



# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MONTHLY STATISTICAL BULLETIN



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## **APRIL 2011**

The Consumer Price Index registered a 0.8 percent increase during the month of April, 2011. The “All Items” index stood at 102.5 compared with 101.7 for March 2011. The “point-to-point” inflation rate was recorded as 1.6 percent.

Five (5) groups recorded increases during the month: “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (2.1 percent), “Transport” (0.8 percent), “Health” (0.4 percent), “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.2 percent) and “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics (0.1 percent).

Two (2) groups recorded decreases during the month: “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (0.2 percent) and “Clothing and Footwear” (0.1 percent). Five (5) groups remained unchanged: “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages”, “Communication”, “Education”, “Restaurants and Hotels” and “Recreation and Culture”.

The group index for “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” increased by 2.1 percent due mainly to a 7.3 percent increase in the price of gloss paint, an increase of 9.1 percent in the price for a pine door and 10.9 percent increase in the cost of electricity. This upward movement in the cost of electricity resulted from a

higher fuel surcharge rate of 51.39 cents per kilowatt hour for April 2011 compared with 40.59 cents per kilowatt hour for March 2011.

The 0.8 percent increase in the “Transport” index is mainly attributed to an increase in the price of a one-way airline ticket from St. Vincent to Trinidad (52.9 percent), a one-month airline ticket from St. Vincent to New York (34.6 percent) and from St. Vincent to Canada (27.4 percent), jeep (SUV) tyre (23.5 percent), pick-up truck tyre (11.1 percent), and petrol (2.5 percent).

Higher prices of medication for Asthma (10.4 percent) and Diabetes (9.5 percent) are the main contributors to the 0.4 percent increase in the ‘Health’ index. Meanwhile, the group “Furnishing, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” grew by 0.2 percent, due mainly to an increase in the price of a 300-sheet roll of toilet paper (14.4 percent), a 9.8 cu. ft. refrigerator (8.3 percent) and a 2-pk size D carbon battery (5.4 percent).

The 0.1 percent increase in “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics” is due mainly to increases in the price of old oak gold rum (4.8 percent) and imported beer (3.3 percent).

**TABLE 1**  
**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS**

ITEM	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		APRIL 2011	MARCH 2011		
<b>INCREASED</b>					
B & G Partager Wine	750ml	29.97	29.41	0.56	1.90
Beer - imported	250ml Bot.	5.30	5.13	0.17	3.31
Rum- Old Oak Gold	750ml	17.65	16.84	0.81	4.81
Paint, gloss enamel, oil	1 Gal.	97.00	90.43	6.57	7.27
Door, pine	Each	240.01	220.00	20.01	9.10
Electricity	140 Kwh	141.95	126.83	15.12	11.92
Refrigerator, 9.8 cu.ft.	Each	2,707.34	2,499.00	208.34	8.34
Carbon Battery, Size D	2 per Pk.	4.66	4.42	0.24	5.43
Toilet paper, 300 sheets	1 roll	1.27	1.11	0.16	14.41
Drugs for Diabetes, 500 mg	1 month's supply	6.00	5.48	0.52	9.49
Drugs for Asthma 100 mg	1 month's supply	34.50	31.25	3.25	10.40
Petrol	1 Gal.	12.50	12.20	0.30	2.46
Truck tyres, new, 750/16	Each	588.91	529.94	58.97	11.13
Pick-up tyres, new, 265/70/16	Each	768.26	691.33	76.93	11.13
Jeep tyres, new, 175/70/13	Each	172.82	139.95	32.87	23.49
Passenger transport by air - St. Vincent to Canada	1 month	4,992.20	3,919.30	1072.90	27.37
Passenger transport by air - St. Vincent to New York	1 month	2,695.30	2,002.85	692.45	34.57
Passenger transport by air - St. Vincent to Trinidad	1-way	368.55	240.98	127.57	52.94
<b>DECREASED</b>					
Women's sleepwear, 2 pcs, medium	Each	19.95	29.95	-10.00	-33.39
Jogging pants suit, large	Each	24.44	29.95	-5.51	-18.40
Ladies' swimsuit, medium	Each	20.00	32.02	-12.02	-37.54
Jigsaw puzzle	500 pcs	7.81	10.00	-2.19	-21.90
Dominoes	28 pcs	10.00	15.00	-5.00	-33.33
Car, remote control	Each	308.45	395.00	-86.55	-21.91
Bicycle, 16", 1 speed	Each	250.00	350.00	-100.00	-28.57
Mathematics textbook	Each	71.33	75.53	-4.20	-5.56
Conditioner	15 fl oz Bot.	5.93	7.73	-1.80	-23.29
Hair Grease	113g Bot.	4.50	5.47	-0.97	-17.73
Comb 9"	Each	1.00	1.70	-0.70	-41.18
Hair extensions	1 pk	49.95	59.95	-10.00	-16.68

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

TABLE 2

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		APRIL 2011	APRIL 2010		
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	6.32	5.72	0.60	10.49
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	2.70	2.62	0.08	3.05
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.57	1.52	0.05	3.29
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.59	4.23	0.36	8.51
Turkey Wings	Lb.	3.61	3.27	0.34	10.40
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	7.00	8.00	-1.00	-12.50
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	Lb.	2.50	3.54	-1.04	-29.38
Fish - Fresh (Robins)	Lb.	3.00	3.50	-0.50	-14.29
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	5.05	4.93	0.12	2.43
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	7.21	7.35	-0.14	-1.90
Codfish	Lb.	12.63	11.90	0.73	6.13
Cornflakes	12 oz	11.80	11.73	0.07	0.60
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	3.75	3.62	0.13	3.59
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	2.76	2.85	-0.09	-3.16
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	3.25	3.25	0.00	0.00
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	1.84	1.84	0.00	0.00
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	4.10	4.10	0.00	0.00
Eggs	Doz	8.66	8.01	0.65	8.11
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	6.70	6.93	-0.23	-3.32
Brown Sugar	Lb.	1.29	1.25	0.04	3.20
Sugar - White ( loose)	Lb.	1.92	1.77	0.15	8.47
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.18	1.18	0.00	0.00
Flour - Packaged ( white)	2 kg	6.75	6.75	0.00	0.00
Flour - Packaged ( wholewheat)	2 kg	7.13	7.17	-0.04	-0.56
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.79	1.79	0.00	0.00
Rice - Package	2 kg	9.23	9.25	-0.02	-0.22
Bananas	Lb.	1.27	1.04	0.23	22.12
Breadfruit	Lb.	1.99	1.43	0.56	39.16
Eddoes	Lb.	2.28	1.95	0.33	16.92
Dasheens	Lb.	2.15	1.87	0.28	14.97
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.22	2.22	0.00	0.00
Oranges	Each	0.70	0.75	-0.05	-6.67
Tomatoes	Lb.	3.05	5.52	-2.47	-44.75
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	7.03	6.89	0.14	2.03
Vegetable Oil	1 Litre	9.77	9.34	0.43	4.60
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	9.00	9.11	-0.11	-1.21
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail ( not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.15	2.01	0.14	6.97
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.11	5.07	0.04	0.79

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		EC\$			
		APRIL 2011	APRIL 2010		
<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO &amp; NARCOTICS</b>					
Rum - Local (white)	750 ml Bot.	26.95	27.20	-0.25	-0.92
Beer - Local	280ml Bottle	4.04	4.11	-0.07	-1.70
Cigarettes - Local	Pkt. (10)	2.73	2.34	0.39	16.67
Gonsalves Black Wine	26 oz Bottle	16.26	16.25	0.01	0.06
<b>CLOTHING &amp; FOOTWEAR</b>					
Textile material - Terelyne	Yd.	47.95	51.57	-3.62	-7.02
Textile material - Linen	Yd.	16.95	12.86	4.09	31.80
Men's Shirts - Long Sleeve	Each	64.95	64.95	0.00	0.00
Men's Jeans ( long) - size 30	Each	35.00	45.00	-10.00	-22.22
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	69.95	69.95	0.00	0.00
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	89.95	79.95	10.00	12.51
Women's 2Pc Skirtsuit ( polyester) large	Each	89.95	89.95	0.00	0.00
Women's Blouse ( cotton/Spandex)	Each	20.00	26.95	-6.95	-25.79
<b>HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY GAS AND OTHER FUELS</b>					
Rent :	1Month				
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	21.74	22.47	-0.73	-3.25
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	1 Length	80.56	78.37	2.19	2.79
Oil Paint	1 Gal.	97.00	94.50	2.50	2.65
Lumber -Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	1 Length	67.75	67.75	0.00	0.00
Water - Consumption Charge	5000 Gals.	32.50	32.50	0.00	0.00
Kerosene	1 Gal.	10.40	9.22	1.18	12.80
Charcoal	1 Sack	40.00	40.00	0.00	0.00
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	37.50	37.50	0.00	0.00
Electricity consumption charge	140 KWH	141.95	132.16	9.79	7.41
<b>FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</b>					
Bed - Cherry 54"x75"	Each	1,150.00	1,150.00	0.00	0.00
Sheets -double - coloured/cotton	Each	88.80	89.95	-1.15	-1.28
Frying Pan - 12" - non-stick	Each	49.95	49.95	0.00	0.00
Laundry soap	Each	1.24	1.21	0.03	2.48
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	4.47	4.47	0.00	0.00

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ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		APRIL 2011	APRIL 2010		
<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	3.85	-0.35	-9.09
Drug for Diabetes	1 Mth supply	14.18	14.60	-0.42	-2.88
Cough, cold preparation	125 ml.	15.69	16.41	-0.72	-4.39
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
<b>TRANSPORT</b>					
Petrol - Unleaded	1 Gal.	12.50	11.15	1.35	12.11
Vehicle License (car) - not exd. 2000 lbs	1 Year	470.00	410.00	60.00	14.63
Bus Fare - Mesopotamia	One Way	2.50	2.50	0.00	0.00
Boat Fare - Bequia	One Way	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
<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 - High Speed- 1.1MB	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	0.75	0.75	0.00	0.00
<b>RECREATION AND CULTURE</b>					
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	4,178.94	4,399.00	-220.06	-5.00
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	1,899	1,999.00	-100.00	-5.00
Car Remote Control	Each	308.15	395.00	-86.85	-21.99
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	2.92	3.00	-0.08	-2.67
Admission to Night Club	Per Person	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Carnival costume and Band Fees (Adult)	Each	300.00	275.00	25.00	9.09
Newspaper-Local	Each	1.33	1.00	0.33	33.00



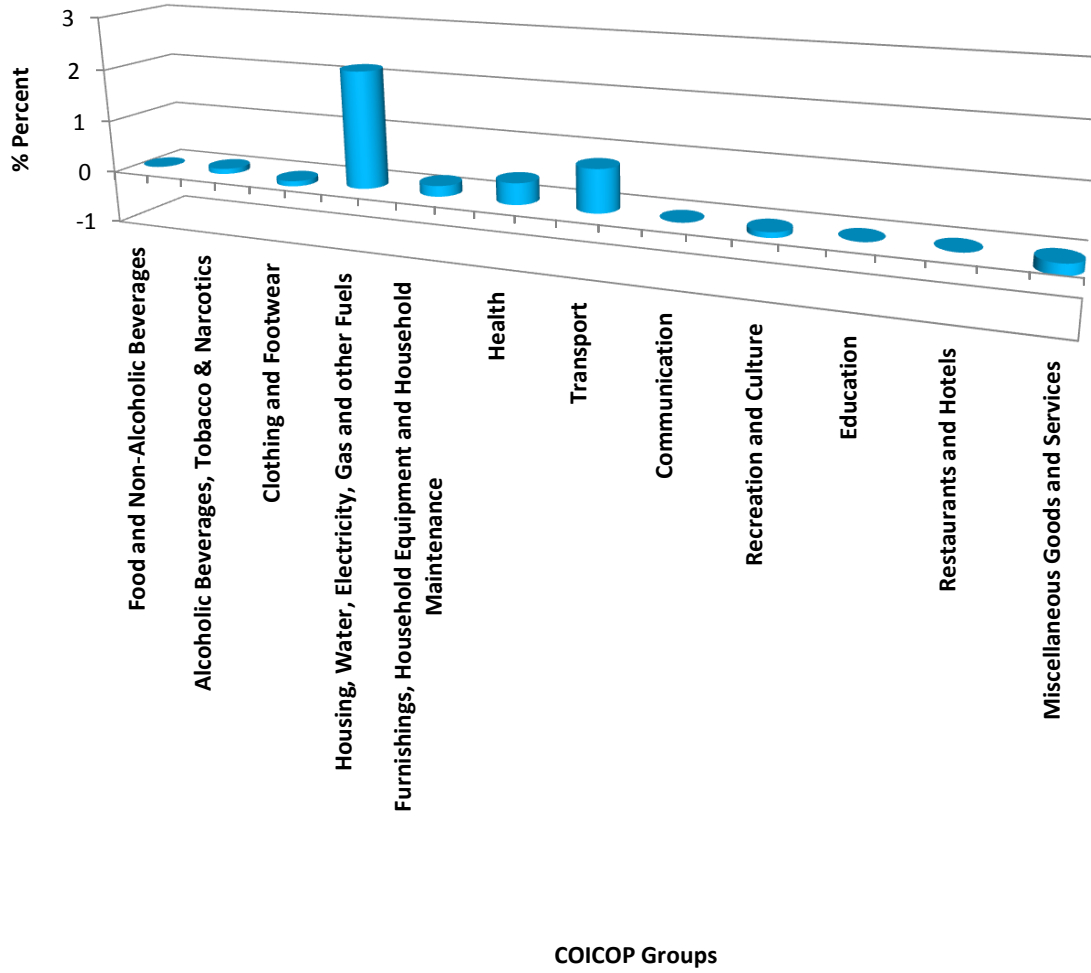
**TABLE 2 Cont'd**  
**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS**  
**APRIL 2011 COMPARED WITH APRIL 2010**

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		APRIL 2011	APRIL 2010		
<b>EDUCATION</b>					
<i>School Fees</i>					
Pre-Primary - Private	1 Month	205.00	205.00	0.00	0.00
Primary - Private	1 Term	650.00	650.00	0.00	0.00
Secondary - Private	1 Term	125.00	125.00	0.00	0.00
Exercise Book - Primary - 24 leaves	Each	0.50	1.00	-0.50	-50.00
Lead Pencils	Each	0.42	0.50	-0.08	-16.00
Mathematics Textbook - Form 4	Each	71.33	73.53	-2.20	-2.99
Tuition for local evening classes	1 Subject	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
<b>RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS</b>					
Chicken Lunch - regular	Each	13.39	12.23	1.16	9.48
Fish Lunch - regular	Each	15.32	15.32	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	Each	3.30	3.12	0.18	5.77
Toothpaste	130g tube	8.90	9.19	-0.29	-3.16
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.	12.70	12.71	-0.01	-0.08
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	MARCH 2011	APRIL 2011	APRIL 2010	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER PREVIOUS:	
						MONTH MARCH	YEAR APRIL
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	103.2	103.2	101.6	0.0	1.6
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	100.2	100.3	99.8	0.1	0.5
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	100.2	100.1	100.1	-0.1	0.0
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	100.8	102.9	101.5	2.1	1.4
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	99.7	99.9	100.0	0.2	-0.1
06.	Health	1.79	98.7	99.1	99.9	0.4	-0.8
07.	Transport	11.84	105.5	106.3	100.0	0.8	6.3
08.	Communication	9.41	102.0	102.0	101.2	0.0	0.8
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	100.6	100.6	100.0	0.0	0.6
10.	Education	1.32	103.9	103.9	100.0	0.0	3.9
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	100.6	100.6	100.0	0.0	0.6
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	100.0	99.8	99.8	-0.2	0.0
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	101.7	102.5	100.9	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.6</b>

COICOP Groups Percentage Change for April 2011



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

	GROUP	WEIGHT	MARCH 2011	APRIL 2011	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	Contribution to Change %
						MARCH 2011	APRIL 2011		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	103.2	103.2	0.0	2,261.1	2,261.1	0.0	0.0
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	100.2	100.2	0.0	387.8	387.8	0.0	0.0
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	100.2	100.1	-0.1	322.6	322.3	-0.3	-0.4
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other	30.06	100.8	102.9	2.1	3,030.0	3,093.2	63.1	78.9
5.	Fuels								
6.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	99.7	99.9	0.2	657.0	658.3	1.3	1.6
7.	Health	1.79	98.7	99.1	0.4	176.7	177.4	0.7	0.9
8.	Transport	11.84	105.5	106.3	0.8	1,249.1	1,258.6	9.5	11.8
	Communication	9.41	102.0	102.0	0.0	959.8	959.8	0.0	0.0
	Recreation and Culture	3.81	100.6	100.6	0.0	383.3	383.1	-0.2	-0.2
9.	Education	1.32	103.9	103.9	0.0	137.1	137.1	0.0	0.0
10.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	100.6	100.6	0.0	188.1	188.1	0.0	0.0
11.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	100.0	99.8	-0.2	431.0	430.1	-0.9	-1.1
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>101.7</b>	<b>102.5</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>10,170.0</b>	<b>10,250.0</b>	<b>80.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**TABLE 5**  
**MONTHLY INDEX - 2011**  
 JANUARY 2010 = 100

<b>GROUP</b>	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages</b>	<b>Alcoholic Beverages Tobacco &amp; Narcotics</b>	<b>Clothing &amp; Footwear</b>	<b>Housing Water Electricity Gas and Fuels</b>	<b>Furnishings Household Equipment and Household Maintenance</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Transport</b>	<b>Communication</b>	<b>Recreation and Culture</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Restaurants and Hotels</b>	<b>Miscellaneous Goods and Services</b>
<b>WEIGHT</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>21.91</b>	<b>3.87</b>	<b>3.22</b>	<b>30.06</b>	<b>6.59</b>	<b>1.79</b>	<b>11.84</b>	<b>9.41</b>	<b>3.81</b>	<b>1.32</b>	<b>1.87</b>	<b>4.31</b>
<b>MONTH</b>													
January	101.3	103.2	100.3	100.3	100.0	99.6	99.5	103.5	101.5	100.9	103.9	101.7	100.0
February	101.6	103.6	100.2	100.0	100.6	99.8	99.1	103.4	102.0	101.0	103.9	100.7	100.0
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	100.6	103.9	100.6	99.8