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The consumer price index recorded an increase of 0.3 percent for the month of November 2017. The “All Items” index was registered at 108.8 for the month of November 2017 compared to 108.5 for the month of October 2017. The “point-to-point” inflation rate stood at 2.4 percent.

Five (5) groups recorded increases for the month, “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (1.6%), “Hotels and Restaurants” (1.6%), “Transport” (1.3%), “Health” (0.5%), “Food and Non- Alcoholic Beverages” (0.3%).

Two (2) groups recorded decreases for the month, “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other fuels” (0.4%) and “Clothing and Footwear” (0.3%). Five (5) groups remained unchanged, “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics”, “Education”, “Communication”, “Recreation and Culture” and “Miscellaneous Goods and Services”.

The “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” group index increased by 1.6 percent as a result of higher prices for a refrigerator (20.2%), frying pan (8.0%) and clothes pegs (6.5%).

Similarly the index for the group “Hotels and Restaurants” increased by 1.6 percent due to an increase in the cost of restaurant meals, such as roti (5.4%) and chicken lunch (3.1%).

Whereas the 1.3 percent increase in the “Transport” group index was attributed to higher prices for passenger airfare from St. Vincent and the Grenadines to Trinidad & Tobago (24.3%) and to Barbados (16.1%).

Similarly the index for the group “Health” recorded an increase of 0.5 percent due to a 9.3 percent higher cost for pain relievers.

Correspondingly the upward movement in the “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” group index was as a result of an increase in the price in a number of items namely; string bean (38.3%), cucumber (20.2%), chicken- necks (18.8%), dried currants (18.0%), turkey wings (13.8%), spaghetti (13.8%), limes (9.8%) and carrots (4.8%).

The reduction in the index for the group “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other fuels” was attributed to a 0.4 percent increase in the cost of electricity. This decrease was as a consequence of a decline in the fuel surcharge rate which fell from 29.34 cents per kilowatt hour in October to 27.38 cents per kilowatt hour in November 2017.

The 0.3 percent decline in the group index “Clothing and Footwear” was due to a fall in the prices for a ladies handbag (36.6%) and textile material-khaki (11.1%).

Table 1
Average Retail Price of Selected Items

Items	Unit Of Quantity	Average Price EC\$		Change In Price	Percentage Change In Price
		November 2017	October 2017		
INCREASED					
Pasta - spaghetti	340g Pk	6.42	5.64	0.78	13.83
Turkey Wings	Lb	3.46	3.04	0.42	13.82
Chicken -Necks	Lb	1.90	1.60	0.30	18.75
Chicken - Drumsticks	Lb	3.21	3.14	0.07	2.23
String Bean	Lb	3.47	2.51	0.96	38.25
Garlic Loose	Lb	8.26	7.59	0.67	8.83
Carrots	Lb	4.12	3.93	0.19	4.83
Cucumber	Lb	3.63	3.02	0.61	20.20
Limes	Lb	3.13	2.85	0.28	9.82
Peanut Butter	510g Bot	12.49	11.71	0.78	6.66
Dried Currants	Lb	13.10	11.10	2.00	18.02
Refrigerator -10 Cu.ft.	Each	2799.00	2328.79	470.21	20.19
Frying pan 8"	Each	53.95	49.95	4.00	8.01
Fork - stainless steel	Each	4.95	4.62	0.33	7.14
Clothes Pegs - 20 pins	Pack	4.29	4.03	0.26	6.45
Pain Relievers - 100 tablets	Pack	6.93	6.34	0.59	9.31
Passenger Transport by Air					
St.Vincent & the Grenadines to Trinidad & Tobago	One way	529.20	425.80	103.40	24.28
St.Vincent & the Grenadines to Barbados	One way	306.45	263.93	42.52	16.11
Chicken Lunch - Regular	Each	14.39	13.96	0.43	3.08
Chicken Roti - Large	Each	9.06	8.60	0.46	5.35
DECREASED					
Canned Sardines	106g Tin	4.10	4.22	-0.12	-2.84
Sugar - Brown (loose)	Lb	1.65	1.68	-0.03	-1.79
Cabbage	Lb	3.75	3.91	-0.16	-4.09
Eddoes	Lb	2.5	2.89	-0.39	-13.49
Yams	Lb	3.77	4.04	-0.27	-6.68
Sweet Potatoes	Lb	2.02	2.11	-0.09	-4.27
Tannias	Lb	2.84	2.97	-0.13	-4.38
Tomato Ketchup	24oz Bot	7.56	7.63	-0.07	-0.92
Textile Material - Khaki	Yard	15.95	17.95	-2.00	-11.14
Ladies Evening Bag	Each	35	55	-20.00	-36.36
Disinfectant	28oz Bot	12.45	12.78	-0.33	-2.58
Electricity Consumption Charge	140Kwh	108.33	111.08	-2.75	-2.48

Table 2.1
Average Retail Price of Selected Items
November 2017 Compared With November 2016

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		November 2017	November 2016		
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	6.87	6.48	0.39	6.02
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	2.98	2.60	0.38	14.62
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.61	1.55	0.06	3.87
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.43	4.62	-0.19	-4.11
Turkey Wings	Lb.	3.46	2.44	1.02	41.80
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	Lb.	5.00	4.00	1.00	25.00
Fish - Fresh (Robins)	Lb.	4.00	5.00	-1.00	-20.00
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	5.76	5.33	0.43	8.07
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	8.20	7.94	0.26	3.27
Codfish	Lb.	15.19	14.36	0.83	5.78
Cornflakes	12 oz	14.10	13.10	1.00	7.63
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.77	4.65	0.12	2.47
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.48	3.07	0.41	13.46
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	4.00	3.29	0.71	21.58
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	2.02	2.02	0.00	0.00
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	4.25	4.25	0.00	0.00
Eggs	Doz	8.55	9.42	-0.87	-9.24
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	9.13	8.86	0.27	3.05
Sugar - Brown (loose)	Lb.	1.65	1.56	0.09	5.77
Sugar - White (loose)	Lb.	1.79	1.84	-0.05	-2.72
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.36	1.38	-0.02	-1.45
Flour - Packaged (white)	2 kg	6.75	6.75	0.00	-0.07
Flour - Packaged (wholewheat)	2 kg	7.29	7.29	0.00	0.00
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.95	1.99	-0.04	-2.01
Rice - Package	2 kg	10.56	10.51	0.05	0.44
Bananas	Lb.	1.35	1.34	0.01	0.75
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.58	2.54	0.04	1.57
Eddoes	Lb.	2.50	2.01	0.49	24.38
Dasheens	Lb.	2.01	2.02	-0.01	-0.50
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.02	2.17	-0.15	-6.91
Oranges	Each	0.84	0.75	0.09	12.00
Tomatoes	Lb.	5.19	5.42	-0.23	-4.24
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	9.06	8.93	0.13	1.46
Vegetable Oil	Litre	12.38	12.42	-0.04	-0.36
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	10.79	10.73	0.05	0.51
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail (not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.56	2.35	0.21	8.94
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.68	5.65	0.03	0.53

Table 2.2
Average Retail Price of Selected Items
November 2017 Compared With November 2016

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		November 2017	November 2016		
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO & NARCOTICS					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	30.01	29.43	0.58	1.97
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	4.55	4.61	-0.06	-1.30
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	4.00	4.12	-0.12	-2.91
Table wine (local)	26 oz Bot.	21.27	20.44	0.83	4.06
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	69.95	0.00	0.00
Men's Jeans (long) - size 30	Each	49.95	49.95	0.00	0.00
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	79.79	79.79	0.00	0.00
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	89.77	89.77	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	29.95	29.95	0.00	0.00
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY					
GAS AND OTHER FUELS					
Rent :					
Unfurnished House -2 Bedrooms	Month	567.86	567.86	0.00	0.00
Unfurnished House -3 Bedrooms	Month	612.50	612.50	0.00	0.00
Furnished Apartment - 2 Bedrooms	Month	791.67	791.67	0.00	0.00
Cement - Portland (grey)	94 Lbs	20.89	24.90	-4.01	-16.10
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	Length	97.76	86.62	11.14	12.86
Oil Paint	Gallon	112.81	95.00	17.81	18.75
Lumber -Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	Length	70.62	70.49	0.13	0.18
Water - Consumption Charge	5000 Gallons	37.50	37.50	0.00	0.00
Kerosene	Gallon	6.61	6.61	0.00	0.00
Charcoal	Sack	40.00	40.00	0.00	0.00
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	37.52	34.00	3.52	10.35
Electricity Consumption Charge	140 KWH	108.33	107.11	1.22	1.14
FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE					
Bed - Cherry 54"x75"	Each	1162.88	1,162.50	0.38	0.03
Double size sheets - coloured/cotton	Each	105.00	105.00	0.00	0.00
Frying Pan - 12" - non-stick	Each	55.84	52.76	3.08	5.84
Laundry Soap	Each	1.23	1.15	0.08	6.96
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	6.25	6.35	-0.10	-1.57

Table 2.3
Average Retail Price of Selected Items
November 2017 Compared With November 2016

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		November 2017	November 2016		
HEALTH					
Doctor's Fee - Gynaecologist	Visit	60.00	60.00	0.00	0.00
Eye Care	Test	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Hospitalisation (Private Ward)	Day	75.00	75.00	0.00	0.00
Drug for Hypertension	Month supply	3.50	3.50	0.00	0.00
Drug for Diabetes	Month supply	12.57	11.24	1.33	11.83
Cough, Cold Preparation	125 ml.	15.09	15.09	0.00	0.00
Dental Care	Visit	123.33	123.33	0.00	0.00
Chest X- ray	Test	150.00	120.00	30.00	25.00
TRANSPORT					
Petrol - Unleaded	Gallon	11.30	10.66	0.64	6.00
Vehicle License (car) - not exd. 2000 lbs	Year	590.00	590.00	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	Month	23.66	23.46	0.20	0.85
Telephone - Consumption Charge	226 Units	18.08	18.08	0.00	0.00
Internet Charge	Month	102.14	101.70	0.44	0.43
Fixed Line Domestic Rate - peak	Minute	0.08	0.08	0.00	0.00
Mobile to Mobile - domestic	Minute	0.98	0.91	0.07	7.69
RECREATION AND CULTURE					
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	1993.01	1,995.17	-2.16	-0.11
Cable TV Basic Charge	Month	74.75	74.75	0.00	0.00
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	3830.84	3,835.00	-4.16	-0.11
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	2070.69	2,072.94	-2.25	-0.11
Car Remote Control	Each	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	3.84	3.56	0.28	7.87
Dance Admission to Night Club	Per Person	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Carnival costume and Band Fees (Adult)	Each	350.00	325.00	25.00	7.69

Table 2.4
Average Retail Price of Selected Items
November 2017 Compared With November 2016

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		November 2017	November 2016		
EDUCATION					
Pre-Primary - Private	Month	217.50	215.00	2.50	1.16
Primary School Fee - Private	Term	825.00	825.00	0.00	0.00
Secondary School Fee - Private	Term	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Newspaper - Local	Each	1.50	1.50	0.00	0.00
Exercise Book - Primary - 24 leaves	Each	0.78	0.78	0.00	0.00
Lead Pencils	Each	0.87	0.83	0.04	4.82
Mathematics Textbook - From 4	Each	79.72	79.72	0.00	0.00
Tuition for local evening classes	Per Subject	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS					
Chicken Lunch - regular	Each	14.39	13.86	0.53	3.82
Fish Lunch - regular	Each	15.51	13.86	1.65	11.90
Fast Food - 2 Pc Chicken and Fries	Each	17.05	16.85	0.20	1.19
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES					
Toilet Soap	125g	3.56	3.51	0.05	1.28
Toothpaste	130g Tube	9.16	9.04	0.12	1.27
Men's Haircut	Visit	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Hairdressing (Relaxer)	Visit	69.82	64.81	5.01	7.73
Disposable Diapers (medium)	10 per Pk.	12.96	12.88	0.08	0.62
Health Insurance - Group (family)	≥3 Persons	307.00	307.00	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

	Groups	Weight	October 2017	November 2017	November 2016	Percentage Change Over Previous:	
						Month October	Year November
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	115.2	115.6	111.8	0.3	3.4
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	118.3	118.3	115.8	0.0	2.2
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	105.4	105.1	104.8	-0.3	0.3
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	99.9	99.5	98.7	-0.4	0.8
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	109.4	111.1	103.0	1.6	7.9
06.	Health	1.79	107.6	108.1	107.3	0.5	0.7
07.	Transport	11.84	117.6	119.1	118.9	1.3	0.2
08.	Communication	9.41	111.9	111.9	106.8	0.0	4.8
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	105.2	105.2	104.1	0.0	1.1
10.	Education	1.32	110.1	110.1	109.3	0.0	0.7
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	106.0	107.7	102.9	1.6	4.7
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	102.8	102.8	101.4	0.0	1.4
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	108.5	108.8	106.3	0.3	2.4

Chart 1. COICOP Groups Percentage Change for November 2017

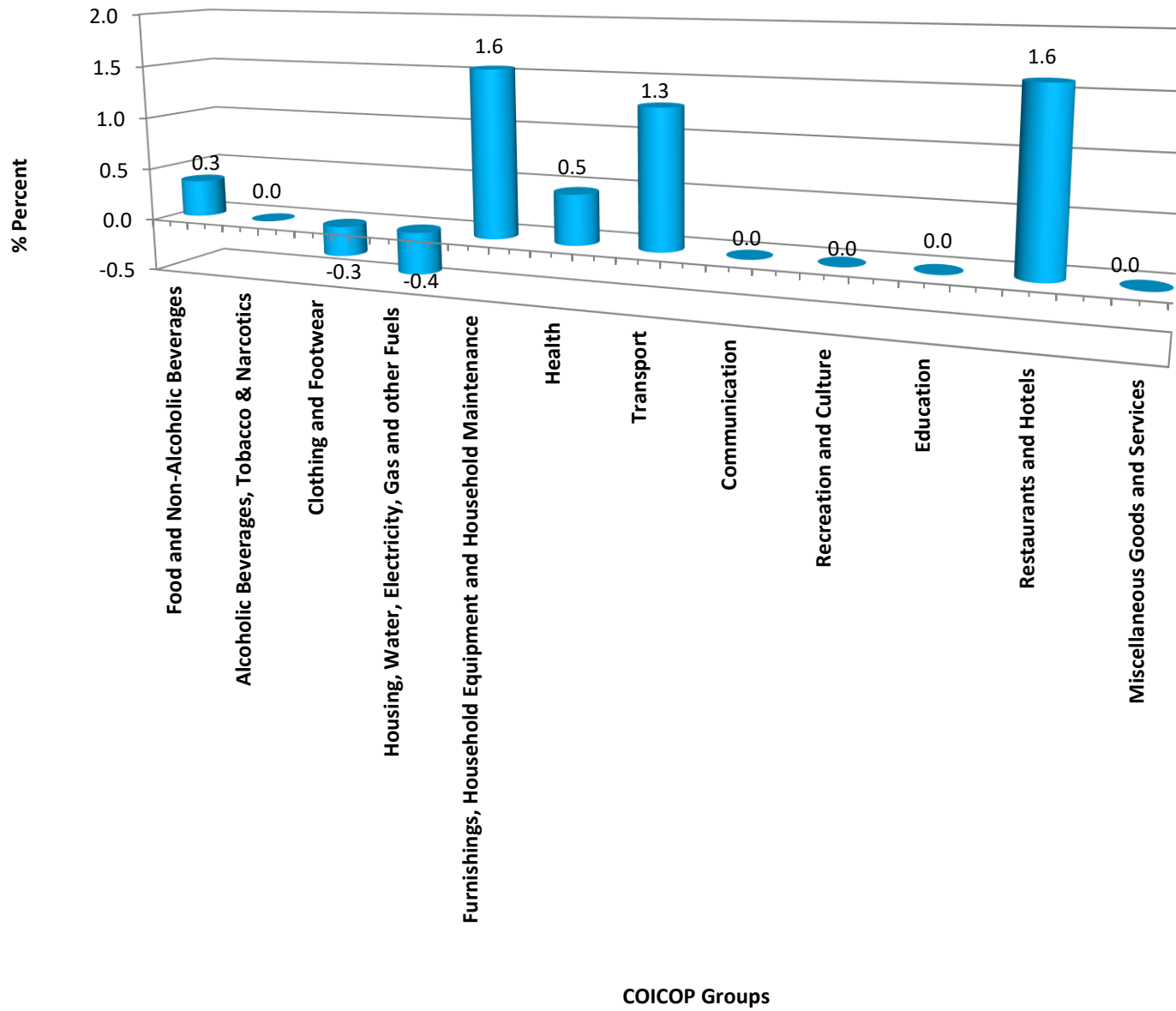


Table 4
The Consumer Price Index By Main Groups
January 2010 = 100
Contribution To Change

	Groups	Weight	October 2017	November 2017	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	Contribution to Change %
						October 2017	November 2017		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	115.2	115.6	0.3	2,524.03	2,532.80	8.8	29.21
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	118.3	118.3	-100.0	457.82	0.00	-457.8	-1526.07
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	105.4	105.1	-100.0	339.39	0.00	-339.4	-1131.29
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	99.9	99.5	-100.0	3,002.99	0.00	-3003.0	-10009.98
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	109.4	111.1	-100.0	720.95	0.00	-720.9	-2403.15
6.	Health	1.79	107.6	108.1	10.7	192.60	213.19	20.6	68.62
7.	Transport	11.84	117.6	119.1	1.3	1,392.38	1,410.14	17.8	59.20
8.	Communication	9.41	111.9	119.1	-6.0	1,052.98	989.93	-63.0	-210.16
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	105.2	105.2	4.7	400.81	419.48	18.7	62.23
10.	Education	1.32	110.1	110.1	-2.2	145.33	142.16	-3.2	-10.56
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	106.0	107.7	-3.0	198.22	192.24	-6.0	-19.95
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	102.8	102.8	0.0	443.07	443.07	0.0	0.00
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	108.5	108.8	0.3	10,850.00	10,880.00	30.0	100.0

Table 5
Monthly Index - 2017
January 2010 = 100

Groups	All Items	Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages Tobacco & Narcotics	Clothing & Footwear	Housing Water Electricity Gas and Fuels	Furnishings Household Equipment & Household Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communi-cation	Recreation & Culture	Education	Restaurants & Hotels	Miscell-aneous 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	106.7	112.1	116.8	104.8	99.5	103.1	107.6	118.7	106.8	103.9	109.3	102.7	101.5
February	106.4	111.5	116.5	104.9	98.8	102.9	107.3	119.5	106.8	104.0	109.3	102.7	101.5
March	106.3	111.0	116.6	104.9	99.1	102.5	107.3	118.6	106.9	104.5	109.3	102.3	101.5
April	107.5	111.5	116.8	104.9	100.0	102.6	108.8	123.1	111.1	104.4	109.3	102.3	100.2
May	108.0	112.6	117.4	104.9	99.3	108.1	107.6	122.7	111.1	104.1	109.3	103.2	103.1
June	108.3	113.1	117.6	104.9	100.4	108.3	107.8	120.8	111.2	104.1	109.3	103.2	103.3
July	108.5	114.2	117.6	104.9	99.8	108.7	107.4	121.6	111.2	104.1	109.3	105.8	102.6
August	108.4	114.3	117.8	105.2	99.0	108.7	106.8	122.3	111.9	104.5	109.3	105.8	102.8
September	108.4	115.1	118.3	105.2	99.0	109.3	106.6	120.7	111.9	104.5	110.1	106.0	102.8
October	108.5	115.2	118.3	105.4	99.9	109.4	107.6	117.6	111.9	105.2	110.1	106.0	102.8
November	108.8	115.6	118.3	105.1	99.5	111.1	108.1	119.1	111.9	105.2	110.1	107.7	102.8