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During the month of November 2018, the consumer price index registered a decrease of 0.1 percent.

The point-to-point inflation rate which measures the change in the current month compared with the same month in the previous period that is, November 2018 compared with November 2017, stood at 1.9 percent. “Transport” (4.3%), “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (3.6%), “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” (3.2%) and “Recreation and Culture” (2.1%) group indexes recorded the largest increases during the month. The “Clothing and Footwear” group index was the sole group to record a decrease (0.2) during the month (*see table 3*).

The “All Items” index was recorded at 110.9 compared to 111.0 for the month of October 2018. Two (2) groups recorded increases during the month, namely, “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (0.1%) and “Transport” (0.1%). Two (2) groups recorded decreases for the month “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.3%) and “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (0.2%). Eight (8) groups remained unchanged, “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics”, “Clothing and Footwear”, “Health”, “Communication”, “Recreation and Culture”, “Education”, “Hotels and Restaurants” and “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (*see table 3*).

The “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” group index grew by 0.1 percent due largely to a 0.3 percent higher cost of electricity. This was as a result of an increase in the fuel surcharge rate which moved from 40.1 cents per kilowatt hour in October 2018 to 40.4 cents per kilowatt hour in November 2018.

Similarly, the “Transport” index grew by 0.1 percent on account of higher prices for passenger airfare from St. Vincent and the Grenadines to London (31.4%), Toronto (10.2%) and the cost of diesel by (3.7%).

Whereas, the 0.3 percent downward movement in the “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” group index was attributed to lower prices for items such as matches (8.7%), dishwashing liquid (2.7%) and washing powder (2.5%).

The 0.2 percent decline in the “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” group index was due to lower prices for a number of food items such as; fresh-fish (jacks) (20.0%), cinnamon (15.3%), packaged lentils (9.0%), eddoes (4.5%), curry powder (2.3%), eggs (1.7%), green seasoning (1.6%), canned tuna (1.5%) and shortening (1.4%).

The consumer price index fell by 0.1 percent for the month of November 2018. Additionally, the point-to-point inflation rate stood at 1.9 percent on account of price changes during the month of November 2018 compared with the same period in the previous year.

Table 1
Average Retail Price of Selected Items

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average Price EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		November 2018	October 2018		
INCREASED					
Tomatoes	Lb	4.24	3.95	0.29	7.3
Cucumber	Lb	2.94	2.74	0.20	7.3
Cream Cheese	8oz Tub	9.99	9.59	0.40	4.2
Oats	18oz Tin	15.33	14.63	0.70	4.8
Wheat cereal	14oz Box	11.71	11.08	0.63	5.7
Passenger Airfare St.Vincent and the Grenadines to :					
<i>Toronto</i>	1 month	3217.00	2920.00	297.00	10.2
<i>London</i>	1 month	5185.00	3947.00	1238.00	31.4
Electricity Consumption Charge	140KWH	126.55	126.18	0.37	0.3
Diesel	Gal	11.39	10.98	0.41	3.7
DECREASED					
Fresh -Fish (Jacks)	Lb	4.00	5.00	-1.00	-20.0
Canned Tuna	170g	3.88	3.94	-0.06	-1.5
Eggs	Doz	9.02	9.18	-0.16	-1.7
Eddoes	Lb	2.56	2.68	-0.12	-4.5
Packaged Lentils	454g Pk	5.04	5.54	-0.50	-9.0
Shortening	500g Tub	9.76	9.90	-0.14	-1.4
Curry Powder	1/4 Lb	2.98	3.05	-0.07	-2.3
Cinnamon	Lb	31.92	37.70	-5.78	-15.3
Green Seasoning	750ml Bot	12.35	12.55	-0.20	-1.6
Washing Powder	400g	5.40	5.54	-0.14	-2.5
Matches	10 pk	2.42	2.65	-0.23	-8.7
Dishwashing liquid	450ml Bot	8.00	8.22	-0.22	-2.7
Petrol	Gal	12.83	12.99	-0.16	-1.2

Table 2.1
Average Retail Price of Selected Items
November 2018 Compared With November 2017

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		November 2018	November 2017		
BEVERAGES					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	6.76	6.87	-0.11	-1.60
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	2.84	2.98	-0.14	-4.70
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.65	1.61	0.04	2.48
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.59	4.43	0.16	3.61
Turkey Wings	Lb.	3.21	3.46	-0.25	-7.23
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	Lb.	4.00	5.00	-1.00	-20.00
Fish - Fresh (Robin)	Lb.	4.00	4.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	5.91	5.76	0.15	2.66
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	8.34	8.20	0.14	1.71
Codfish	Lb.	15.14	15.19	-0.05	-0.33
Cornflakes	12 oz	13.53	14.10	-0.57	-4.08
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.67	4.77	-0.10	-1.99
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.29	3.48	-0.19	-5.55
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	4.00	4.00	0.00	0.00
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	1.89	2.02	-0.13	-6.44
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	4.19	4.25	-0.06	-1.41
Eggs	Doz	9.02	8.55	0.47	5.50
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	8.90	9.13	-0.23	-2.52
Sugar - Brown (loose)	Lb.	1.66	1.65	0.01	0.61
Sugar - White (loose)	Lb.	1.81	1.79	0.02	1.12
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.36	1.36	0.00	0.00
Flour - Packaged (white)	2 kg	6.77	6.75	0.02	0.37
Flour - Packaged (wholewheat)	2 kg	7.18	7.29	-0.11	-1.51
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.93	1.95	-0.02	-1.03
Rice - Packaged	2Kg	10.56	10.56	0.00	0.00
Bananas (ripe)	Lb.	1.42	1.35	0.07	5.19
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.37	2.58	-0.21	-8.14
Eddoes	Lb.	2.56	2.50	0.06	2.40
Dasheens	Lb.	2.06	2.01	0.05	2.49
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.08	2.02	0.06	2.97
Oranges	Each	0.88	0.84	0.04	4.76
Tomatoes	Lb.	4.24	5.19	-0.95	-18.30
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	9.17	9.06	0.11	1.21
Vegetable Oil	Litre	12.38	12.38	0.00	0.04
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	10.81	10.79	0.02	0.19
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail (not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.85	2.56	0.29	11.33
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.72	5.68	0.04	0.70

Table 2.2
Average Retail Price of Selected Items
November 2018 Compared With November 2017

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		November 2018	November 2017		
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO & NARCOTICS					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	30.00	30.01	-0.01	-0.03
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	5.09	4.55	0.54	11.87
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	3.96	4.00	-0.04	-1.00
Table wine (local)	26 oz Bot.	21.24	21.27	-0.03	-0.14
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	Pair	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	102.48	100.00	2.48	2.48
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	20.89	0.00	0.00
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	Length	96.68	97.76	-1.08	-1.10
Oil Paint	Gallon	133.60	112.81	20.79	18.43
Lumber - Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	Length	69.07	70.62	-1.55	-2.19
Water - Consumption Charge	5000 Gallons	37.50	37.50	0.00	0.00
Kerosene	1 Gallon	6.61	6.61	0.00	0.00
Charcoal	Sack	40.00	40.00	0.00	0.00
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	40.46	37.52	2.94	7.84
Electricity Consumption Charge	140 KWH	126.55	108.33	18.22	16.82
FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE					
Bed - Cherry 54"x75"	Each	1162.88	1162.88	0.00	0.00
Double size sheets - coloured/cotton	Each	105.00	105.00	0.00	0.00
Frying Pan - 12" - non-stick	Each	55.84	55.84	0.00	0.00
Laundry Soap	Each	1.24	1.23	0.01	0.81
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	6.29	6.25	0.04	0.64

Table 2.3
Average Retail Price of Selected Items
November 2018 Compared With November 2017

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		November 2018	November 2017		
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
Drugs for Hypertension	Month supply	3.50	3.50	0.00	0.00
Drug for Diabetes	Month supply	11.53	12.57	-1.05	-8.31
Cough, Cold Preparation	125 ml.	15.17	15.09	0.08	0.55
Dental Care	Visit	123.33	123.33	0.00	0.00
Chest X- ray	Test	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00
TRANSPORT					
Petrol - Unleaded	Gallon	12.83	11.30	1.53	13.54
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	23.66	0.00	0.00
Telephone - Consumption Charge	226 Units	18.08	18.08	0.00	0.00
Internet Charge	Month	104.00	102.14	1.86	1.82
Fixed Line Domestic Rate - peak	Minute	0.08	0.08	0.00	0.00
Mobile to Mobile - domestic	Minute	1.00	0.98	0.02	1.53
RECREATION AND CULTURE					
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	2001.25	1993.01	8.24	0.41
Cable TV Basic Charge	Month	79.33	74.75	4.58	6.13
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	3846.68	3830.84	15.84	0.41
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	2079.25	2070.69	8.56	0.41
Remote Control Car	Each	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	3.83	3.84	-0.01	-0.26
Dance Admission to Night Club	Per Person	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Carnival costume and Band Fees (Adult)	Each	375.00	350.00	25.00	7.14

Table 2.4
Average Retail Price of Selected Items
November 2018 Compared With November 2017

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		November 2018	November 2017		
EDUCATION					
Pre-Primary - Private	Month	217.50	217.50	0.00	0.00
Primary School Fee - Private	Term	850.00	825.00	25.00	3.03
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	1.00	0.87	0.13	14.94
Mathematics Textbook - Form 4	Each	76.43	79.72	-3.29	-4.13
Tuition for local evening classes	Per Subject	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS					
Chicken Lunch - regular	Each	14.39	14.39	0.00	0.00
Fish Lunch - regular	Each	15.51	15.51	0.00	0.00
Fast Food - 2 Pc Chicken and Fries	Each	17.05	17.05	0.00	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES					
Toilet Soap	125g	3.48	3.56	-0.07	-2.04
Toothpaste	130g Tube	9.14	9.16	-0.02	-0.22
Men's Haircut	Visit	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Hairdressing (Relaxer)	Visit	69.82	69.82	0.00	0.00
Disposable Diapers (medium)	10 per Pk.	13.02	12.96	0.05	0.42
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 2018	November 2018	November 2017	Percentage Change Over Previous:	
						Month October	Year November
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	115.9	115.7	115.6	-0.2	0.1
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	122.1	122.1	118.3	0.0	3.2
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	104.9	104.9	105.1	0.0	-0.2
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	103.0	103.1	99.5	0.1	3.6
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	111.8	111.5	111.1	-0.3	0.4
06.	Health	1.79	110.1	110.1	108.1	0.0	1.9
07.	Transport	11.84	124.1	124.2	119.1	0.1	4.3
08.	Communication	9.41	113.3	113.3	111.9	0.0	1.3
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	107.4	107.4	105.2	0.0	2.1
10.	Education	1.32	110.3	110.3	110.1	0.0	0.2
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	108.3	108.3	107.7	0.0	0.6
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	103.6	103.6	102.8	0.0	0.8
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	111.0	110.9	108.8	-0.1	1.9

Chart 1. COICOP Groups Percentage Change for November 2018

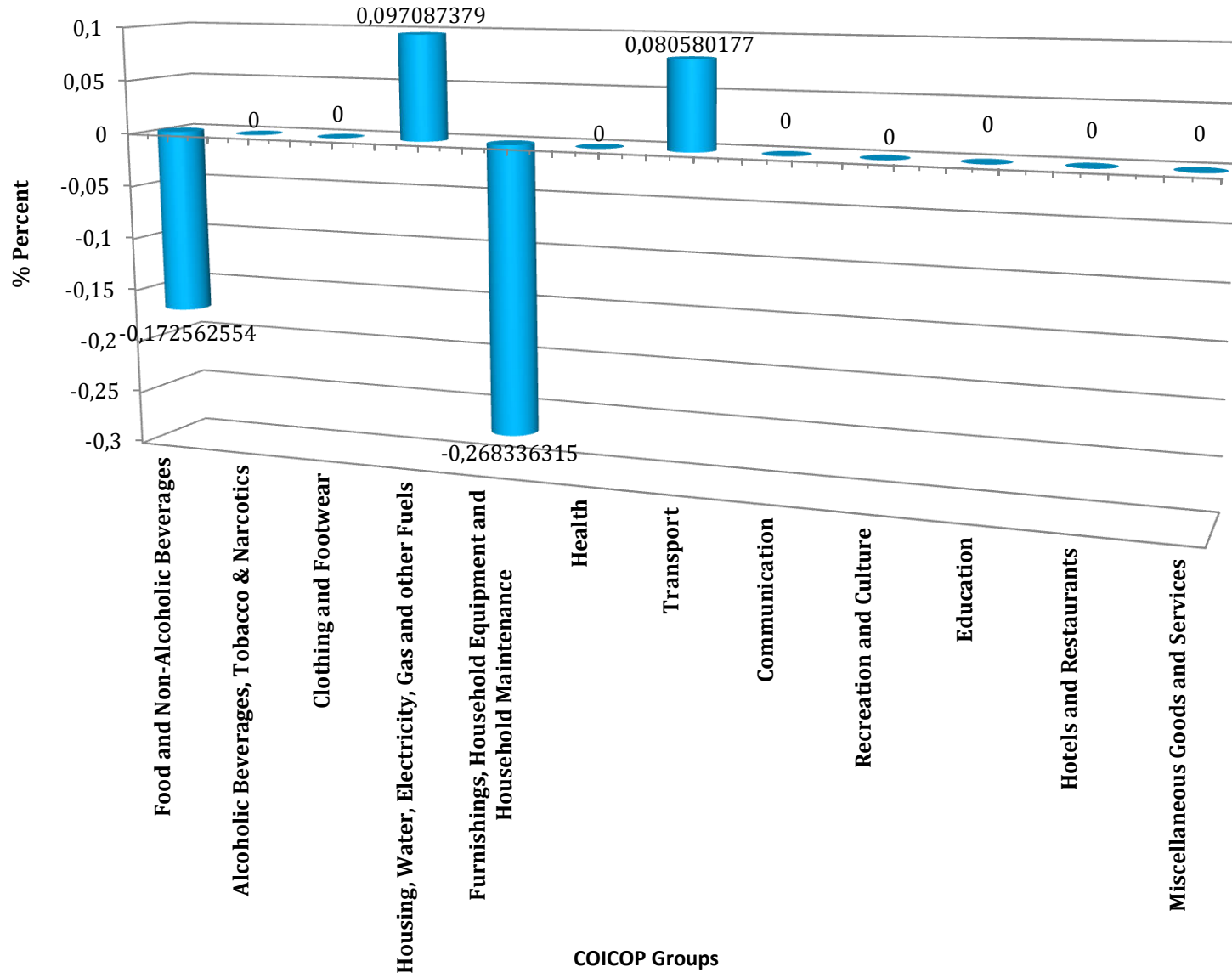


Table 4
The Consumer Price Index by Main Groups
January 2010 = 100
Contribution to Change

	Groups	Weight	October 2018	November 2018	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	% Contribution to Change
						October 2018	November 2018		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	115.9	115.7	-0.2	2,539.37	2,534.99	-4.4	43.8
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	122.1	122.1	0.0	472.53	472.53	0.0	0.0
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	104.9	104.9	0.0	337.78	337.78	0.0	0.0
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	103.0	103.1	0.1	3,096.18	3,099.19	3.0	-30.1
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	111.8	111.5	-0.3	736.76	734.79	-2.0	19.8
6.	Health	1.79	110.1	110.1	0.0	197.08	197.08	0.0	0.0
7.	Transport	11.84	124.1	124.2	0.1	1,469.34	1,470.53	1.2	-11.8
8.	Communication	9.41	113.3	113.3	0.0	1,066.15	1,066.15	0.0	0.0
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	107.4	107.4	0.0	409.19	409.19	0.0	0.0
10.	Education	1.32	110.3	110.3	0.0	145.60	145.60	0.0	0.0
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	108.3	108.3	0.0	202.52	202.52	0.0	0.0
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	103.6	103.6	0.0	446.52	446.52	0.0	0.0
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	111.0	110.9	-0.1	11,100.00	11,090.00	-10.0	100.0

TABLE 5
Monthly Index - 2018
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	Hotels & Restaurants	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	109.6	116.0	119.2	104.5	100.9	111.2	109.5	120.9	112.2	104.4	110.1	108.3	103.5
February	109.4	116.3	120.0	104.9	100.5	111.2	109.5	120.2	112.0	104.9	110.1	108.3	103.6
March	109.6	116.3	120.7	104.9	100.2	111.2	109.5	122.0	112.0	104.9	110.1	108.3	103.6
April	110.4	117.0	120.9	104.9	102.1	111.3	109.5	123.1	112.0	104.3	110.1	108.3	103.6
May	110.5	116.7	121.3	104.4	101.8	111.3	109.5	124.7	112.1	104.3	110.1	108.3	103.6
June	110.6	116.5	121.1	104.7	102.9	111.3	109.1	121.8	112.1	106.4	110.1	108.3	103.6
July	110.7	115.8	121.3	104.7	102.7	111.4	109.1	125.3	112.1	106.4	110.1	108.3	103.6
August	110.8	116.0	121.4	104.6	101.9	111.6	109.1	126.9	113.3	106.7	110.1	108.3	103.6
September	110.9	115.9	122.0	104.9	102.9	111.8	108.9	124.1	113.3	106.7	110.3	108.3	103.6
October	111.0	115.9	122.1	104.9	103.0	111.8	110.1	124.1	113.3	107.4	110.3	108.3	103.6
November	110.9	115.7	122.1	104.9	103.1	111.5	110.1	124.2	113.3	107.4	110.3	108.3	103.6