



# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MONTHLY STATISTICAL BULLETIN



**THE STATISTICAL OFFICE  
CENTRAL PLANNING DIVISION  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE & PLANNING  
ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES**

*Tel: 784 457 2921, 456 1111 Ext 592/377,*

*Fax: 784 456 2430,*

*Email: [svg.stats@mail.gov.vc](mailto:svg.stats@mail.gov.vc)*

*Website: <http://www.stats.gov.vc>*

**Vol. 2 No. 11**

**November 2012**

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

### Page No.

Analysis – 1

#### Table No.

1	Average Retail Price of Selected Items	3
2	Average Retail Price of Selected Items November 2011 compared With November 2012	4
3	The Consumer Price Index by main groups	8
4	The Consumer Price Index contribution to change by Groups	10
5	Monthly Items by Group	11

#### Chart No.

1	COICOP Percentage Change for the Month of November 2012	9
---	---	---

\* \* \*

## NOVEMBER 2012

The Consumer Price Index registered an increase of 0.6 percent for the month of November 2012. The “All Items” index stood at 107.2 compared with 106.6 for the month of October 2012. The “point-to-point” inflation rate was recorded as 1.2 percent.

Six (6) groups recorded an increase during the month: “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” (3.1 percent), “Transport” (2.8 percent), “Health” (1.8 percent), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (0.5 percent), “Recreation and Culture” (0.2 percent) and “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.1 percent). Two (2) groups recorded a decrease during the month: “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (0.3 percent) and “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (0.2 percent). Four groups remained unchanged: “Clothing and Footwear” “Communication”, “Education” and “Restaurants and Hotels”.

The group index for “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” grew by 3.1 percent due mainly to an increase in the prices for local beer (14.4 percent), guinness stout (12.9 percent) and brandy (3.6 percent).

The 1.8 percent increase in the group index for “Health” during the month is mainly attributed to an increase in dental services: cleaning, polishing (20.0 percent) and filling (50.0 percent).

The ‘Transport’ group index increased by 2.8 percent due mainly to increase in passenger air fare from St. Vincent and the Grenadines to several destinations; namely Toronto (22.5 percent), New York (19.8 percent), Barbados (17.8 percent), London (7.9 percent) and Trinidad and Tobago (4.8 percent).

The group index for ‘Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages’ increased by 0.5 percent mainly as a result of an increases in the price of tomatoes (20.9 percent), garlic (20.4 percent), turkey neck (15.4 percent), plantains (11.4 percent) and chicken wings (2.7 percent).

The group index for ‘Recreation and Culture’ increased by 0.2 percent which was attributed mainly to a 13.2 percent increase in dog food.

The group index for ‘Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels’ decreased by 0.3 percent influenced by decreases in the price of electricity (1.3 percent) and kerosene oil (2.5 percent). The lower price for electricity resulted from a lower fuel surcharge rate from 51.9 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of October 2012 to 50.6 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of November 2012.

The ‘Miscellaneous Goods and Services’ group index decreased by 0.2 percent due mainly to declines in the price of disposable diapers (29.7 percent), combs (25.0 percent), bleach (10.5 percent), roll-on (2.2 percent) and antibacterial soap (1.4 percent).



**TABLE 2**  
**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS**  
**NOVEMBER 2012 COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 2011**

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		NOVEMBER 2012	NOVEMBER 2011		
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	6.11	6.73	-0.62	-9.21
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	3.06	2.84	0.22	7.75
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.64	1.65	-0.01	-0.61
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.94	4.88	0.06	1.23
Turkey Wings	Lb.	3.16	3.79	-0.63	-16.62
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	Lb.	4.00	3.00	1.00	33.33
Fish - Fresh (Robins)	Lb.	4.00	5.00	-1.00	-20.00
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	5.29	5.09	0.20	3.93
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	7.73	7.40	0.33	4.46
Codfish	Lb.	14.47	13.81	0.66	4.78
Cornflakes	12 oz	12.14	12.16	-0.02	-0.16
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.28	4.07	0.21	5.16
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.25	3.04	0.21	6.91
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	3.57	3.57	0.00	0.00
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	1.99	2.04	-0.05	-2.45
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	4.25	4.20	0.05	1.19
Eggs	Doz	8.33	9.11	-0.78	-8.56
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	6.97	6.97	0.00	0.00
Brown Sugar	Lb.	1.54	1.42	0.12	8.45
Sugar - White ( loose)	Lb.	2.18	2.12	0.06	2.83
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.41	1.30	0.11	8.46
Flour - Packaged ( white)	2 kg	6.75	6.67	0.08	1.20
Flour - Packaged ( wholewheat)	2 kg	7.39	6.92	0.47	6.79
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.78	1.79	-0.01	-0.56
Rice - Package	2 kg	9.20	9.25	-0.05	-0.54
Bananas	Lb.	1.20	1.14	0.06	5.26
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.24	1.95	0.29	14.87
Eddoes	Lb.	2.02	2.31	-0.29	-12.55
Dasheens	Lb.	1.97	2.28	-0.31	-13.60
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	1.90	2.21	-0.31	-14.03
Oranges	Each	0.78	0.77	0.01	1.30
Tomatoes	Lb.	5.95	5.26	0.69	13.12
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	7.93	7.32	0.61	8.33
Vegetable Oil	1 Litre	11.71	10.24	1.47	14.36
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	9.75	9.41	0.34	3.61
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail ( not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.24	2.25	-0.01	-0.44
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.72	5.09	0.63	12.38

**TABLE 2 Cont'd**  
**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS**  
**NOVEMBER 2012 COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 2011**

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		EC\$			
		NOVEMBER 2012	NOVEMBER 2011		
<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO &amp; NARCOTICS</b>					
Rum - Local (white)	750 ml Bot.	28.53	26.87	1.66	6.18
Beer - Local	280ml Bottle	4.69	4.05	0.64	15.80
Cigarettes - Local	Pkt. (10)	3.47	2.65	0.82	30.94
Gonsalves Black Wine	26 oz Bottle	17.26	16.55	0.71	4.29
<b>CLOTHING &amp; FOOTWEAR</b>					
Textile material - Terelyne	Yd.	47.95	47.95	0.00	0.00
Textile material - Linen	Yd.	17.95	17.95	0.00	0.00
Men's Shirts - Long Sleeve	Each	69.95	64.95	5.00	7.70
Men's Jeans ( long) - size 30	Each	35.73	36.36	-0.63	-1.73
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	79.95	69.95	10.00	14.30
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	89.95	89.95	0.00	0.00
Women's 2Pc Skirtsuit ( polyester) large	Each	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Blouse ( cotton/Spandex)	Each	25.00	16.19	8.81	54.42
<b>HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY GAS AND OTHER FUELS</b>					
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	24.62	21.83	2.79	12.78
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	1 Length	86.38	80.56	5.82	7.22
Oil Paint	1 Gal.	110.00	97.00	13.00	13.40
Lumber -Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	1 Length	69.68	69.70	-0.02	-0.03
Water - Consumption Charge	5000 Gals.	37.50	32.50	5.00	15.38
Kerosene	1 Gal.	13.00	13.03	-0.03	-0.23
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	140.84	136.99	3.85	2.81
<b>FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</b>					
Bed - Cherry 54"x75"	Each	1,162.50	1,150.00	12.50	1.09
Sheets -double - coloured/cotton	Each	88.80	88.65	0.15	0.17
Frying Pan - 12" - non-stick	Each	52.76	52.76	0.00	0.00
Laundry soap	Each	1.14	1.19	-0.05	-4.20
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	5.24	4.87	0.37	7.60

**TABLE 2 Cont'd**  
**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS**  
**NOVEMBER 2012 COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 2011**

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		EC\$			
		NOVEMBER 2012	NOVEMBER 2011		
<b>HEALTH</b>					
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	14.18	14.18	0.00	0.00
Cough, cold preparation	125 ml.	15.46	15.37	0.09	0.59
Dental Care	1 Visit	110.83	99.17	11.66	11.76
Chest X- ray	1 Test	110.00	100.00	10.00	10.00
<b>TRANSPORT</b>					
Petrol - Unleaded	1 Gal.	15.00	15.10	-0.10	-0.66
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	20.00	5.00	25.00
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>					
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	0.81	0.00	0.00
<b>RECREATION AND CULTURE</b>					
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	1,999.93	1,999.00	0.93	0.05
Cable TV Basic Charge	1 Month	74.75	74.75	0.00	0.00
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	4,642.65	4,640.48	2.17	0.05
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	1,899.89	1,899.00	0.89	0.05
Car Remote Control	Each	250.00	308.45	-58.45	-18.95
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	3.13	2.94	0.19	6.46
Dance Admission to Night Club	Per Person	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Carnival costume and Band Fees (Adult)	Each	250.00	300.00	-50.00	-16.67



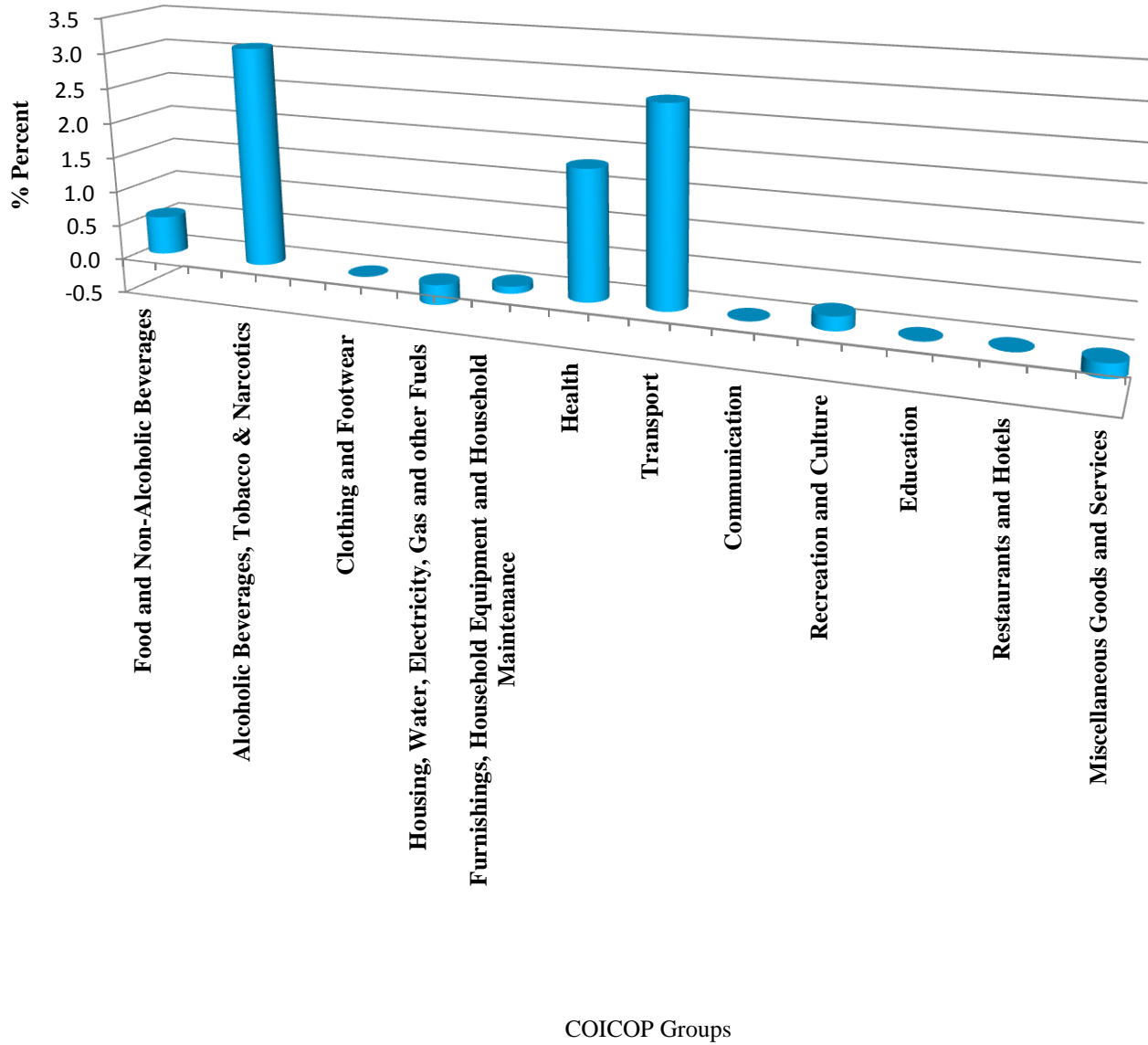
**TABLE 2 Cont'd**  
**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS**  
**NOVEMBER 2012 COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 2011**

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		NOVEMBER 2012	NOVEMBER 2011		
<b>EDUCATION</b>					
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	0.42	0.50	119.05
Mathematics Textbook - From 4	Each	69.87	76.59	-6.72	-8.77
Tuition for local evening classes	1 Subject	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
<b>RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS</b>					
Chicken Lunch - regular	Each	14.28	14.28	0.00	0.00
Fish Lunch - regular	Each	15.87	15.87	0.00	0.00
Fast Food - 2 Pc Chicken and Fries	Each	15.45	15.45	0.00	0.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES</b>					
Toilet Soap	125g	3.39	3.33	0.06	1.80
Toothpaste	130g tube	8.98	8.87	0.11	1.24
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.	12.94	12.90	0.04	0.31
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	OCTOBER 2012	NOVEMBER 2012	NOVEMBER 2011	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER PREVIOUS:	
						MONTH OCTOBER	YEAR NOVEMBER
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	109.3	109.9	108.5	0.5	1.3
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	102.8	106.0	100.7	3.1	5.3
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	105.2	105.2	102.4	0.0	2.7
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	105.1	104.8	103.3	-0.3	1.5
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	99.3	99.4	99.1	0.1	0.3
06.	Health	1.79	98.6	100.4	98.2	1.8	2.2
07.	Transport	11.84	119.1	122.4	122.1	2.8	0.2
08.	Communication	9.41	104.0	104.0	104.0	0.0	0.0
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	102.2	102.4	101.5	0.2	0.9
10.	Education	1.32	109.6	109.6	108.6	0.0	0.9
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	103.2	103.2	102.8	0.0	0.4
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	100.7	100.5	100.4	-0.2	0.1
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	106.6	107.2	105.9	0.6	1.2

### COICOP Groups Percentage Change for November 2012



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

	GROUP	WEIGHT	OCTOBER 2012	NOVEMBER 2012	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	Contribution to Change %
						OCTOBER 2012	NOVEMBER 2012		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	109.3	109.9	0.5	2,394.76	2,407.91	13.1	21.9
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	102.8	106.0	3.1	397.84	410.22	12.4	20.6
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	105.2	105.2	0.0	338.74	338.74	0.0	0.0
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	105.1	104.8	-0.3	3,159.31	3,150.29	-9.0	-15.0
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	99.3	99.4	0.1	654.39	655.05	0.7	1.1
6.	Health	1.79	98.6	100.4	1.8	176.49	179.72	3.2	5.4
7.	Transport	11.84	119.1	122.4	2.8	1,410.14	1,449.22	39.1	65.1
8.	Communication	9.41	104.0	104.0	0.0	978.64	978.64	0.0	0.0
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	102.2	102.4	0.2	389.38	390.14	0.8	1.3
10.	Education	1.32	109.6	109.6	0.0	144.67	144.67	0.0	0.0
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	103.2	103.2	0.0	192.98	192.98	0.0	0.0
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	100.7	100.5	-0.2	434.02	433.16	-0.9	-1.4
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>106.6</b>	<b>107.2</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>10,660.00</b>	<b>10,720.00</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**TABLE 5**  
**MONTHLY INDEX - 2012**  
**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
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	106.1	109.0	101.2	102.5	104.0	99.2	98.2	120.0	104.0	102.0	108.6	102.6	100.9
February	105.9	108.4	101.6	103.2	103.9	99.4	98.3	118.8	104.0	102.1	108.6	102.6	100.9
March	106.0	108.1	102.0	103.3	105.1	99.3	98.3	117.0	104.0	102.0	108.6	102.6	101.0
April	106.4	107.5	102.5	103.3	105.8	99.3	98.3	119.6	104.0	102.1	108.6	102.6	101.0
May	106.7	108.0	102.3	104.5	106.0	99.3	98.3	120.5	104.0	102.1	108.6	102.6	101.2
June	106.6	108.5	102.3	105.0	105.2	99.4	98.3	120.9	104.0	101.5	108.6	102.6	101.2
July	107.3	108.9	102.2	105.2	106.2	99.3	98.6	124.3	104.0	101.3	108.6	102.6	101.1
August	107.0	109.0	102.1	105.6	105.3	99.3	98.6	123.6	104.0	101.2	108.6	102.6	100.6
September	106.3	109.5	102.2	105.6	103.9	99.3	98.6	119.8	104.0	101.2	109.6	103.2	100.6
October	106.6	109.3	102.8	105.2	105.1	99.3	98.6	119.1	104.0	102.2	109.6	103.2	100.7
November	107.2	109.9	106.0	105.2	104.8	99.4	100.4	122.4	104.0	102.4	109.6	103.2	100.5