



# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MONTHLY STATISTICAL BULLETIN



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## MAY 2013

The Consumer Price Index registered a decrease of 0.5 percent for the month of May 2013. The “All Items” index stood at 107.8 compared with 108.3 for the month of April 2013. The “point-to-point” inflation rate was recorded as 1.0 percent.

Five (5) groups recorded a decrease during the month: “Restaurants and Hotels” (2.6 percent), “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (1.6 percent), “Clothing and Footwear” (0.1 percent), “Transport” (0.1 percent) and “Recreation and Culture” (0.1 percent). Four (4) groups recorded an increase during the month: “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (0.3 percent), “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” (0.3 percent), “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (0.3 percent) and “Health” (0.1 percent). Three (3) groups remained unchanged: “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance”, “Communication” and “Education”.

“The Restaurants and Hotels” index declined by 2.6 percent due to a decrease in the price for a mutton lunch (25.0 percent), a fish lunch (4.9 percent) and a chicken lunch (2.9 percent).

The group index for “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” decreased by 1.6 percent as a result of an 8.3 percent decrease in the cost of electricity. This decrease in the price of electricity was due to a decline in the fuel surcharge rate from 65.10 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of April 2013 to 55.55 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of May 2013.

The “Clothing and Footwear” index fell by 0.1 percent due mainly to a decrease of 20.0 percent in the price of a girls’ dress.

The 0.1 percent decrease in the index for “Transport” is as a result of a lower cost for air travel from St Vincent to other Caribbean islands. The airfare to Trinidad and Tobago decreased by 20.0 percent while that to St. Lucia decreased by 13.5 percent.

The index for “Recreation and Culture” decreased by 0.1 percent due mainly to a reduction of 10.4 percent in the price of a notebook computer.

The group index for “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” grew by 0.3 percent due to an increase in the price of several food items, namely: tomatoes (20.3 percent), peanut butter (20.0 percent), cucumbers (19.3 percent), vegetable oil (14.8 percent) and chicken- whole legs (3.9 percent).

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

ITEM	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		MAY 2013	APRIL 2013		
<b>INCREASED</b>					
Chicken - whole legs	Lb	3.49	3.36	0.13	3.87
Vegetable oil	16oz bottle	15.50	13.50	2.00	14.81
Peanut butter	12oz	10.50	8.75	1.75	20.00
Sweet potato	Lb	2.03	1.96	0.07	3.57
Eddoes	Lb	2.45	2.38	0.07	2.94
Tomatoes	Lb	5.68	4.72	0.96	20.34
Cucumbers	Lb	3.59	3.01	0.58	19.27
Brandy - Beehive	700ml	36.67	33.79	2.88	8.52
Rum -White oak	750ml	20.49	19.56	0.93	4.75
Pain reliever - 200mg	24 per bottle	14.81	14.54	0.27	1.86
Kerosine Oil	1 Gal.	13.45	13.22	0.23	1.74
Petrol	1 Gal.	14.92	14.57	0.35	2.40
Sanitary napkin	Pack of 10	6.24	5.99	0.25	4.17
<b>DECREASED</b>					
Chicken lunch	Each	13.86	14.28	-0.42	-2.94
Fish lunch	Each	15.10	15.87	-0.77	-4.85
Mutton lunch	Each	18.00	24.00	-6.00	-25.00
Electricity consumption	140Kwh	147.77	161.14	-13.37	-8.30
Girls' dress - size 8	Each	39.95	49.95	-10.00	-20.02
Passenger transport by air from St Vincent to St. Lucia	One way	326.35	377.38	-51.03	-13.52
Trinidad and Tobago	One way	373.55	467.10	-93.55	-20.03

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

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		MAY 2013	MAY 2012		
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	6.23	6.15	0.08	1.30
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	3.09	3.01	0.08	2.66
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.70	1.68	0.02	1.19
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.93	4.87	0.06	1.23
Turkey Wings	Lb.	3.10	3.67	-0.57	-15.53
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	Lb.	3.50	3.92	-0.42	-10.71
Fish - Fresh (Robins)	Lb.	4.00	3.50	0.50	14.29
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	5.41	5.04	0.37	7.34
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	7.79	7.61	0.18	2.37
Codfish	Lb.	14.57	14.31	0.26	1.82
Cornflakes	12 oz	11.94	12.09	-0.15	-1.24
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.21	4.20	0.01	0.24
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.22	3.23	-0.01	-0.31
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	3.31	3.57	-0.26	-7.28
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	1.99	1.98	0.01	0.51
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	4.25	4.20	0.05	1.19
Eggs	Doz	8.67	8.82	-0.15	-1.70
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	7.30	6.72	0.58	8.63
Brown Sugar	Lb.	1.54	1.42	0.12	8.45
Sugar - White ( loose)	Lb.	2.08	2.15	-0.07	-3.26
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.43	1.37	0.06	4.38
Flour - Packaged ( white)	2 kg	6.75	6.76	-0.01	-0.15
Flour - Packaged ( wholewheat)	2 kg	7.39	7.39	0.00	0.00
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.	1.14	1.11	0.03	2.70
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.27	1.92	0.35	18.23
Eddoes	Lb.	2.45	2.04	0.41	20.10
Dasheens	Lb.	2.02	1.78	0.24	13.48
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.03	1.95	0.08	4.10
Oranges	Each	0.78	0.70	0.08	11.43
Tomatoes	Lb.	5.68	3.29	2.39	72.64
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	8.02	7.43	0.59	7.94
Vegetable Oil	1 Litre	10.54	10.72	-0.18	-1.68
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	9.86	9.62	0.24	2.49
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail ( not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.24	2.26	-0.02	-0.88
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.71	5.10	0.61	11.96

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**MAY 2013 COMPARED WITH MAY 2012**

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		MAY 2013	MAY 2012		
<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO &amp; NARCOTICS</b>					
Rum - Local (white)	750 ml Bot.	28.53	28.73	-0.20	-0.70
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	17.53	17.18	0.35	2.04
<b>CLOTHING &amp; FOOTWEAR</b>					
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	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
<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	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.	13.45	13.33	0.12	0.90
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	147.77	150.29	-2.52	-1.68
<b>FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</b>					
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	5.30	0.16	3.02

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		MAY 2013	MAY 2012		
<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.	15.52	15.41	0.11	0.71
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
<b>TRANSPORT</b>					
Petrol - Unleaded	1 Gal.	14.92	14.90	0.02	0.13
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
<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	1,999.03	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



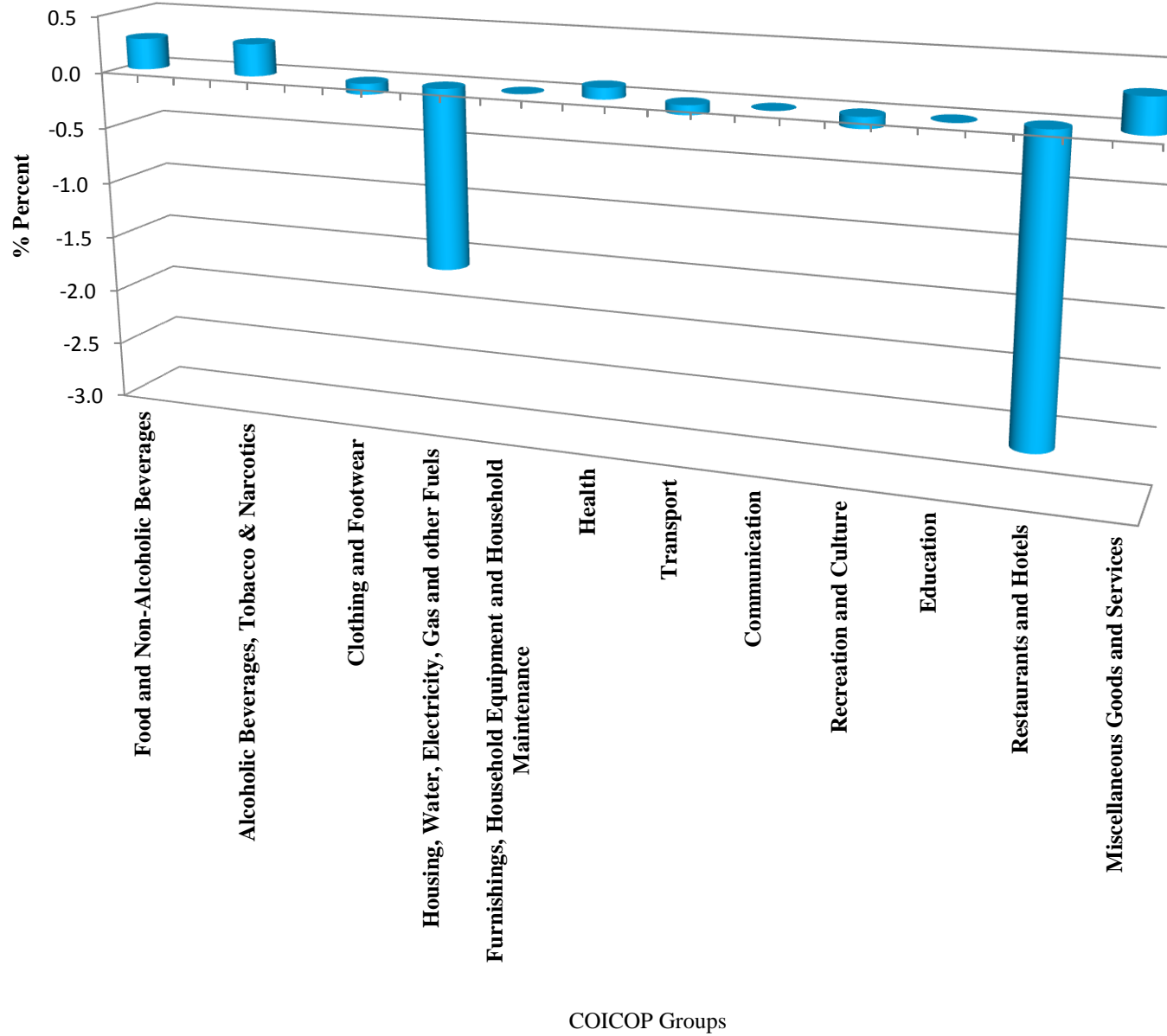
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ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		MAY 2013	MAY 2012		
<b>EDUCATION</b>					
Pre-Primary - Private	1 Month	205.00	205.00	0.00	0.00
Primary School Fee - Private	1 Term	650.00	650.00	0.00	0.00
Secondary 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	0.55	0.37	67.27
Mathematics Textbook - From 4	Each	69.75	77.00	-7.25	-9.42
Tuition for local evening classes	1 Subject	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
<b>RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS</b>					
Chicken Lunch - regular	Each	13.86	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	15.45	15.45	0.00	0.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES</b>					
Toilet Soap	125g	3.40	3.34	0.06	1.80
Toothpaste	130g tube	9.11	8.96	0.15	1.67
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.	12.95	12.90	0.05	0.39
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	APRIL 2013	MAY 2013	MAY 2012	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER PREVIOUS:	
						MONTH APRIL	YEAR MAY
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	110.5	110.8	108.0	0.3	2.6
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	106.6	106.9	102.3	0.3	4.5
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	105.8	105.7	104.5	-0.1	1.1
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	107.4	105.7	106.0	-1.6	-0.3
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	101.3	101.3	99.3	0.0	2.0
06.	Health	1.79	102.7	102.8	98.3	0.1	4.6
07.	Transport	11.84	122.2	122.1	120.5	-0.1	1.3
08.	Communication	9.41	104.0	104.0	104.0	0.0	0.0
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	102.8	102.7	102.1	-0.1	0.6
10.	Education	1.32	109.6	109.6	108.6	0.0	0.9
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	103.0	100.3	102.6	-2.6	-2.2
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	100.4	100.7	101.2	0.3	-0.5
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	108.3	107.8	106.7	-0.5	1.0

COICOP Groups Percentage Change for May 2013



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

	GROUP	WEIGHT	APRIL 2013	MAY 2013	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	Contribution to Change %
						APRIL 2013	MAY 2013		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	110.5	110.8	0.3	2,421.06	2,427.63	6.6	-13.1
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	106.6	106.9	0.3	412.54	413.70	1.2	-2.3
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	105.8	105.7	-0.1	340.68	340.35	-0.3	0.6
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	107.4	105.7	-1.6	3,228.44	3,177.34	-51.1	102.2
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	101.3	101.3	0.0	667.57	667.57	0.0	0.0
6.	Health	1.79	102.7	102.8	0.1	183.83	184.01	0.2	-0.4
7.	Transport	11.84	122.2	122.1	-0.1	1,446.85	1,445.66	-1.2	2.4
8.	Communication	9.41	104.0	104.0	0.0	978.64	978.64	0.0	0.0
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	102.8	102.7	-0.1	391.67	391.29	-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	100.3	-2.6	192.61	187.56	-5.0	10.1
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	100.4	100.7	0.3	432.72	434.02	1.3	-2.6
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>108.3</b>	<b>107.8</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>10,830.00</b>	<b>10,780.00</b>	<b>-50.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**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
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