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The consumer price index recorded an increase of 0.4 percent for the month of November 2021 compared to 0.2 percent for the month of October 2021 (*see table 3*).

During the month, the “All Items” index was recorded at 113.8 compared to 113.4 for October 2021. Four (4) groups recorded increases, namely; “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (1.4%), “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (0.8%), “Health” (0.2%) and “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (0.2%). Three (3) groups recorded a decrease; “Transport” (1.1%), “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics” (0.1%) and “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.1%). Five (5) groups remained unchanged; “Clothing and Footwear”, “Communication”, “Recreation and Culture”, “Education” and “Hotels and Restaurants”.

The “Food and Non-Alcoholic” group index recorded the largest increase of 1.4 percent on account of an increase in the prices of several foods items which include; pig tail - fresh (35.9%), turkey neck (32.1%), white sugar (10.9%), corned beef (8.0%), eggs (7.5%), pumpkin (7.5%), mozzarella (4.9%), evaporated milk (4.5%) and codfish (3.5%).

“Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” increased by 0.8 percent on account of a rise in the price for cement (10.9%), cooking gas (9.8%) and electricity (2.2%). The increase in the price for electricity is a result of a higher fuel surcharge rate of 40.48 cents per kilowatt hour for November 2021 compared to 38.57 cents per kilowatt hour for October 2021.

“Health” index grew by 0.2 percent on account of an increase in the prices of pain relievers (6.6%) and cold preparation (3.8%). Similarly, the 0.2 percent growth in the “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” group, was due mainly to increase in prices for roll- on (21.5%) and combs (1.6%).

The “Transport” index fell by 1.1 percent as a result of a decrease in the prices for passenger airfares from St. Vincent and the Grenadines to a few destinations, namely, Toronto (25.7%) and London (11.8%).

The 0.1 percent decline in the group index for “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics, was due mainly to a decrease in the prices of whiskey (0.4%) and black wine (0.1%). Similarly the group index for “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” fell by 0.1 percent due mainly to a 8.1 percent decline in the price of air freshener and 1.2 percent in the price of washing soap.

The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 3.2 percent for November 2021 compared to negative 1.4 percent for November 2020. The groups that accounted for the largest increases during the period were: “Transport” (6.4%), “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (5.7%) and “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (3.7%), (*see table 3*).

**The consumer price index increased by 0.4 percent for November 2021. The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 3.2 percent due to relative price changes during the month of November 2021 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 2021	October 2021		
<b>INCREASED</b>					
Pig tail - fresh	Lb	8.97	6.60	2.37	35.9
Turkey neck	Lb	3.25	2.46	0.79	32.1
Corned beef	340g, tin	8.41	7.79	0.62	8.0
Codfish	Lb	15.25	14.74	0.51	3.5
Evaporated milk	410g, tin	2.99	2.86	0.13	4.5
Mozzarella	Lb	13.60	12.97	0.63	4.9
Eggs	Per dozen	10.48	9.75	0.73	7.5
Pumpkin	Lb	2.74	2.55	0.19	7.5
White sugar	Lb	2.06	1.80	0.26	14.4
Cement	94lb	22.92	20.66	2.26	10.9
Electricity	140Kwh	126.67	124.00	2.67	2.2
Cooking Gas:					
"	20lb	43.90	40.16	3.74	9.3
"	25lb	52.55	48.25	4.30	8.9
"	100lb	212.60	191.45	21.15	11.0
Pain relievers	24 tablets per btl	17.68	16.58	1.10	6.6
Cold preparation	per bottle	13.50	13.00	0.50	3.8
Combs	Each	1.94	1.91	0.03	1.6
Roll-on	75ml bottle	8.47	6.97	1.50	21.5
Petrol, unleaded	1 gal	14.17	14.00	0.17	1.2
Diesel fuel	1 gal	11.47	11.30	0.17	1.5
<b>DECREASED</b>					
Whiskey	750ml bottle	145.85	146.39	-0.54	-0.4
Black wine	26oz	24.05	24.08	-0.03	-0.1
Air freshener	9oz	8.12	8.37	-0.25	-3.0
Washing soap	Each	1.18	1.19	-0.01	-0.8
Passenger airfare from St.Vincent and Grenadines to:					
Toronto, Canada	One month	2981.00	4013.00	-1032.00	-25.7
London, England	One month	3120.00	3539.00	-419.00	-11.8

**Table 2.1**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**November 2021 Compared With November 2020**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		November 2021	November 2020		
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	7.62	6.89	0.73	10.60
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	3.13	2.54	0.59	23.23
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	2.00	1.74	0.26	14.94
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.95	4.76	0.19	3.99
Turkey Wings	Lb.	4.14	3.27	0.87	26.61
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	Lb.	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Robin)	Lb.	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	6.52	6.40	0.12	1.87
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	8.34	8.12	0.22	2.71
Codfish	Lb.	15.25	15.67	-0.42	-2.68
Cornflakes	12 oz	15.15	14.53	0.62	4.27
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.74	4.68	0.06	1.28
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.45	3.40	0.05	1.47
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	3.92	3.92	0.00	0.00
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	1.89	1.89	0.00	0.00
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	4.19	4.19	0.00	0.00
Eggs	Doz	10.48	9.28	1.20	12.93
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	9.61	9.31	0.30	3.22
Sugar - Brown ( loose)	Lb.	1.71	1.68	0.03	1.79
Sugar - White ( loose)	Lb.	2.06	1.79	0.27	15.08
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.36	1.35	0.01	0.74
Flour - Packaged ( white)	2 kg	6.85	6.85	0.00	0.00
Flour - Packaged ( wholewheat)	2 kg	7.18	7.18	0.00	0.00
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.86	1.85	0.01	0.54
Rice - Packaged	2Kg	10.88	10.88	0.00	0.00
Bananas (ripe)	Lb.	1.50	1.43	0.07	4.90
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.58	2.56	0.02	0.78
Eddoes	Lb.	3.08	3.56	-0.48	-13.48
Dasheens	Lb.	1.98	2.73	-0.75	-27.47
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.93	2.98	-0.05	-1.68
Oranges	Each	1.02	0.88	0.14	15.91
Tomatoes	Lb.	5.18	7.69	-2.51	-32.64
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	10.05	9.70	0.35	3.61
Vegetable Oil	Litre	14.18	12.43	1.75	14.08
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	10.69	10.59	0.10	0.94
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail ( not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.92	2.90	0.02	0.69
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.85	5.80	0.05	0.86

**Table 2.2**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**November 2021 Compared With November 2020**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		November 2021	November 2020		
<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO &amp; NARCOTICS</b>					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	33.00	32.85	0.15	0.46
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	5.09	5.05	0.04	0.79
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	3.49	3.49	0.00	0.00
Table wine (local)	26 oz Bot.	24.05	23.94	0.11	0.46
<b>CLOTHING &amp; FOOTWEAR</b>					
Textile material - Terelyne	Yd.	35.00	47.95	-12.95	-27.01
Textile material - Linen	Yd.	17.95	17.95	0.00	0.00
Men's Shirts - Long Sleeve	Each	69.92	69.95	-0.03	-0.04
Men's Jeans ( long) - size 30	Pair	49.95	49.95	0.00	0.00
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	78.31	78.78	-0.47	-0.60
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	88.10	88.63	-0.53	-0.60
Women's 2Pc Skirtsuit ( polyester) large	Each	102.48	102.48	0.00	0.00
Women's Blouse ( cotton/Spandex)	Each	29.95	29.95	0.00	0.00
<b>HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY</b>					
<b>GAS AND OTHER FUELS</b>					
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	22.92	20.66	2.26	10.94
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	Length	105.99	96.68	9.31	9.63
Oil Paint	Gallon	134.83	134.43	0.40	0.30
Lumber - Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	Length	81.99	74.68	7.31	9.79
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	60.00	40.00	20.00	50.00
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	43.90	33.85	10.05	29.69
Electricity Consumption Charge	140 KWH	126.67	99.86	26.81	26.85
<b>FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD</b>					
<b>EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD</b>					
<b>MAINTENANCE</b>					
Bed - Cherry 54"x75"	Each	1167.61	1167.61	0.00	0.00
Double size sheets - coloured/cotton	Each	105.11	105.11	0.00	0.00
Frying Pan - 12" - non-stick	Each	53.11	55.98	-2.87	-5.13
Laundry Soap	Each	1.18	1.20	-0.02	-1.67
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	7.77	6.30	1.47	23.33

**Table 2.3**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**November 2021 Compared With November 2020**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		November 2021	November 2020		
<b>HEALTH</b>					
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	3.82	3.95	-0.13	-3.29
Drug for Diabetes	Month supply	13.99	10.84	3.15	29.06
Cough, Cold Preparation	125 ml.	15.35	15.18	0.17	1.10
Dental Care	Visit	145.83	145.83	0.00	0.00
Chest X- ray	Test	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TRANSPORT</b>					
Petrol - Unleaded	Gallon	14.17	10.50	3.67	34.95
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
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>					
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	104.00	0.00	0.00
Fixed Line Domestic Rate - peak	Minute	0.08	0.08	0.00	0.00
Mobile to Mobile - domestic	Minute	0.93	1.00	-0.06	-6.53
<b>RECREATION AND CULTURE</b>					
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	2007.94	2016.58	-8.64	-0.43
Cable TV Basic Charge	Month		79.33	-79.33	-100.00
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	3879.31	3895.82	-16.51	-0.42
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	2096.79	2105.81	-9.02	-0.43
Remote Control Car	Each	267.97	266.46	1.51	0.57
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	4.08	3.90	0.18	4.62
Dance Admission to Night Club	Per Person	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Carnival costume and Band Fees (Adult)	Each	375.00	375.00	0.00	0.00



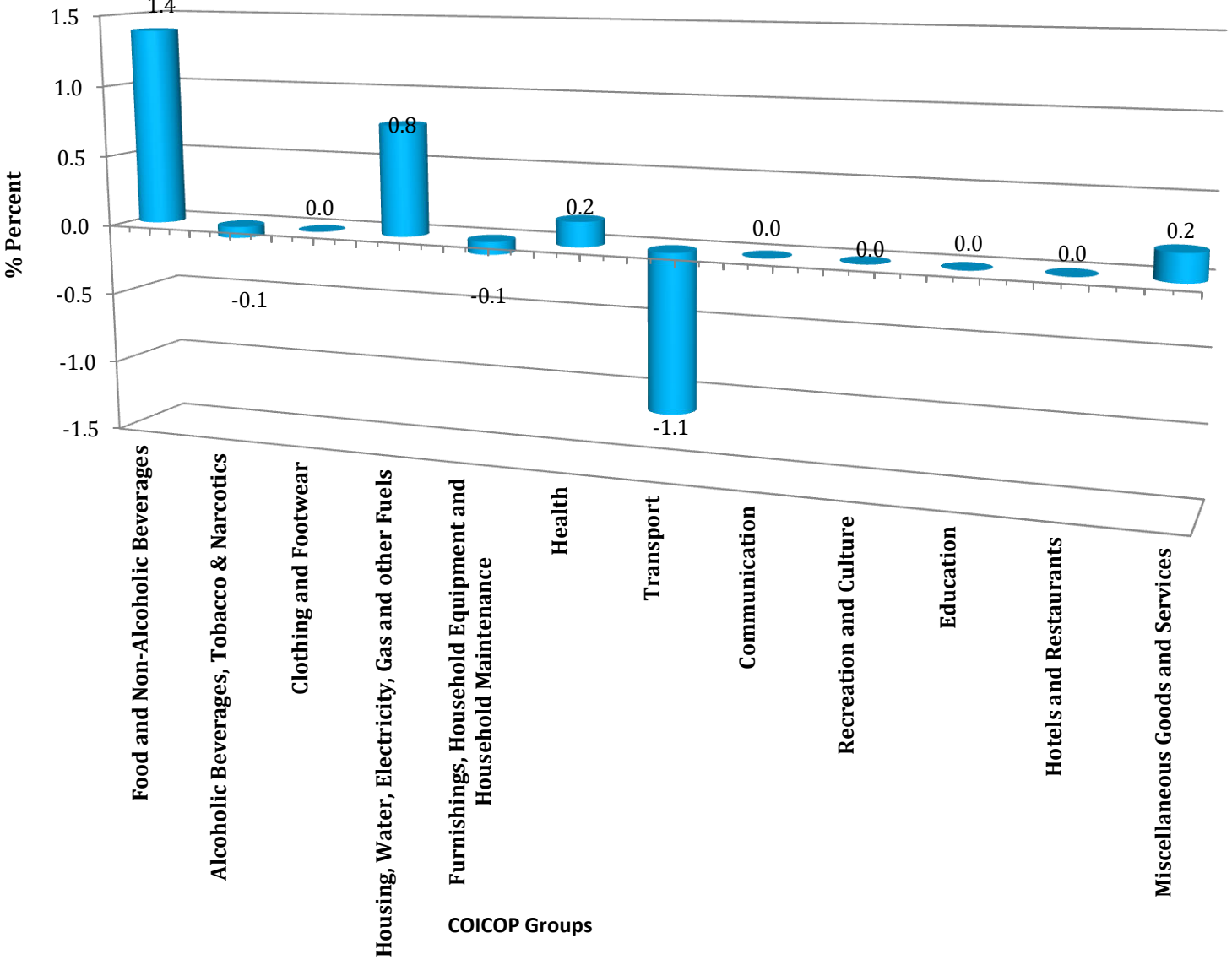
**Table 2.4**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**November 2021 Compared With November 2020**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		November 2021	November 2020		
<b>EDUCATION</b>					
Pre-Primary - Private	Month	217.50	217.50	0.00	0.00
Primary School Fee - Private	Term	850.00	850.00	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	0.85	0.78	0.07	8.97
Lead Pencils	Each	0.75	0.87	-0.12	-13.79
Mathematics Textbook - Form 4	Each	86.65	76.73	9.92	12.93
Tuition for local evening classes	Per Subject	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
<b>HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS</b>					
Chicken Lunch - regular	Each	14.49	14.49	0.00	0.00
Fish Lunch - regular	Each	17.32	17.32	0.00	0.00
Fast Food - 2 Pc Chicken and Fries	Each	18.75	17.05	1.70	9.97
<b>MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES</b>					
Toilet Soap	125g	3.72	3.68	0.04	1.09
Toothpaste	130g Tube	9.96	9.94	0.02	0.20
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.	14.02	14.04	-0.02	-0.14
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 2021	November 2021	November 2020	Percentage Change Over Previous:	
						Month October	Year November
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	122.7	124.4	120	1.4	3.7
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	126.6	126.5	126.8	-0.1	-0.2
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	104.6	104.6	104.5	0.0	0.1
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	103.5	104.3	98.7	0.8	5.7
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	113.3	113.2	112.5	-0.1	0.6
06.	Health	1.79	115.6	115.8	114.0	0.2	1.6
07.	Transport	11.84	127.3	125.9	118.3	-1.1	6.4
08.	Communication	9.41	112.0	112.0	113.3	0.0	-1.1
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	109.2	109.2	108.3	0.0	0.8
10.	Education	1.32	109.1	109.1	109.6	0.0	-0.5
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	115.2	115.2	114.2	0.0	0.9
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	106.1	106.3	106.4	0.2	-0.1
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>113.4</b>	<b>113.8</b>	<b>110.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>3.2</b>

Chart 1. COICOP Groups Percentage Change for November 2021



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

	Groups	Weight	October 2021	November 2021	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	% Contribution to Change
						October 2021	November 2021		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	122.7	124.4	1.4	2,688.36	2,725.60	37.2	93.1
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	126.6	126.5	-0.1	489.94	489.56	-0.4	-1.0
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	104.6	104.6	0.0	336.81	336.81	0.0	0.0
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	103.5	104.3	0.8	3,111.21	3,135.26	24.0	60.1
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	113.3	113.2	-0.1	746.65	745.99	-0.7	-1.6
6.	Health	1.79	115.6	115.8	0.2	206.92	207.28	0.4	0.9
7.	Transport	11.84	127.3	125.9	-1.1	1,507.23	1,490.66	-16.6	-41.4
8.	Communication	9.41	112.0	112.0	0.0	1,053.92	1,053.92	0.0	0.0
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	109.2	109.2	0.0	416.05	416.05	0.0	0.0
10.	Education	1.32	109.1	109.1	0.0	144.01	144.01	0.0	0.0
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	115.2	115.2	0.0	215.42	215.42	0.0	0.0
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	106.1	106.3	0.2	457.29	458.15	0.9	2.2
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>113.4</b>	<b>113.8</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>11,340.00</b>	<b>11,380.00</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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	Communication	Recreation & Culture	Education	Hotels & Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services
<b>WEIGHT</b>	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
<b>MONTH</b>													
January	110.5	119.7	126.7	104.5	99.6	112.6	114.2	118.3	113.3	108.7	109.6	114.0	106.4
February	110.8	120.0	126.9	104.5	99.9	113.3	114.6	118.8	113.3	108.3	109.6	114.0	106.4
March	111.4	120.2	126.8	104.5	100.8	113.4	114.6	121.0	113.3	108.3	109.6	114.0	106.4
April	112.0	120.5	126.8	104.7	102.4	113.9	114.6	121.0	113.3	108.3	109.6	114.0	106.4
May	111.9	120.5	126.9	104.7	101.9	113.8	115.2	121.3	113.3	108.4	109.6	114.0	106.3
June	112.8	121.3	126.9	104.7	103.8	113.6	115.4	122.7	113.3	108.6	109.6	114.0	106.1
July	112.9	121.5	126.1	104.9	103.3	113.2	116.1	124.6	113.3	108.6	109.6	114.0	106.2
August	113.1	122.0	126.1	104.6	103.8	113.1	115.6	126.0	112.0	108.6	109.6	114.0	106.2
September	113.2	122.6	126.1	104.6	103.2	113.1	115.6	126.8	112.0	109.0	109.1	115.2	106.2
October	113.4	122.7	126.6	104.6	103.5	113.3	115.6	127.3	112.3	109.2	109.1	115.2	106.1
November	113.8	124.4	126.5	104.6	104.3	113.2	115.8	125.9	112.0	109.2	109.1	115.2	106.3