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The consumer price index recorded an increase of 0.1 percent for the month of July 2021 compared to 0.8 percent for June 2021 (*see table 3*).

During the month, the “All Items” index was recorded at 112.9 compared to 112.8 for June 2021. Five (5) groups recorded increases, namely, “Transport” (1.5%), “Health” (0.6%), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (0.2%), “Clothing and Footwear” (0.2%) and “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (0.1%). Three (3) groups recorded decreases; “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” (0.6%), “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (0.5%) and “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.4%). Four (4) groups remained unchanged; “Communication”, “Education”, “Hotels and Restaurants” and “Recreation and Culture”.

The “Transport” index recorded the largest increase of 1.5 percent. This increase is largely attributable to a 17.6, 8.6 and 2.9 percent increase respectively in the prices of truck tyres, petrol and diesel fuel.

“Health” group index grew by 0.6 percent on account of an increase in the prices of drugs that are being used for the treatment of diabetes (46.8%) and cancer (7.1%).

Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” group index grew by 0.2 percent as a result of an increase in the price of several food items which included: chicken sausage (53.1%), canned fruit, crushed pineapple (15.8%), deep sea fish (12.5%), peanut butter (10.1%), string bean (7.3%), cornflakes (7.0%), other cereals (6.8%), cabbage (6.3%), eggs (5.9%) and chicken neck (1.9%).

The 0.2 percent increase in the index for “Clothing and Footwear” was attributable to increases in the prices for cotton material (77.4%) and polyester material (4.2%). Similarly, the 0.1 percent increase in the “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” was on account of an increase in price for roll-on (9.6%) and combs (1.1%).

The group index for “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” declined by 0.6 percent due mainly to a decrease in the price of beer - imported (12.0%).

Similarly, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” group index recorded a decrease of 0.5 percent on account of a 4.1 percent fall in the price for electricity. This decrease in the price of electricity was a result of lower fuel surcharge rate of 36.88 cents per kilowatt hour for July 2021 compared to 40.55 cents per kilowatt hour for June 2021.

Meanwhile, “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” declined by 0.4 percent due to a decrease in the price of mattress (22.2%) and dishwashing liquid (5.2%).

The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 2.6 percent for July 2021 compared to negative 1.6 for July 2020. The groups that accounted for the largest increases during the period were, “Transport” (6.3%), “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (4.7%), “Health” (2.7%) and “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (2.1%)(*see table 3*).

**The consumer price index increased by 0.1 percent for July 2021. The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 2.6 percent due to relative price changes during the month of July 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
		July 2021	June 2021		
<b>INCREASED</b>					
Cornflakes	12oz box	8.40	7.85	0.55	7.0
Other cereals	Lb	2.81	2.63	0.18	6.8
Chicken neck	Lb	2.18	2.14	0.04	1.9
Chicken sausage	5oz tin	3.75	2.45	1.30	53.1
Deep sea fish	Lb	9.00	8.00	1.00	12.5
Peanut butter	16.3oz bottle	16.29	14.79	1.50	10.1
Eggs	Dozen	9.68	9.14	0.54	5.9
Canned fruit, crushed pineapple	565g tin	10.25	8.85	1.40	15.8
Cabbage	Lb	4.86	4.57	0.29	6.3
String bean	Lb	4.57	4.26	0.31	7.3
Textile material - 100% cotton	Yard	17.95	10.12	7.83	77.4
Textile material - polyester 60"	Yard	24.95	23.95	1.00	4.2
Drugs for diabetes	1 month supply	21.98	14.97	7.01	46.8
Drugs for cancer	1 month supply	15.00	14.00	1.00	7.1
Truck tyres	Size 750/16	807.10	686.33	120.77	17.6
Petrol	Gal	13.20	12.15	1.05	8.6
Diesel fuel	Gal	10.75	10.45	0.30	2.9
Roll-on	75ml bottle	6.98	6.37	0.61	9.6
Combs	Each	1.92	1.90	0.02	1.1
<b>DECREASED</b>					
Drumsticks	Lb	3.21	3.32	-5.14	-4.1
Leg quarters	Lb	3.07	3.12	-0.05	-1.6
Evaporated milk	410g tin	4.23	4.32	-0.09	-2.1
Beer - imported	295ml tin	4.70	5.34	-0.64	-12.0
Electricity	140Kwh	121.63	126.77	-5.14	-4.1
Mattress	Queen size	699.00	899.00	-200.00	-22.2
Dishwashing liquid	450ml bottle	6.97	7.35	-0.38	-5.2

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		July 2021	July 2020		
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	7.35	6.89	0.46	6.68
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	3.07	2.81	0.26	9.25
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.86	1.70	0.16	9.41
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.97	4.71	0.26	5.52
Turkey Wings	Lb.	3.70	3.34	0.36	10.78
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	6.45	6.28	0.17	2.65
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	8.20	8.37	-0.17	-1.97
Codfish	Lb.	14.48	16.09	-1.61	-10.01
Cornflakes	12 oz	15.07	14.19	0.89	6.24
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.74	4.67	0.07	1.50
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.40	3.29	0.11	3.34
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	3.92	4.00	-0.08	-2.00
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	9.68	7.74	1.94	25.06
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	9.30	9.28	0.02	0.22
Sugar - Brown ( loose)	Lb.	1.67	1.63	0.04	2.45
Sugar - White ( loose)	Lb.	1.79	1.79	0.00	0.00
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.36	1.35	0.01	0.74
Flour - Packaged ( white)	2 kg	6.85	6.84	0.01	0.15
Flour - Packaged ( wholewheat)	2 kg	7.18	7.18	0.00	0.00
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.85	1.89	-0.04	-2.12
Rice - Packaged	2Kg	10.88	10.76	0.12	1.15
Bananas (ripe)	Lb.	1.50	1.44	0.06	4.17
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.58	2.44	0.14	5.74
Eddoes	Lb.	3.07	2.86	0.21	7.34
Dasheens	Lb.	2.32	1.99	0.33	16.58
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.92	2.55	0.37	14.51
Oranges	Each	0.90	0.88	0.02	2.27
Tomatoes	Lb.	5.16	6.27	-1.11	-17.70
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	9.67	9.58	0.09	0.94
Vegetable Oil	Litre	12.40	12.42	-0.02	-0.16
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	10.64	10.58	0.06	0.57
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail ( not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.90	2.90	0.00	0.00
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.81	5.74	0.07	1.22

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		July 2021	July 2020		
<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO &amp; NARCOTICS</b>					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	33.40	32.85	0.55	1.67
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	5.08	5.09	-0.01	-0.20
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	3.49	3.49	0.00	0.00
Table wine (local)	26 oz Bot.	23.89	23.44	0.45	1.92
<b>CLOTHING &amp; FOOTWEAR</b>					
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	69.92	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	79.03	78.83	0.20	0.25
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	88.92	88.69	0.23	0.26
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	20.66	20.66	0.00	0.00
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	Length	113.16	96.68	16.48	17.05
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.	40.10	33.85	6.25	18.46
Electricity Consumption Charge	140 KWH	121.63	99.57	22.06	22.16
<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	55.98	55.98	0.00	0.00
Laundry Soap	Each	1.20	1.23	-0.03	-2.44
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	7.42	6.37	1.05	16.48

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		July 2021	July 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	4.17	3.50	0.67	19.14
Drug for Diabetes	Month supply	14.67	10.49	4.19	39.91
Cough, Cold Preparation	125 ml.	15.18	15.18	0.00	-0.02
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	13.20	9.62	3.58	37.21
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	1.00	1.00	0.01	0.50
<b>RECREATION AND CULTURE</b>					
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	2007.98	2011.54	-3.56	-0.18
Cable TV Basic Charge	Month	79.33	79.33	0.00	0.00
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	3879.21	3886.08	-6.87	-0.18
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	2096.83	2100.55	-3.72	-0.18
Remote Control Car	Each	267.97	262.64	5.33	2.03
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	3.95	3.90	0.05	1.28
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



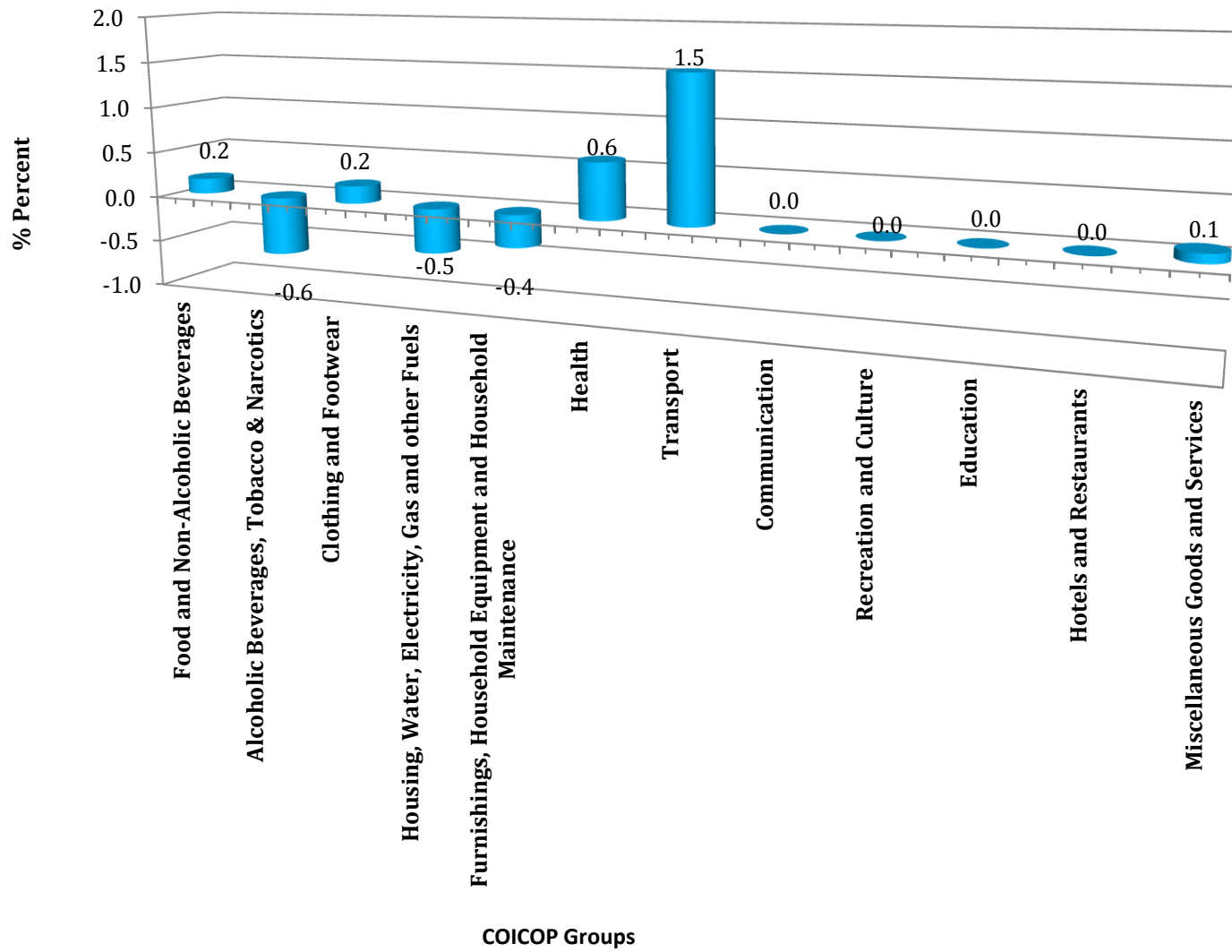
**Table 2.4**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**July 2021 Compared With July 2020**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		July 2021	July 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	0.75	0.00	0.00
Mathematics Textbook - Form 4	Each	76.73	75.12	1.61	2.14
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	17.05	17.05	0.00	0.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES</b>					
Toilet Soap	125g	3.72	3.64	0.08	2.27
Toothpaste	130g Tube	9.92	9.83	0.10	0.97
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.	13.99	13.91	0.08	0.61
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	June 2021	July 2021	July 2020	Percentage Change Over Previous:	
						Month June	Year July
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	121.3	121.5	119.0	0.2	2.1
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	126.9	126.1	126.7	-0.6	-0.5
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	104.7	104.9	104.5	0.2	0.4
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	103.8	103.3	98.7	-0.5	4.7
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	113.6	113.2	113.6	-0.4	-0.4
06.	Health	1.79	115.4	116.1	113.0	0.6	2.7
07.	Transport	11.84	122.7	124.6	117.2	1.5	6.3
08.	Communication	9.41	113.3	113.3	113.3	0.0	0.0
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	108.6	108.6	107.9	0.0	0.6
10.	Education	1.32	109.6	109.6	112.3	0.0	-2.4
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	114.0	114.0	113.8	0.0	0.2
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	106.1	106.2	106.2	0.1	0.0
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>112.8</b>	<b>112.9</b>	<b>110.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>2.6</b>

**Chart 1. COICOP Groups Percentage Change for July 2021**



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

	Groups	Weight	June 2021	July 2021	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	% Contribution to Change
						June 2021	July 2021		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	121.3	121.5	0.2	2,657.68	2,662.07	4.4	43.8
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	126.9	126.1	-0.6	491.10	488.01	-3.1	-31.0
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	104.7	104.9	0.2	337.13	337.78	0.6	6.4
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	103.8	103.3	-0.5	3,120.23	3,105.20	-15.0	-150.3
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	113.6	113.2	-0.4	748.62	745.99	-2.6	-26.4
6.	Health	1.79	115.4	116.1	0.6	206.57	207.82	1.3	12.5
7.	Transport	11.84	122.7	124.6	1.5	1,452.77	1,475.26	22.5	225.0
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	108.6	108.6	0.0	413.77	413.77	0.0	0.0
10.	Education	1.32	109.6	109.6	0.0	144.67	144.67	0.0	0.0
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	114.0	114.0	0.0	213.18	213.18	0.0	0.0
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	106.1	106.2	0.1	457.29	457.72	0.4	4.3
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>112.8</b>	<b>112.9</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>11,280.00</b>	<b>11,290.00</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 5**  
**Monthly Index - 2021**  
**January 2010 = 100**

<b>Groups</b>	<b>All Items</b>	<b>Food &amp; Non-Alcoholic Beverages</b>	<b>Alcoholic Beverages Tobacco &amp; Narcotics</b>	<b>Clothing &amp; Footwear</b>	<b>Housing Water Electricity Gas and Fuels</b>	<b>Furnishings Household Equipment &amp; Household Maintenance</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Transport</b>	<b>Communi-cation</b>	<b>Recreation &amp; Culture</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Hotels &amp; Restaurants</b>	<b>Miscell-aneous Goods and Services</b>
<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