



CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MONTHLY STATISTICAL BULLETIN



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APRIL 2013

The Consumer Price Index registered an increase of 0.5 percent for the month of April 2013. The “All Items” index stood at 108.3 compared with 107.8 for the month of March 2013. The “point-to-point” inflation rate was recorded as 1.8 percent.

Six (6) groups recorded increases during the month; “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (1.4 percent), “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (1.0 percent), “Clothing and Footwear” (0.8 percent) “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” (0.6 percent), “Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages” (0.4 percent) and “Recreation and Culture” (0.1 percent). One (1) group recorded a decrease during the month: “Transport” (1.5 percent). Five (5) groups remained unchanged: “Communication”, “Education”, “Health”, “Restaurants and Hotels” and “Miscellaneous Goods and Services”.

The group index for “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” increased by 1.4 percent as a result of an 8.2 percent increase in the cost of electricity. The increase in the price of electricity was due to a rise in the fuel surcharge rate from 56.43 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of March 2013 to 65.10 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of April 2013.

The “Furnishing, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” group index increased by 1.0 percent as a result of increase in prices of a bed - king size (18 percent), gas stove (16.7 percent) and fitted carpet (15.9 percent).

The 0.6 percent increase for the “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” group index was mainly as a result of increase prices in beer - imported (3.5 percent), table wine (1.2 percent) and beer - local (1.1 percent).

The group index for “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” increased by 0.4 percent due mainly to increase in the price of several food items; green banana (44.2 percent), orange juice (30.4 percent), tomato (20.4 percent), fresh fish- deep sea (12.5 percent), grapefruit (11.2 percent), canned vegetables (4.7 percent), powdered milk - full cream (2.5 percent) and pig tail - fresh (1.2 percent).

The 0.1 percent increase for the group index “Recreation and Culture” was attributed mainly to an increase in the price of dog food (22.2 percent).

The “Transport” group index decreased by 1.8 percent due mainly to a reduction in passenger air fare from St. Vincent and the Grenadines to several destinations; namely London (19.7 percent), St. Lucia (10.7 percent), New York (5.8 percent), Trinidad and Tobago (4.1 percent) and Toronto (2.0 percent).

TABLE 1
AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS

ITEM	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		EC\$			
		APRIL 2013	MARCH 2013		
INCREASED					
Pig tail - fresh	1Lb	5.05	4.99	0.06	1.20
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	1Lb	9.00	8.00	1.00	12.50
Tomato	1Lb	4.72	3.92	0.80	20.41
Green banana	1Lb	1.24	0.86	0.38	44.19
Canned vegetables	15oz Tin	5.76	5.50	0.26	4.73
Powdered Milk - Full cream	1Lb	7.72	7.53	0.19	2.52
Grapefruit juice	19oz Tin	7.63	6.86	0.77	11.22
Orange juice	10oz Tin	4.72	3.62	1.10	30.39
Red label wine	750ml Bottle	16.29	16.10	0.19	1.18
Beer - local	280ml Bottle	4.51	4.46	0.05	1.12
Beer - imported	250ml Bottle	5.35	5.17	0.18	3.48
Textile material - 60" coloured	1 Yard	18.95	13.95	5.00	35.84
Men shorts - jeans - size	Pair	39.95	29.31	10.64	36.30
Girl jeans - size 9/10	Pair	39.95	29.87	10.08	33.75
Nail - galvanise	1Lb	6.06	5.95	0.11	1.85
Electricity consumption charge	140 KWH	161.14	149.00	12.14	8.15
Dog food	375g Tin	5.79	4.74	1.05	22.15
Bed - King size	Each	2299.00	1948.55	350.45	17.99
Gas stove - 4 burner - 24"	Each	1749.00	1499.00	250.00	16.68
Fitted carpet - 13 feet wide	1 Yard	195.00	168.32	26.68	15.85
DECREASED					
Passenger transport by air from St Vincent to					
St. Lucia	One way	377.38	422.74	-45.36	-10.73
Trinidad and Tobago	One way	467.10	486.95	-19.85	-4.08
New York	One month	2413.00	2562.70	-149.70	-5.84
Toronto	One month	2966.30	3026.40	-60.10	-1.99
London	One month	3665.90	4564.80	-898.90	-19.69
Cereal	1Lb	2.63	2.72	-0.09	-3.31
Garlic	Per head	0.65	0.85	-0.20	-23.53
Petrol	1 Gal.	14.57	15.06	-0.49	-3.25
Diesel	1 Gal.	13.71	13.78	-0.07	-0.51

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

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		APRIL 2013	APRIL 2012		
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	6.18	6.16	0.02	0.32
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	3.09	3.01	0.08	2.66
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.69	1.67	0.02	1.20
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.92	4.88	0.04	0.82
Turkey Wings	Lb.	3.10	3.72	-0.62	-16.67
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	Lb.	5.00	3.50	1.50	42.86
Fish - Fresh (Robins)	Lb.	4.00	2.50	1.50	60.00
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	5.37	5.07	0.30	5.92
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	7.79	7.56	0.23	3.04
Codfish	Lb.	14.49	14.14	0.35	2.48
Cornflakes	12 oz	11.91	12.10	-0.19	-1.57
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.21	4.19	0.02	0.48
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.22	3.19	0.03	0.94
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	3.31	3.57	-0.26	-7.28
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	1.99	1.93	0.06	3.11
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	4.25	4.20	0.05	1.19
Eggs	Doz	8.67	8.89	-0.22	-2.47
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	7.29	6.73	0.56	8.32
Brown Sugar	Lb.	1.54	1.42	0.12	8.45
Sugar - White (loose)	Lb.	2.08	2.16	-0.08	-3.70
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.43	1.38	0.05	3.62
Flour - Packaged (white)	2 kg	6.75	6.76	-0.01	-0.15
Flour - Packaged (wholewheat)	2 kg	7.39	7.36	0.03	0.41
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.78	1.79	-0.01	-0.56
Rice - Package	2 kg	9.20	9.20	0.00	0.00
Bananas	Lb.	1.13	1.11	0.02	1.80
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.42	2.23	0.19	8.52
Eddoes	Lb.	2.38	2.03	0.35	17.24
Dasheens	Lb.	1.96	1.79	0.17	9.50
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	1.97	2.15	-0.18	-8.37
Oranges	Each	0.80	0.70	0.10	14.29
Tomatoes	Lb.	4.72	3.66	1.06	28.96
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	8.02	7.40	0.62	8.38
Vegetable Oil	1 Litre	10.55	10.74	-0.19	-1.77
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	9.86	9.57	0.29	3.03
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail (not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.19	2.26	-0.07	-3.10
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.71	5.10	0.61	11.96

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ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		APRIL 2013	APRIL 2012		
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO & NARCOTICS					
Rum - Local (white)	750 ml Bot.	28.53	28.79	-0.26	-0.90
Beer - Local	280ml Bottle	4.51	4.00	0.51	12.75
Cigarettes - Local	Pkt. (10)	3.47	2.78	0.69	24.82
Gonsalves Black Wine	26 oz Bottle	17.52	17.18	0.34	1.98
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR					
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	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	100.00	89.95	10.05	11.17
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	24.62	24.62	0.00	0.00
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.	13.22	12.59	0.63	5.00
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	161.14	149.27	11.87	7.95
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	1.14	1.16	-0.02	-1.72
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	5.46	5.10	0.36	7.06

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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	14.18	14.18	0.00	0.00
Cough, cold preparation	125 ml.	15.53	15.41	0.12	0.78
Dental Care	1 Visit	112.50	99.17	13.33	13.44
Chest X- ray	1 Test	110.00	100.00	10.00	10.00
TRANSPORT					
Petrol - Unleaded	1 Gal.	14.57	13.90	0.67	4.82
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	0.81	0.81	0.00	0.00
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	4,640.55	4,642.65	-2.10	-0.05
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	1,899.03	1,899.89	-0.86	-0.05
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	250.00	300.00	-50.00	-16.67

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ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		APRIL 2013	APRIL 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	69.87	77.00	-7.13	-9.26
Tuition for local evening classes	1 Subject	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS					
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
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES					
Toilet Soap	125g	3.39	3.34	0.05	1.50
Toothpaste	130g tube	9.10	8.97	0.13	1.45
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.	12.93	12.90	0.03	0.23
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	MARCH 2013	APRIL 2013	APRIL 2012	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER PREVIOUS:	
						MONTH MARCH	YEAR APRIL
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	110.1	110.5	107.5	0.4	2.8
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	106.0	106.6	102.5	0.6	4.0
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	105.0	105.8	103.3	0.8	2.4
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	105.9	107.4	105.8	1.4	1.5
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	100.3	101.3	99.3	1.0	2.0
06.	Health	1.79	102.7	102.7	98.3	0.0	4.5
07.	Transport	11.84	124.0	122.2	119.6	-1.5	2.2
08.	Communication	9.41	104.0	104.0	104.0	0.0	0.0
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	102.7	102.8	102.1	0.1	0.7
10.	Education	1.32	109.6	109.6	108.6	0.0	0.9
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	103.0	103.0	102.6	0.0	0.4
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	100.4	100.4	101.0	0.0	-0.6
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	107.8	108.3	106.4	0.5	1.8

COICOP Groups Percentage Change for April 2013

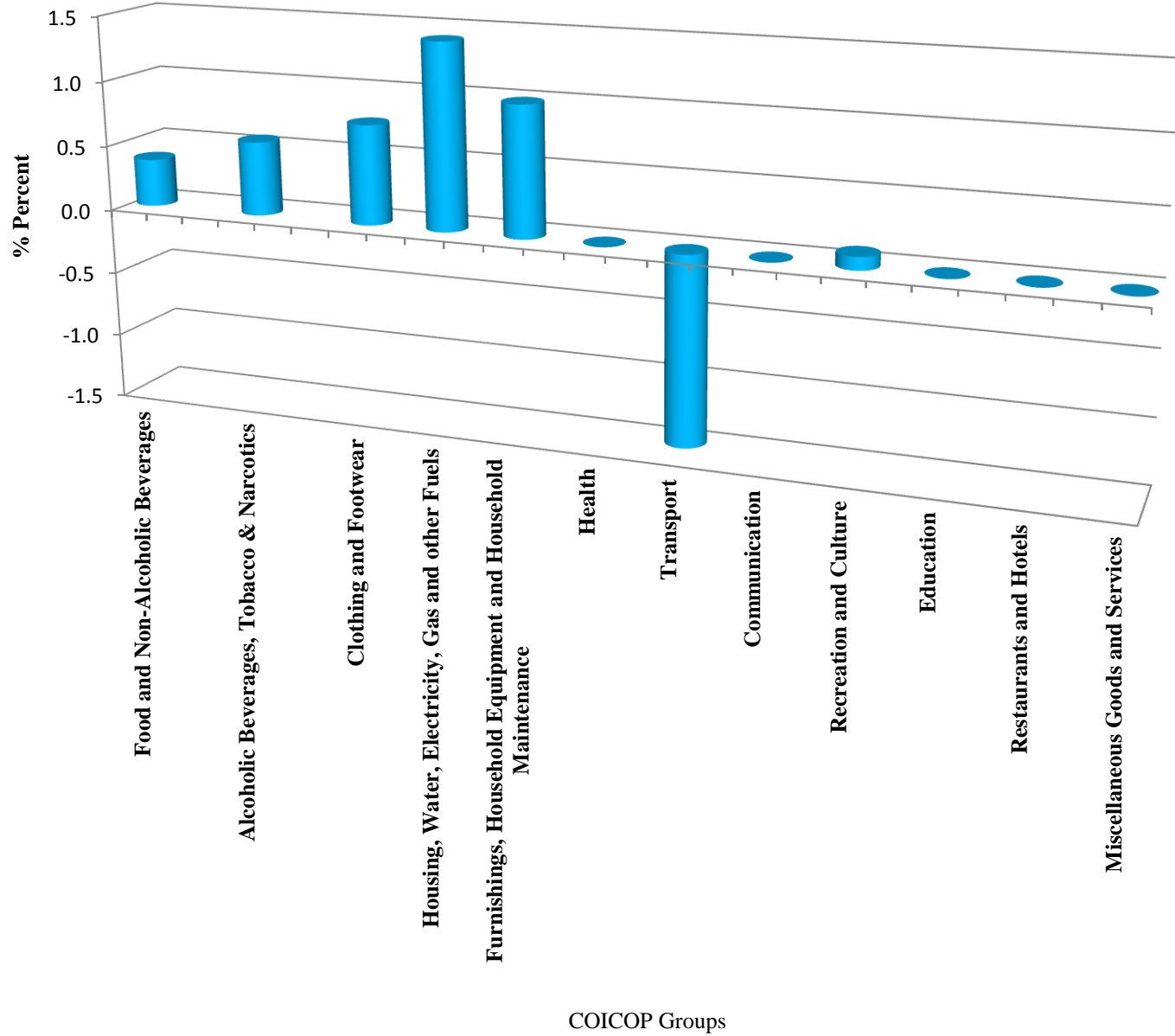


TABLE 4
THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BY MAIN GROUPS
JANUARY 2010 = 100
CONTRIBUTION TO CHANGE

	GROUP	WEIGHT	MARCH 2013	APRIL 2013	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	Contribution to Change %
						MARCH 2013	APRIL 2013		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	110.1	110.5	0.4	2,412.29	2,421.06	8.8	17.5
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	106.0	106.6	0.6	410.22	412.54	2.3	4.6
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	105.0	105.8	0.8	338.10	340.68	2.6	5.2
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	105.9	107.4	1.4	3,183.35	3,228.44	45.1	90.2
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	100.3	101.3	1.0	660.98	667.57	6.6	13.2
6.	Health	1.79	102.7	102.7	0.0	183.83	183.83	0.0	0.0
7.	Transport	11.84	124.0	122.2	-1.5	1,468.16	1,446.85	-21.3	-42.6
8.	Communication	9.41	104.0	104.0	0.0	978.64	978.64	0.0	0.0
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	102.7	102.8	0.1	391.29	391.67	0.4	0.8
10.	Education	1.32	109.6	109.6	0.0	144.67	144.67	0.0	0.0
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	103.0	103.0	0.0	192.61	192.61	0.0	0.0
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	100.4	100.4	0.0	432.72	432.72	0.0	0.0
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	107.8	108.3	0.5	10,780.00	10,830.00	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	Communi-cation	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants and Hotels	Miscell-aneous 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