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

During the month, the “All Items” index was recorded at 112.8 compared to 111.9 for May 2021. Five (5) groups recorded increases; “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (1.9%), “Transport” (1.2%), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (0.7%), “Health” (0.2%) and “Recreation and Culture” (0.2%). Two (2) groups recorded decreases; “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.2%) and “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (0.2%). Five (5) groups remained unchanged; “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics”, “Clothing and Footwear”, “Communication”, “Education” and “Hotels and Restaurants”.

“Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” recorded the largest increase of 1.9 percent on account of a rise in the price for electricity (10.6%), cooking gas (9.3%) and varnish (69.4%). The increase in the price for electricity is a result of a higher fuel surcharge rate of 40.55 cents per kilowatt hour for June 2021 compared to 31.91 cents per kilowatt hour for May 2021.

The 1.2 percent increase in the “Transport” index was mainly on account of an increase in the price of vehicle fuel and passenger airfare from St. Vincent and the Grenadines to several destinations. The price of petrol grew by 8.0 percent while diesel increased by 5.0 percent. The airfare to London, England increased by 29.7 percent while that to Toronto, Canada grew by 16.3 percent.

“Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” group index grew by 0.7 percent as a result of an increase in the price of several food items which included: pig snout (47.0%), garlic (32.0%), tomatoes (22.9%), cucumber (10.8%), salted pig tail (6.4%) and full cream powdered milk (6.2%).

The 0.2 percent increase in the “Health” index was on account of a 22.5 percent increase in the price of a drug that is used in the treatment of diabetes. Similarly, the 0.2 percent increase in the index for “Recreation and Culture” was attributed to a 6.1 percent increase in the price for a mathematics textbook.

“Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” recorded a decline of 0.2 percent due mainly to a decrease in the price of a dishwashing liquid (3.0%). Meanwhile, the 0.2 percent decrease in the “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” was as a result of a reduction of 6.0 percent in the price of an antibacterial soap.

The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 1.9 percent for June 2021 compared to negative 0.8 for June 2020. The groups that accounted for the largest increase during the period were, “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (3.6%), “Health (2.4%) and “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (2.1%) (*see table 3*).

**The consumer price index increased by 0.8 percent for June 2021. The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 1.9 percent due to relative price changes during the month of June 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
		June 2021	May 2021		
<b>INCREASED</b>					
Pig tail, salted	Lb	7.53	7.08	0.45	6.4
Pig snout	Lb	12.30	8.37	3.93	47.0
Powdered milk, full cream	Lb	7.37	6.94	0.43	6.2
Tomatoes	Lb	5.31	4.32	0.99	22.9
Cucumber	Lb	3.90	3.52	0.38	10.8
Garlic	500g	5.57	4.22	1.35	32.0
Varnish	1 gallon	146.15	86.25	59.90	69.4
Electricity	140Kwh	126.77	114.67	12.10	10.6
Cooking gas:					
"	20lb	40.10	36.62	3.48	9.5
"	25lb	48.25	44.20	4.05	9.2
"	100lb	191.45	175.20	16.25	9.3
Drugs for diabetes	1 month's supply	7.35	6.00	1.35	22.5
Petrol	1 gallon	12.15	11.25	0.90	8.0
Diesel	1 gallon	10.45	9.95	0.50	5.0
Passenger airfare from St Vincent & the Grenadines to:					
<i>Toronto, Canada</i>	1 month	3526.00	3031.44	494.56	16.3
<i>London, England</i>	1 month	4149.00	3200.00	949.00	29.7
Mathematics textbook	Each	79.51	74.92	4.59	6.1
<b>DECREASED</b>					
Chicken necks	Lb	2.14	2.60	-0.46	-17.7
Cheddar cheese	Lb	14.82	16.93	-2.11	-12.5
Biscuit, chocolate chips	145g pk.	3.50	3.98	-0.48	-12.1
Spring water	1.5 litre	4.39	4.94	-0.55	-11.1
Dishwashing liquid	450ml	7.35	7.58	-0.23	-3.0
Drugs for hypertension	1 month's supply	5.80	6.26	-0.46	-7.3
Drugs for cancer	1 month's supply	14.00	15.00	-1.00	-6.7
Passenger airfare from St Vincent & the Grenadines to:					
<i>New York, United States of America</i>	1 month	1481.00	2560.00	-1079.00	-42.1
Antibacterial soap	125g	4.22	4.49	-0.27	-6.01

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		June 2021	June 2020		
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	7.37	6.91	0.46	6.66
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	3.12	2.87	0.25	8.71
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.86	1.68	0.18	10.71
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.98	4.72	0.26	5.51
Turkey Wings	Lb.	3.69	3.47	0.22	6.34
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	8.00	9.00	-1.00	-11.11
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	6.44	6.28	0.16	2.55
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	8.20	8.24	-0.04	-0.49
Codfish	Lb.	13.76	16.09	-2.33	-14.48
Cornflakes	12 oz	14.79	14.16	0.63	4.45
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.74	4.67	0.07	1.50
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.43	3.31	0.12	3.63
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	9.14	7.74	1.40	18.09
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	9.30	9.25	0.05	0.54
Sugar - Brown ( loose)	Lb.	1.67	1.61	0.06	3.73
Sugar - White ( loose)	Lb.	1.79	1.78	0.01	0.56
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.36	1.35	0.01	0.74
Flour - Packaged ( white)	2 kg	6.86	6.83	0.03	0.44
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	1.12
Bananas (ripe)	Lb.	1.50	1.44	0.06	4.17
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.58	2.43	0.15	6.17
Eddoes	Lb.	3.08	2.85	0.23	8.07
Dasheens	Lb.	2.32	1.99	0.33	16.58
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.93	2.54	0.39	15.35
Oranges	Each	0.90	0.88	0.02	2.27
Tomatoes	Lb.	5.31	5.21	0.10	1.92
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	9.67	9.54	0.13	1.36
Vegetable Oil	Litre	12.40	12.41	-0.01	-0.08
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	10.64	10.59	0.05	0.47
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail ( not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.90	2.90	0.00	0.00
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.81	5.78	0.03	0.52

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		June 2021	June 2020		
<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO &amp; NARCOTICS</b>					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	32.95	32.85	0.10	0.30
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	5.08	5.09	-0.01	-0.20
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	3.49	3.48	0.01	0.29
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	78.81	0.22	0.28
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	88.92	88.67	0.25	0.28
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	20.62	20.66	-0.04	-0.19
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	Length	112.26	96.68	15.58	16.12
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	35.49	4.61	12.99
Electricity Consumption Charge	140 KWH	126.77	107.84	18.93	17.55
<b>FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD 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	1.24	-0.04	-3.23
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	7.42	6.37	1.05	16.48

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		June 2021	June 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	4.40	3.37	1.03	30.56
Drug for Diabetes	Month supply	11.16	10.49	0.67	6.39
Cough, Cold Preparation	125 ml.	15.18	15.18	0.00	0.00
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	12.15	10.47	1.68	16.05
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



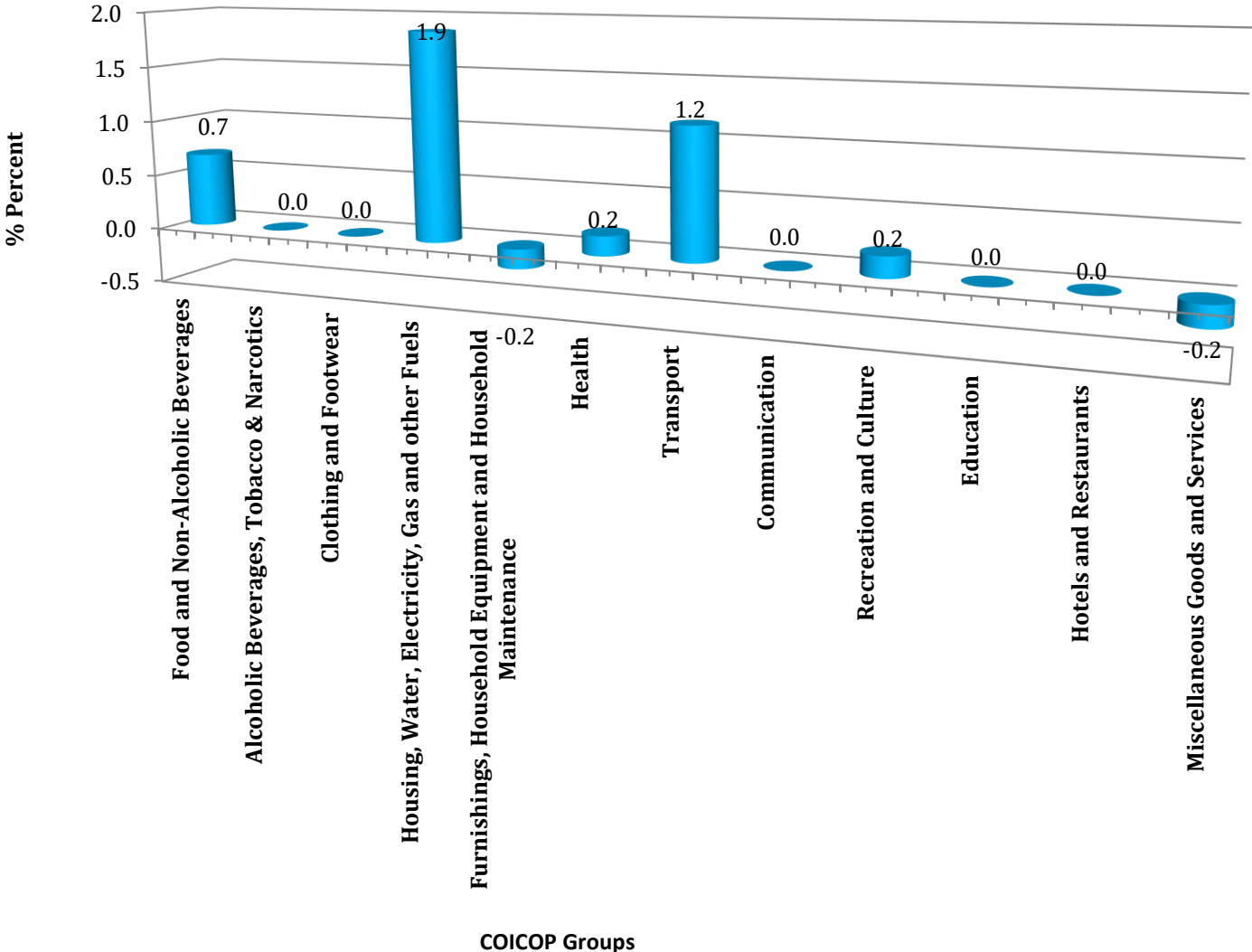
**Table 2.4**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**June 2021 Compared With June 2020**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		June 2021	June 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	0.78	0.78	0.00	0.00
Lead Pencils	Each	0.75	0.75	0.00	0.00
Mathematics Textbook - Form 4	Each	79.51	75.12	4.39	5.84
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	3.61	0.11	3.05
Toothpaste	130g Tube	9.91	9.71	0.20	2.06
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	13.84	0.15	1.08
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	May 2021	June 2021	June 2020	Percentage Change Over Previous:	
						Month May	Year June
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	120.5	121.3	118.8	0.7	2.1
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	126.9	126.9	126.5	0.0	0.3
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	104.7	104.7	104.5	0.0	0.2
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	101.9	103.8	100.2	1.9	3.6
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	113.8	113.6	113.6	-0.2	0.0
06.	Health	1.79	115.2	115.4	112.7	0.2	2.4
07.	Transport	11.84	121.3	122.7	119.1	1.2	3.0
08.	Communication	9.41	113.3	113.3	113.3	0.0	0.0
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	108.4	108.6	107.9	0.2	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	106.3	106.1	106.0	-0.2	0.1
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>111.9</b>	<b>112.8</b>	<b>110.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.9</b>

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



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

	Groups	Weight	May 2021	June 2021	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	% Contribution to Change
						May 2021	June 2021		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	120.5	121.3	0.7	2,640.16	2,657.68	17.5	19.5
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	126.9	126.9	0.0	491.10	491.10	0.0	0.0
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	104.7	104.7	0.0	337.13	337.13	0.0	0.0
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	101.9	103.8	1.9	3,063.11	3,120.23	57.1	63.5
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	113.8	113.6	-0.2	749.94	748.62	-1.3	-1.5
6.	Health	1.79	115.2	115.4	0.2	206.21	206.57	0.4	0.4
7.	Transport	11.84	121.3	122.7	1.2	1,436.19	1,452.77	16.6	18.4
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	108.4	108.6	0.2	413.00	413.77	0.8	0.8
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	106.3	106.1	-0.2	458.15	457.29	-0.9	-1.0
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>111.9</b>	<b>112.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>11,190.00</b>	<b>11,280.00</b>	<b>90.0</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