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## September 2022

The consumer price index recorded an increase of 0.7 percent for the month September 2022, similar to the change recorded for the month of August 2022, (*see table 3*).

During the month of September 2022, the “All Items” index was recorded at 121.5 compared to 120.6 for the month of August 2022. Eight (8) groups recorded increases during the month, namely; “Transport” (3.4%), “Education” (1.7%), Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance (1.6%), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (1.3%), “Health” (1.2%), “Recreation and Culture” (0.9%), “Hotels and Restaurants” (0.2%) and “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (0.1%). The only group that recorded a decline was “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (0.3%). Three (3) groups remained unchanged, “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics”, “Clothing and Footwear” and “Communication”, (*See table 3*).

The “Transport” index recorded the largest increase of 3.4 percent. This was on account of an increase in bus fares (25.0%) and taxi fares (16.4%).

The 0.2 percent increase in “Hotels and Restaurants” group index was due to an increase in the cost of accommodation at overseas universities - Mona Campus (30.8%) and St. Augustine Campus (6.9%).

Meanwhile, the “Education” group index recorded an increase of 1.7 percent on account of higher secondary education fees (50.0%), primary school fees (14.7%) and tuition fees at UWI Mona Campus (5.4%)

The group index for “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” grew by 1.6 percent due mainly to a higher price for a disinfectant (11.3%) and washing soap (11.1%).

“Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” grew by 1.3 percent due mainly to higher prices for several food items, which included; cornflakes (22.7%), chicken salami (10.5%), sweet pepper (9.3%), brown sugar (8.9%), corned beef (8.6%), chicken wings (7.9%), chicken back (7.0%), pumpkin (7.0%) and white sugar (6.4%).

“Health” index grew by 1.2 percent on account of an increase in the prices of pain reliever (24.3%) and drugs used for the treatment of cancer (6.3%).

“Recreation and Culture” recorded growth of 0.9 percent due to an increase in the price of dog food (38.2%) and English textbook (3.2%).

The index for “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” grew by 0.1percent due mainly to a 2.9% increase in the price of a mouthwash.

Meanwhile, the group index for Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” recorded a decline of 0.3 percent due to a reduction of 3.1 percent in the cost of electricity. This reduction resulted from a lower fuel surcharge rate of 64.63 cents per Kilowatt hour for the month of September 2022 compared to 68.33 cents for the month of August 2022.

The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 7.3 percent for the month of September 2022 compared to 2.7 percent for September 2021. The groups that accounted for the largest increases during the period were, “Transport” (13.1%), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (13.0%), “Hotels and Restaurants” (11.1%), “Health” (6.7%) and “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (6.4%) (See table 3).

**The consumer price index increased by 0.7 percent for September 2022. The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 7.3 percent due to relative price changes during the month of September 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
		September 2022	August 2022		
<b>INCREASED</b>					
Cornflakes	18ox, box	12.45	10.15	2.30	22.7
Chicken back	lb	2.46	2.30	0.16	7.0
Chicken wings	lb	6.25	5.79	0.46	7.9
Chicken salami	850g	31.34	28.37	2.97	10.5
Brown sugar	lb	2.07	1.90	0.17	8.9
White sugar	lb	2.32	2.18	0.14	6.4
Corned beef	340g, tin	9.87	9.09	0.78	8.6
Pumpkin	lb	3.05	2.85	0.20	7.0
Sweet pepper	lb	8.67	7.93	0.74	9.3
Washing soap	Each	1.40	1.26	0.14	11.1
Disinfectant	28oz, bottle	8.48	7.62	0.86	11.3
Drug for cancer	1 mth's supply	25.50	24.00	1.50	6.3
Pain relievers	100 tablets pk	10.37	8.34	2.03	24.3
Bus fare	1 way	5.00	4.00	1.00	25.0
Taxi fare	1 way	40.75	35.00	5.75	16.4
Dog food	625g, tin	15.00	10.85	4.15	38.2
English Textbook, form 4	Each	73.56	71.25	2.31	3.2
Tuition fee : UWI - Mona	Annual	5427.36	5148.97	278.39	5.4
Primary Education fees	Per term	975.00	850.00	125.00	14.7
Secondary Education fees	Per term	150.00	100.00	50.00	50.0
Mouthwash	500ml	24.00	23.32	0.68	2.9
Accommodation Services - Hall of residence:					
Mona	Semester 1	2507.69	1917.54	590.15	30.8
St. Augustine	Semester 1	2592.97	2426.55	166.42	6.9
<b>DECREASED</b>					
Chicken franks	340g, pk	6.99	7.32	-0.33	-4.5
Codfish	lb	16.11	16.67	-0.56	-3.4
Pineapple	lb	5.47	6.01	-0.54	-9.0
Electricity	140 Kwh	160.48	165.66	-5.18	-3.1

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		September 2022	September 2021		
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	10.00	9.00	1.00	11.11
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	9.36	7.41	1.95	26.32
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	3.78	3.13	0.65	20.77
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	2.46	1.93	0.53	27.46
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	6.25	5.07	1.18	23.27
Turkey Wings	Lb.	4.67	3.65	1.02	27.95
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	7.48	6.47	1.01	15.61
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	9.37	8.33	1.04	12.48
Codfish	Lb.	16.11	14.71	1.40	9.52
Cornflakes	12 oz	16.23	15.14	1.09	7.20
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	5.18	4.74	0.44	9.28
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	4.08	3.42	0.66	19.30
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	4.12	3.92	0.20	5.10
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	2.78	1.89	0.89	47.09
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	5.18	4.19	0.99	23.63
Eggs	Doz	11.07	9.75	1.32	13.54
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	9.84	9.36	0.48	5.13
Sugar - Brown ( loose)	Lb.	2.32	1.69	0.63	37.28
Sugar - White ( loose)	Lb.	2.07	1.79	0.28	15.64
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.77	1.36	0.41	30.15
Flour - Packaged ( white)	2 kg	8.85	6.85	2.00	29.20
Flour - Packaged ( wholewheat)	2 kg	9.62	7.18	2.44	33.98
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.93	1.85	0.08	4.32
Rice - Packaged	2Kg	10.97	10.88	0.09	0.83
Bananas (ripe)	Lb.	1.51	1.50	0.01	0.67
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.64	2.58	0.06	2.33
Eddoes	Lb.	2.96	3.09	-0.13	-4.21
Dasheens	Lb.	1.90	1.95	-0.05	-2.56
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.75	2.94	-0.19	-6.46
Oranges	Each	1.03	0.88	0.15	17.05
Tomatoes	Lb.	6.97	5.89	1.08	18.34
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	11.46	9.79	1.67	17.06
Vegetable Oil	Litre	17.50	14.11	3.39	24.03
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	11.24	10.68	0.56	5.24
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail ( not cold)	280 ml Bottle	3.02	2.91	0.11	3.78
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	6.00	5.84	0.16	2.74

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		September 2022	September 2021		
<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO &amp; NARCOTICS</b>					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	37.74	32.88	4.86	14.78
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	5.09	5.09	0.00	0.00
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	3.85	3.49	0.36	10.32
Table wine (local)	26 oz Bot.	24.83	24.08	0.75	3.11
<b>CLOTHING &amp; FOOTWEAR</b>					
Textile material - Terelyne	Yd.	35.00	35.00	0.00	0.00
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	82.57	78.31	4.26	5.44
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	92.90	88.10	4.80	5.45
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
<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	24.87	20.66	4.21	20.38
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	Length	111.33	105.06	6.27	5.97
Oil Paint	Gallon	152.06	134.83	17.23	12.78
Lumber - Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	Length	110.53	81.99	28.54	34.81
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	160.48	121.70	38.78	31.87
<b>FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</b>					
Bed - Cherry 54"x75"	Each	1,635.53	1167.61	467.92	40.08
Double size sheets - coloured/cotton	Each	105.45	105.11	0.34	0.32
Frying Pan - 12" - non-stick	Each	53.11	55.98	-2.87	-5.13
Laundry Soap	Each	1.40	1.19	0.21	17.65
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	9.93	7.77	2.16	27.80

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		September 2022	September 2021		
<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	4.97	4.17	0.80	19.18
Drug for Diabetes	Month supply	15.70	13.99	1.71	12.22
Cough, Cold Preparation	125 ml.	16.43	15.18	1.25	8.23
Dental Care	Visit	150.00	145.83	4.17	2.86
Chest X- ray	Test	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TRANSPORT</b>					
Petrol - Unleaded	Gallon	18.16	13.75	4.41	32.07
Vehicle License (car) - not exd. 2000 lbs	Year	590.00	590.00	0.00	0.00
Bus Fare - Mesopotamia	One Way	3.50	3.00	0.50	16.67
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	0.93	0.00	0.00
<b>RECREATION AND CULTURE</b>					
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	2,019.80	2005.31	14.49	0.72
Cable TV Basic Charge	Month	79.33	79.33	0.00	0.00
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	3,902.23	3874.06	28.17	0.73
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	2,019.18	2094.05	-74.87	-3.58
Remote Control Car	Each	288.49	267.97	20.52	7.66
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	4.10	4.03	0.07	1.74
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



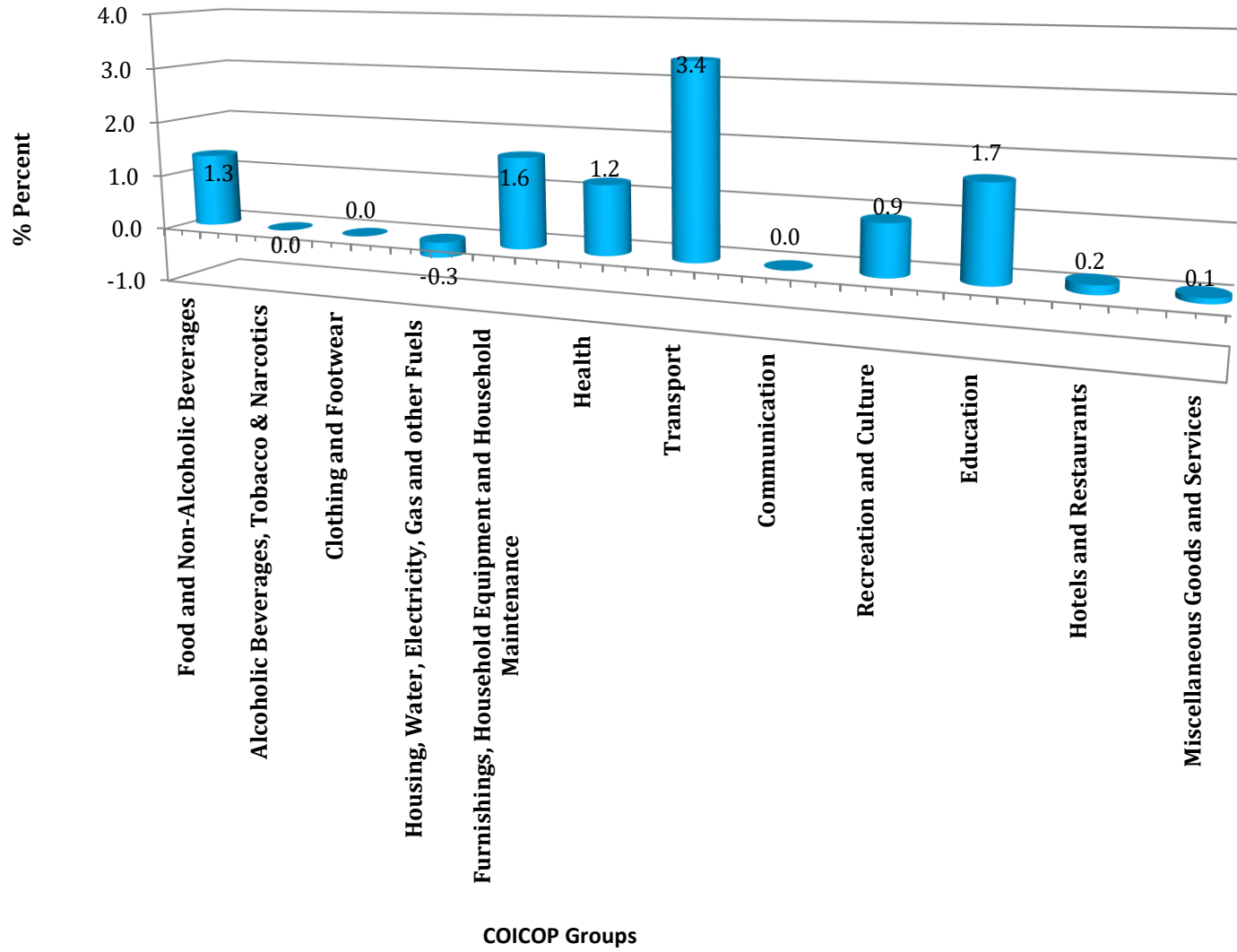
**Table 2.4**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**September 2022 Compared With September 2021**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		September 2022	September 2021		
<b>EDUCATION</b>					
Pre-Primary - Private	Month	227.50	217.50	10.00	4.60
Primary School Fee - Private	Term	975.00	850.00	125.00	14.71
Secondary School Fee - Private	Term	150.00	100.00	50.00	50.00
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	0.87	0.75	0.12	16.00
Mathematics Textbook - Form 4	Each	86.55	86.65	-0.10	-0.12
Tuition for local evening classes	Per Subject	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
<b>HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS</b>					
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	18.75	3.10	16.53
<b>MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES</b>					
Toilet Soap	125g	3.85	3.72	0.13	3.49
Toothpaste	130g Tube	10.41	9.91	0.50	5.05
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.	14.88	13.98	0.90	6.44
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	August 2022	September 2022	September 2021	Percentage Change Over Previous:	
						Month August	Year September
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	136.7	138.5	122.6	1.3	13.0
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	131.2	131.2	126.1	0.0	4.0
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	106.3	106.3	104.6	0.0	1.6
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	110.1	109.8	103.2	-0.3	6.4
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	117.7	119.6	113.1	1.6	5.7
06.	Health	1.79	121.8	123.3	115.6	1.2	6.7
07.	Transport	11.84	138.7	143.4	126.8	3.4	13.1
08.	Communication	9.41	112.0	112.0	112.0	0.0	0.0
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	110.8	111.8	109.0	0.9	2.6
10.	Education	1.32	108.9	110.7	109.1	1.7	1.5
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	127.8	128.0	115.2	0.2	11.1
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	108.6	108.7	106.2	0.1	2.4
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>120.6</b>	<b>121.5</b>	<b>113.2</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>7.3</b>

**Chart 1. COICOP Groups Percentage Change for September 2022**



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

	Groups	Weight	August 2022	September 2022	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	% Contribution to Change
						August 2022	September 2022		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	136.7	138.5	1.3	2,995.10	3,034.54	39.4	43.8
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	131.2	131.2	0.0	507.74	507.74	0.0	0.0
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	106.3	106.3	0.0	342.29	342.29	0.0	0.0
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	110.4	109.8	-0.5	3,318.62	3,300.59	-18.0	-20.0
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	117.7	119.6	1.6	775.64	788.16	12.5	13.9
6.	Health	1.79	121.8	123.3	1.2	218.02	220.71	2.7	3.0
7.	Transport	11.84	138.7	143.4	3.4	1,642.21	1,697.86	55.6	61.8
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	110.8	111.8	0.9	422.15	425.96	3.8	4.2
10.	Education	1.32	108.9	110.7	1.7	143.75	146.12	2.4	2.6
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	127.8	128.0	0.2	238.99	239.36	0.4	0.4
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	108.6	108.7	0.1	468.07	468.50	0.4	0.5
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>120.6</b>	<b>121.5</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>12,060.00</b>	<b>12,150.00</b>	<b>90.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**TABLE 5**  
**Monthly Index - 2022**  
**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	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
August	120.6	136.7	131.2	106.3	110.4	117.7	121.8	138.7	112.0	110.8	108.9	127.8	108.6
September	121.5	138.5	131.2	106.3	109.8	119.6	123.3	143.4	112.0	111.8	110.7	128.0	108.7