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July 2022

The consumer price index recorded an increase of 0.9 percent for the month July 2022 compared to 0.6 for the month of June 2022, (*see table 3*).

During the month of July 2022, the “All Items” index was recorded at 119.8 compared to 118.7 for the month of June 2022. Seven (7) groups recorded increases during the month, namely; “Transport” (1.5%), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (1.4%) “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (1.3%), “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” (1.0%), “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.9%), “Recreation and Culture” (0.1) and “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (0.1). The group “Health” (0.2%) was the sole group to record a decrease during the month. Four (4) groups remained unchanged, “Clothing and Footwear”, “Communication”, “Education” and “Hotels and Restaurants”, (*See table 3*).

The 1.5 percent growth in the “Transport” index was on account of an increases in the prices for an engine oil (29.3%), pick-up tyres (12.9%), diesel fuel (7.4%) and petrol (6.9%).

The group index for “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” grew by 1.4 percent due mainly to higher prices for several food items, which included; lettuce (16.3%), package flour (15.5%), evaporated milk (14.1%), pig snout (11.5%), turkey necks (10.2%), cauliflower (9.0%), canned fish (8.4%), other cereal (5.9%) and eggs (4.1%).

“Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” increased by 1.3 percent due mainly to an increase in the prices of a wooden door (23.4%), lumber (17.7%) and electricity (5.9%).

There was also a 1.0 percent increase in “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics”, due to higher prices for brandy (12.4%), stout (4.7%) and imported beer (3.1%).

“Furnishing, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” grew by 0.9 percent on account of higher prices for a gas stove (34.9%), disinfectant (14.4%) and queen mattress (3.8%).

The index for “Recreation and Culture” rose by 0.1 percent due mainly to 17.0 % increase in the price of dog food. The group index for “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” registered the same 0.1 percent growth. This was on account of higher prices of sanitary napkins (20.0%), toothpaste (13.3%) and relaxer, regular length hair (3.8%).

The “Health” index declined by 0.2 percent due to a decrease in the prices of drugs for diabetes (3.4%) and drugs for asthma (1.7%).

The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 6.1 percent for the month of July 2022 compared to 2.6 percent for July 2021. The groups that accounted for the largest increases during the month were; “Hotels and Restaurants” (12.1%), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (10.3%), “Transport” (9.0%), and “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (7.3%), (*See table 3*).

The consumer price index increased by 0.9 percent for July 2022. The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 6.1 due to relative price changes during the month of July 2022 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 2022	June 2022		
INCREASED					
Packaged flour	2kg	8.95	7.75	1.20	15.5
Other cereal	500g Pk	5.35	5.05	0.30	5.9
Pig snout	Lb	14.16	12.70	1.46	11.5
Turkey necks	Lb	3.58	3.25	0.33	10.2
Canned fish	106g Tin	5.29	4.88	0.41	8.4
Evaporated milk	410g Tin	3.80	3.33	0.47	14.1
Eggs	Per dozen	11.12	10.68	0.44	4.1
Lettuce	Head	6.98	6.00	0.98	16.3
Cauliflower	Lb	10.34	9.49	0.85	9.0
Brandy	700ml Bottle	84.83	75.50	9.33	12.4
Stout	275ml Bottle	6.18	5.90	0.28	4.7
Beer - imported	250ml Bottle	5.60	5.43	0.17	3.1
Electricity consumption	140Kwh	171.63	162.11	9.52	5.9
Wooden door - pine	6 Panels	439.65	356.18	83.47	23.4
Lumber, yellow pine	Length	105.78	89.85	15.93	17.7
Mattress - Queen	Each	1340.71	1291.36	49.35	3.8
Gas stove - 4 burner	30 inch	1999.00	1482.17	516.83	34.9
Disinfectant	30oz Bottle	5.95	5.20	0.75	14.4
Pick-up tyres	Each	562.32	498.15	64.17	12.9
Petrol, unleaded	1 Gal	16.41	15.35	1.06	6.9
Diesel fuel	1 Gal	16.30	15.17	1.13	7.4
Engine oil	1 Quart	13.34	10.32	3.02	29.3
Dog food	625g Tin	12.90	11.03	1.87	17.0
Relaxer	1 visit	72.46	69.82	2.64	3.8
Toothpaste	130g Tube	11.45	10.11	1.34	13.3
Sanitary napkins	10 Pk	12.43	10.36	2.07	20.0
DECREASED					
Cheese	250g Pk	12.63	12.83	-0.20	-1.6
Peanut butter	12oz Bottle	11.38	12.84	-1.46	-11.4
Pineapple	Each	5.80	6.45	-0.65	-10.1
Watermelon	Lb	4.26	4.33	-0.07	-1.6
Drugs for diabetes	1 month's supply	25.92	26.83	-0.91	-3.4
Drugs for asthma	1 month's supply	7.37	7.50	-0.13	-1.7

Table 2.1
Average Retail Price of Selected Items
July 2022 Compared With July 2021

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		July 2022	July 2021		
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	10.00	9.00	1.00	11.11
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	8.90	7.35	1.55	21.09
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	3.62	3.07	0.55	17.92
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	2.27	1.86	0.41	22.04
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	5.73	4.97	0.76	15.29
Turkey Wings	Lb.	4.55	3.70	0.85	22.97
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	10.00	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	7.37	6.45	0.92	14.26
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	9.03	8.20	0.83	10.12
Codfish	Lb.	16.80	14.48	2.32	16.02
Cornflakes	12 oz	15.30	15.07	0.23	1.53
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	5.34	4.74	0.60	12.66
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	4.00	3.40	0.60	17.65
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	4.12	3.92	0.20	5.10
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	2.33	1.89	0.44	23.28
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	4.76	4.19	0.57	13.60
Eggs	Doz	11.12	9.68	1.44	14.88
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	9.67	9.30	0.37	3.98
Sugar - Brown (loose)	Lb.	1.84	1.67	0.17	10.18
Sugar - White (loose)	Lb.	2.17	1.79	0.38	21.23
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.69	1.36	0.33	24.26
Flour - Packaged (white)	2 kg	8.61	6.85	1.76	25.69
Flour - Packaged (wholewheat)	2 kg	9.19	7.18	2.01	27.99
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.93	1.85	0.08	4.32
Rice - Packaged	2Kg	10.93	10.88	0.05	0.46
Bananas (ripe)	Lb.	1.60	1.50	0.10	6.67
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.58	2.58	0.00	0.00
Eddoes	Lb.	2.93	3.07	-0.14	-4.56
Dasheens	Lb.	1.88	2.32	-0.44	-18.97
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.72	2.92	-0.20	-6.85
Oranges	Each	1.08	0.90	0.18	20.00
Tomatoes	Lb.	4.85	5.16	-0.31	-6.01
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	10.85	9.67	1.18	12.20
Vegetable Oil	Litre	17.16	12.40	4.76	38.39
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	11.25	10.64	0.61	5.73
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail (not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.97	2.90	0.07	2.41
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	6.00	5.81	0.19	3.27

Table 2.2
Average Retail Price of Selected Items
July 2022 Compared With July 2021

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		July 2022	July 2021		
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO & NARCOTICS					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	37.55	33.40	4.15	12.43
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	5.09	5.08	0.01	0.20
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	3.85	3.49	0.36	10.32
Table wine (local)	26 oz Bot.	24.83	23.89	0.94	3.93
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR					
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	69.87	69.92	-0.05	-0.07
Men's Jeans (long) - size 30	Pair	49.95	49.95	0.00	0.00
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	79.42	79.03	0.39	0.49
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	89.35	88.92	0.43	0.48
Women's 2Pc Skirtsuit (polyester) large	Each	108.31	102.48	5.83	5.69
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	24.87	20.66	4.21	20.38
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	Length	111.33	113.16	-1.83	-1.62
Oil Paint	Gallon	138.30	134.83	3.47	2.57
Lumber - Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	Length	105.78	81.99	23.79	29.02
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	60.00	0.00	0.00
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	45.76	40.10	5.66	14.11
Electricity Consumption Charge	140 KWH	171.63	121.63	50.00	41.11
FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD					
EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD					
MAINTENANCE					
Bed - Cherry 54"x75"	Each	1,635.53	1167.61	467.92	40.08
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	1.23	1.20	0.03	2.50
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	7.94	7.42	0.52	7.01

Table 2.3
Average Retail Price of Selected Items
July 2022 Compared With July 2021

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		July 2022	July 2021		
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	4.97	4.17	0.80	19.18
Drug for Diabetes	Month supply	15.96	14.67	1.29	8.79
Cough, Cold Preparation	125 ml.	16.35	15.18	1.17	7.71
Dental Care	Visit	150.00	145.83	4.17	2.86
Chest X- ray	Test	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00
TRANSPORT					
Petrol - Unleaded	Gallon	16.41	13.20	3.21	24.32
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	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	0.00	0.00
RECREATION AND CULTURE					
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	2,019.80	2007.98	11.82	0.59
Cable TV Basic Charge	Month	79.33	79.33	0.00	0.00
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	3,902.23	3879.21	23.02	0.59
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	2,109.18	2096.83	12.35	0.59
Remote Control Car	Each	267.97	267.97	0.00	0.00
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	4.10	3.95	0.15	3.80
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 2022 Compared With July 2021

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		July 2022	July 2021		
EDUCATION					
Pre-Primary - Private	Month	227.50	217.50	10.00	4.60
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	0.90	0.85	0.05	5.88
Lead Pencils	Each	0.75	0.75	0.00	0.00
Mathematics Textbook - Form 4	Each	86.55	76.73	9.82	12.80
Tuition for local evening classes	Per Subject	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS					
Chicken Lunch - regular	Each	16.20	14.49	1.71	11.80
Fish Lunch - regular	Each	20.00	17.32	2.68	15.47
Fast Food - 2 Pc Chicken and Fries	Each	21.85	17.05	4.80	28.15
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES					
Toilet Soap	125g	3.84	3.72	0.12	3.23
Toothpaste	130g Tube	11.04	9.92	1.12	11.29
Men's Haircut	Visit	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Hairdressing (Relaxer)	Visit	72.46	69.82	2.64	3.78
Disposable Diapers (medium)	10 per Pk.	14.81	13.99	0.82	5.86
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 2022	July 2022	July 2021	Percentage Change Over Previous:	
						Month June	Year July
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	132.1	134.0	121.5	1.4	10.3
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	129.8	131.1	126.1	1.0	4.0
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	105.5	105.5	104.9	0.0	0.6
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	109.4	110.8	103.3	1.3	7.3
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	116.3	117.3	113.2	0.9	3.6
06.	Health	1.79	122.0	121.8	116.1	-0.2	4.9
07.	Transport	11.84	133.8	135.8	124.6	1.5	9.0
08.	Communication	9.41	112.0	112.0	113.3	0.0	-1.1
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	110.1	110.2	108.6	0.1	1.5
10.	Education	1.32	108.9	108.9	109.6	0.0	-0.6
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	127.8	127.8	114.0	0.0	12.1
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	108.4	108.5	106.2	0.1	2.2
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	118.7	119.8	112.9	0.9	6.1

Chart 1. COICOP Groups Percentage Change for July 2022

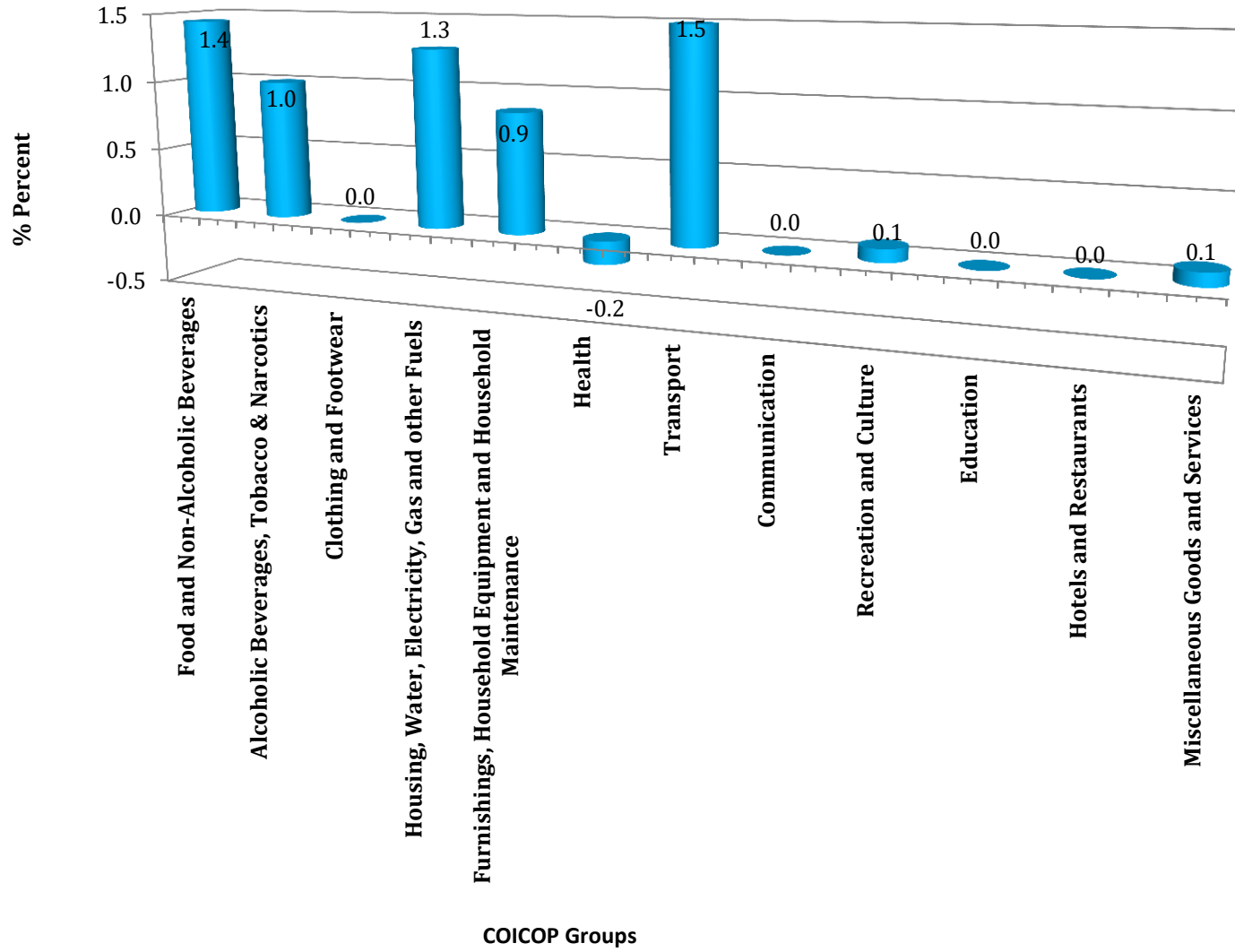


Table 4
The Consumer Price Index by Main Groups
January 2010 = 100
Contribution to Change

	Groups	Weight	June 2022	July 2022	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	% Contribution to Change
						June 2021	July 2022		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	132.1	134.0	1.4	2,894.31	2,935.94	41.6	37.8
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	129.8	131.1	1.0	502.33	507.36	5.0	4.6
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	105.5	105.5	0.0	339.71	339.71	0.0	0.0
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	109.4	110.8	1.3	3,288.56	3,330.65	42.1	38.3
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	116.3	117.3	0.9	766.42	773.01	6.6	6.0
6.	Health	1.79	122.0	121.8	-0.2	218.38	218.02	-0.4	-0.3
7.	Transport	11.84	133.8	135.8	1.5	1,584.19	1,607.87	23.7	21.5
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	110.1	110.2	0.1	419.48	419.86	0.4	0.3
10.	Education	1.32	108.9	108.9	0.0	143.75	143.75	0.0	0.0
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	127.8	127.8	0.0	238.99	238.99	0.0	0.0
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	108.4	108.5	0.1	467.20	467.64	0.4	0.4
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	118.7	119.8	0.9	11,870.00	11,980.00	110.0	100.0

TABLE 5
Monthly Index - 2022
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	114.7	126.0	127.3	104.6	105.1	113.3	117.8	127.2	112.0	110.0	108.9	115.0	106.5
February	114.8	126.8	129.3	104.7	104.2	114.0	118.0	128.4	112.0	110.1	108.9	115.3	106.5
March	115.4	127.7	129.6	104.7	105.7	114.4	118.0	127.6	112.0	110.1	108.9	116.6	106.9
April	116.9	129.9	129.2	104.6	107.5	114.9	119.7	129.1	112.0	110.1	108.9	126.0	107.5
May	118.0	131.8	129.2	105.5	108.3	116.0	120.8	131.7	112.0	110.1	108.9	127.8	108.4
June	118.7	132.1	129.8	105.5	109.4	116.3	122.0	133.8	112.0	110.1	108.9	127.8	108.4
July	119.8	134.0	131.1	105.5	110.8	117.3	121.8	135.8	112.0	110.2	108.9	127.8	108.5