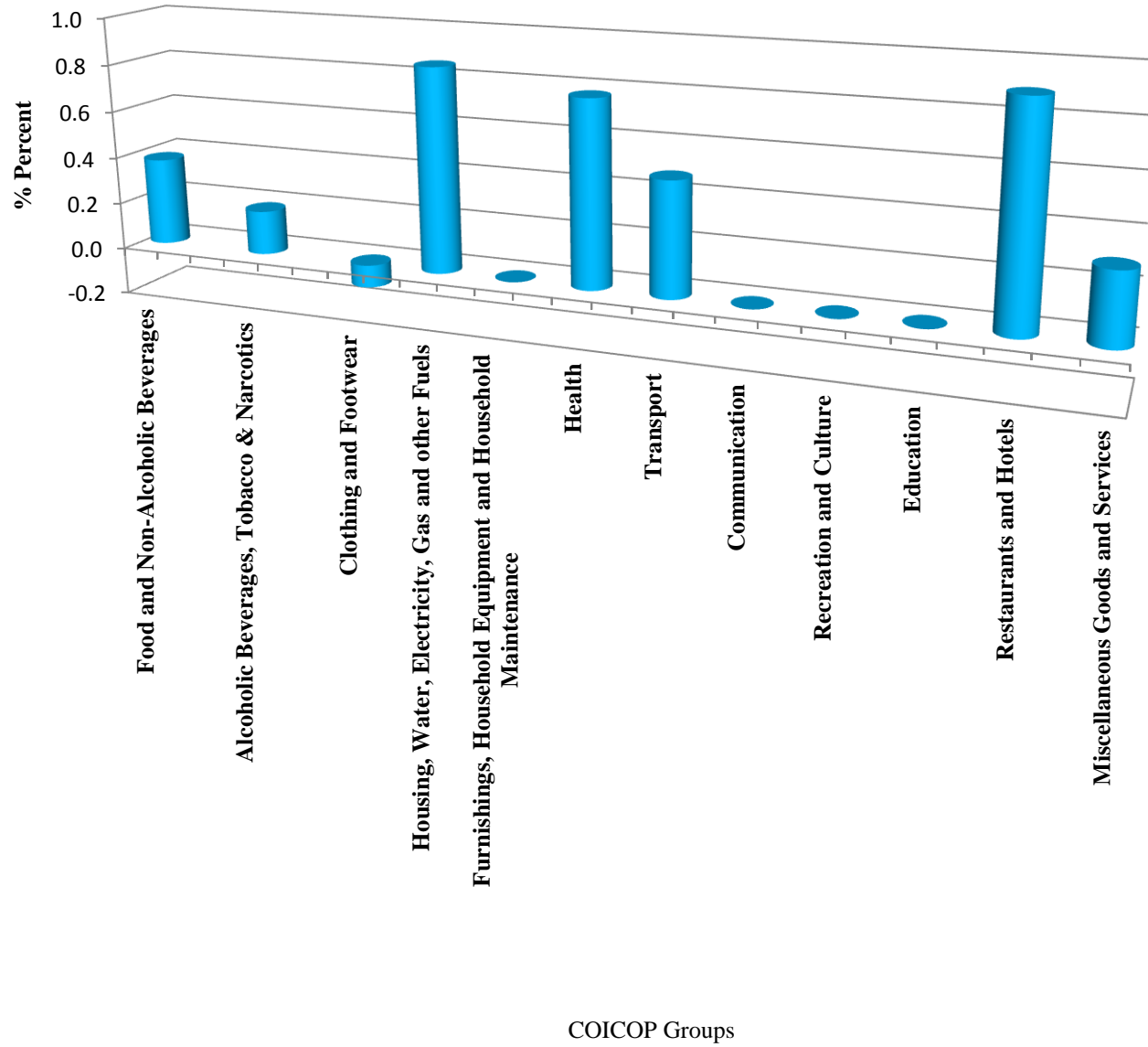


TABLE 4
THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BY MAIN GROUPS
JANUARY 2010 = 100
CONTRIBUTION TO CHANGE

	GROUP	WEIGHT	JULY 2013	AUGUST 2013	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	Contribution to Change %
						JULY 2013	AUGUST 2013		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	110.6	111.0	0.4	2,423.25	2,432.01	8.8	17.5
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	107.4	107.6	0.2	415.64	416.41	0.8	1.5
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	105.9	105.8	-0.1	341.00	340.68	-0.3	-0.6
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	104.9	105.8	0.9	3,153.29	3,180.35	27.1	54.1
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	101.2	101.2	0.0	666.91	666.91	0.0	0.0
6.	Health	1.79	102.9	103.7	0.8	184.19	185.62	1.4	2.9
7.	Transport	11.84	124.9	125.5	0.5	1,478.82	1,485.92	7.1	14.2
8.	Communication	9.41	96.5	96.5	0.0	908.07	908.07	0.0	0.0
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	103.7	103.7	0.0	395.10	395.10	0.0	0.0
10.	Education	1.32	109.6	109.6	0.0	144.67	144.67	0.0	0.0
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	100.3	101.2	0.9	187.56	189.24	1.7	3.4
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	100.8	101.1	0.3	434.45	435.74	1.3	2.6
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	107.0	107.5	0.5	10,700.00	10,750.00	50.0	100.0

TABLE 5
MONTHLY INDEX - 2013
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	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants and Hotels	Miscellaneous Goods and Services
January	107.6	109.9	106.1	105.0	105.5	99.6	101.1	124.3	104.0	102.7	109.6	103.0	100.5
February	107.4	110.4	106.3	105.0	104.8	100.3	101.4	123.1	104.0	102.7	109.6	103.0	100.4
March	107.8	110.1	106.0	105.0	105.9	100.3	102.7	124.0	104.0	102.7	109.6	103.0	100.4
April	108.3	110.5	106.6	105.8	107.4	101.3	102.7	122.2	104.0	102.8	109.6	103.0	100.4
May	107.8	110.8	106.9	105.7	105.7	101.3	102.8	122.1	104.0	102.7	109.6	100.3	100.7
June	107.6	110.4	107.0	105.8	105.0	101.2	102.8	122.8	104.0	103.4	109.6	100.3	100.7
July	107.0	110.6	107.4	105.9	104.9	101.2	102.9	124.9	96.5	103.7	109.6	100.3	100.8
August	107.5	111.0	107.6	105.8	105.8	101.2	103.7	125.5	96.5	103.7	109.6	101.2	101.1