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## May 2025

The Consumer Price Index decreased by 0.1 percent for the month of May 2025 in comparison to an increase of 0.5 percent for the month of April 2025 (*see table 3*).

During the month of May 2025, the “All Items” index was registered at 129.8 in comparison to 129.9 for the month of April 2025. Three (3) groups recorded an increase during the month; “Transport” (1.7%), “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” (0.3%) and “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.1%). Two (2) groups recorded a decrease during the period; “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (1.2%) and “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (0.1%). Seven (7) groups remained unchanged; “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages”, “Clothing and Footwear”, “Health”, “Communication”, “Recreation and Culture”, “Education” and “Hotels and Restaurants”.

The group index for “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” decreased by 1.2 percent on account of a 6.8 percent downward movement in the price of electricity. This decrease is due to a lower fuel surcharge rate which moved from 57.99 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of April 2025 to 50.63 cents per kilowatt hour for May 2025.

The index for the group “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” declined by 0.1 percent due to a reduction in the cost of mouthwash (1.1%) and toothpaste (1.0%).

The “Transport” index grew by 1.7 percent as a result of an increase in the price of diesel fuel (5.9%) and passenger airfare from St. Vincent and the Grenadines to several destinations which included Toronto, Canada (64.3%), London, United Kingdom (44.5%), St. Lucia (19.8%) and Miami, U.S.A, (9.7%).

The 0.3 increase in the group index for “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” is due to an increase in the price of imported beer (4.4%) and stout (0.7%).

“Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” group index grew by 0.1 percent due mainly to an increase in the price for dishwashing liquid (18.1%) and washing machine (4.6%).

Meanwhile, the group index for “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” remain unchanged even though there were price movements within the group. However, the prices that increased were similar to those that declined, hence the average change for the group is the same as the previous period.

The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 0.5 percent for the month of May 2025 compared to 4.4 percent for the month of May 2024. The groups that represented the largest increases during the period were, “Education” (5.6%), “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (4.8%), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (3.1%), “Health” (2.9%) and “Hotels and Restaurants” (2.8%).

**The consumer price index decreased by 0.1 percent for May 2025. The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 0.5 percent due to relative price changes during the month of May 2025 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
		May 2025	April 2025		
<b>INCREASED</b>					
Rice	2kg Pk	10.29	9.80	0.49	5.0
Apples	Lb	7.84	6.85	0.99	14.5
Tomatoes - imported	Lb	11.95	7.40	4.55	61.5
Garlic	227g Pk	4.13	3.80	0.33	8.7
Pineapple - imported	Lb	7.87	7.14	0.73	10.2
Curry	Lb	18.40	17.53	0.87	5.0
Beer - imported	250ml Bottle	5.19	4.97	0.22	4.4
Stout - imported	275ml Bottle	5.66	5.62	0.04	0.7
Diesel fuel	1 Gal	13.63	12.87	0.76	5.9
Passenger airfare from St. Vincent and the Grenadines to:					
<i>Miami</i>	1 Month	2746.27	2503.92	242.35	9.7
<i>Toronto</i>	1 Month	3463.58	2108.34	1355.24	64.3
<i>London</i>	1 Month	3673.60	2542.30	1131.30	44.5
<i>St.Lucia</i>	One Way	584.69	488.25	96.44	19.8
Dishwashing liquid	725ml Bottle	9.45	8.00	1.45	18.1
Washing machine - 17kg	Each	3399.00	3249.00	150.00	4.6
<b>DECREASED</b>					
Flour - white	2kg Pk	8.64	8.95	-0.31	-3.5
Pork chops - frozen	Lb	12.29	14.15	-1.86	-13.1
Plantains - green	Lb	1.95	2.03	-0.08	-3.9
Peanuts	340g Tin	15.25	15.89	-0.64	-4.0
Cabbage - imported	Lb	4.40	4.98	-0.58	-11.6
Pumpkin	Lb	4.10	4.43	-0.33	-7.4
Tannia	Lb	4.89	5.17	-0.28	-5.4
Electricity- Domestic Consumption	150Kwh	150.95	161.99	-11.04	-6.8
Mouthwash	500ml Bottle	28.15	28.46	-0.31	-1.1
Toothpaste	170g Tube	15.40	15.55	-0.15	-1.0

**Table 2.1**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**May 2025 Compared With May 2024**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		May 2025	May 2024		
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES					
Rice - Loose	1lb	2.33	2.24	0.09	3.85
Rice - Packaged	2kg	10.65	9.71	0.94	9.68
Flour - Loose	1 lb	1.90	1.92	-0.02	-1.22
Flour - Packaged ( white)	2kg	9.01	9.22	-0.21	-2.25
Flour - Packaged ( wholewheat)	2kg	9.54	9.62	-0.08	-0.86
Cornflakes	510g Box	16.65	16.05	0.60	3.76
Bread - Large Sandwich Loaf (white)	Each	5.42	5.42	0.00	0.00
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 pk	2.91	2.91	0.00	0.00
Bread - Large Sandwich Loaf (whole wheat)	Each	6.26	6.26	0.00	-0.02
Crix - salted crackers, White	288g (3 pk)	6.57	6.57	0.00	0.00
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	5.92	5.62	0.30	5.40
Beef - Fresh	1 lb	13.00	12.00	1.00	8.33
Pigtail - salted	1 lb	10.84	10.56	0.28	2.69
Chicken - Leg Quarters	1 lb	3.95	3.90	0.05	1.40
Chicken - Backs	1 lb	2.68	2.68	0.00	0.14
Chicken - Wings	1 lb	6.65	6.65	0.01	0.09
Turkey Wings	1 lb	5.87	5.09	0.77	15.16
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	9.71	9.64	0.07	0.74
Corned beef	340g	9.28	9.90	-0.62	-6.22
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	1 lb	12.00	12.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	1 lb	6.67	6.67	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Robin)	1 lb	6.67	6.67	0.00	0.00
Codfish	1 lb	15.01	14.48	0.52	3.62
Sardine in soya oil	106g Tin	5.99	5.76	0.23	3.99
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	4.18	4.10	0.08	1.87
Powdered milk - full cream	1 lb	8.57	8.13	0.44	5.45
Eggs	1 Doz	13.09	12.60	0.49	3.88
Margarine	445g Tub	13.56	13.57	-0.01	-0.05
Soya bean oil	1Litre	14.96	15.77	-0.81	-5.13
Coconut oil	750ml Bottle	42.38	37.00	5.38	14.53
Bananas (ripe)	1 lb	2.58	1.95	0.63	32.09
Limes	1 lb	8.00	4.67	3.33	71.31
Tomatoes	1 lb	7.06	9.46	-2.40	-25.41
Sweet Potatoes	1 lb	5.24	4.79	0.45	9.48
Yams	1 lb	4.64	4.66	-0.02	-0.38
Sugar - Brown ( loose)	1 lb	2.34	2.29	0.05	2.17
Sugar - White ( loose)	1 lb	2.68	2.65	0.03	1.08
Ice cream	1 Litre Tub	19.06	18.06	1.00	5.54
Tomato Ketchup	750ml Bottle	10.27	9.58	0.69	7.24
Orange Juice	1 Litre box	9.98	9.32	0.66	7.08
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.90	5.96	-0.06	-1.02

**Table 2.2**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**May 2025 Compared With May 2024**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		May 2025	May 2024		
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO & NARCOTICS					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	46.37	46.52	-0.15	-0.32
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	5.08	5.00	0.08	1.51
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	4.40	4.41	0.00	-0.03
Table wine (local)	26 oz Bot.	37.70	34.49	3.21	9.31
Vodka	750ml Bot.	53.60	53.35	0.25	0.47
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR					
Textile material - Cotton	1Yd.	16.07	16.07	0.00	0.00
Textile material - Tetrex	1Yd.	13.44	12.95	0.49	3.79
Men's Shirts - Long Sleeve	Each	79.48	75.98	3.50	4.61
Men's Jeans ( long)	Pair	60.50	68.99	-8.49	-12.31
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	134.50	141.00	-6.50	-4.61
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	79.00	79.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Blouse	Each	44.95	44.95	0.00	0.00
School shirt - white, size 10	Each	17.45	17.45	0.00	0.00
School overall , navy blue, size 8	Each	49.95	49.95	0.00	0.00
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY					
GAS AND OTHER FUELS					
Rent :					
Unfurnished House - 2 Bedrooms	Month	785.00	785.00	0.00	0.00
Unfurnished House - 3 Bedrooms	Month	750.00	750.00	0.00	0.00
Furnished Apartment - 2 Bedrooms	Month	812.50	812.50	0.00	0.00
Water - Consumption Charge	5000 Gallons	35.00	35.00	0.00	0.00
Electricity Consumption Charge	300 KWH	305.89	343.51	-37.62	-10.95
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	39.70	37.95	1.75	4.61
FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD					
EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD					
MAINTENANCE					
Bed - queen size	Each	2372.49	2,641.17	-268.68	-10.17
Sheets - queen size, 300 thread count, 100% cotton	Each	194.95	194.40	0.55	0.28
Dinner forks	Each	6.95	6.93	0.02	0.29
Powder detergent	500g Pk	5.46	4.56	0.90	19.77
Toilet tissue, 280 sheets per roll	1 Roll	1.56	1.56	0.00	0.00



**Table 2.3**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**May 2025 Compared With May 2024**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		May 2025	May 2024		
HEALTH					
Doctor's Fee - Gynaecologist	Visit	100.00	80.00	20.00	25.00
Doctor's Fee - General Practitioner	Visit	60.00	60.00	0.00	0.00
Blood test - CBC	Test	27.39	27.39	0.00	0.00
Drugs for Hypertension	Month supply	6.69	6.78	-0.09	-1.35
Drug for Diabetes	Month supply	5.10	4.99	0.11	2.19
Dental Care	Visit	149.47	149.47	0.00	0.00
TRANSPORT					
Petrol - Unleaded	Gallon	14.06	16.73	-2.67	-15.96
Vehicle License (car) - not exd. 3000 lbs	Year	765.00	765.00	0.00	0.00
Bus Fare - Mesopotamia	1-Way	3.50	3.50	0.00	0.00
Boat Fare - Bequia	1-Way	25.00	25.00	0.00	0.00
Parking fees	1 Hour	2.50	2.50	0.00	0.00
Airfare - SVG to Barbados	1-Way	557.63	486.44	71.19	14.63
COMMUNICATION					
Fixed Line Domestic Rate - peak	1 Minute	0.08	0.08	0.00	0.00
Telephone - Consumption Charge	226 Units	18.08	18.08	0.00	0.00
Mobile to Mobile - domestic (off network)	1 Minute	1.02	1.02	0.00	0.00
Internet	1 month	125.00	125.00	0.00	0.00
Cable TV charges (basic)	1 month	69.00	69.00	0.00	0.00
RECREATION AND CULTURE					
Television 43 " (smart TV)	Each	1,397.80	1,429.08	-31.28	-2.19
Tablet - 10.1"	Each	355.76	358.18	-2.42	-0.68
Laptop Computer - 8 GB	Each	1,678.78	1,561.41	117.37	7.52
Dog Food (Canned)	375 g Tin	14.87	14.00	0.87	6.21
Carnival costume and Band Fees (Adult)	Each	600.00	600.00	0.00	0.00
Mathematics textbook	Each	94.93	88.17	6.76	7.67
Newspapers	Each	1.50	1.50	0.00	0.00

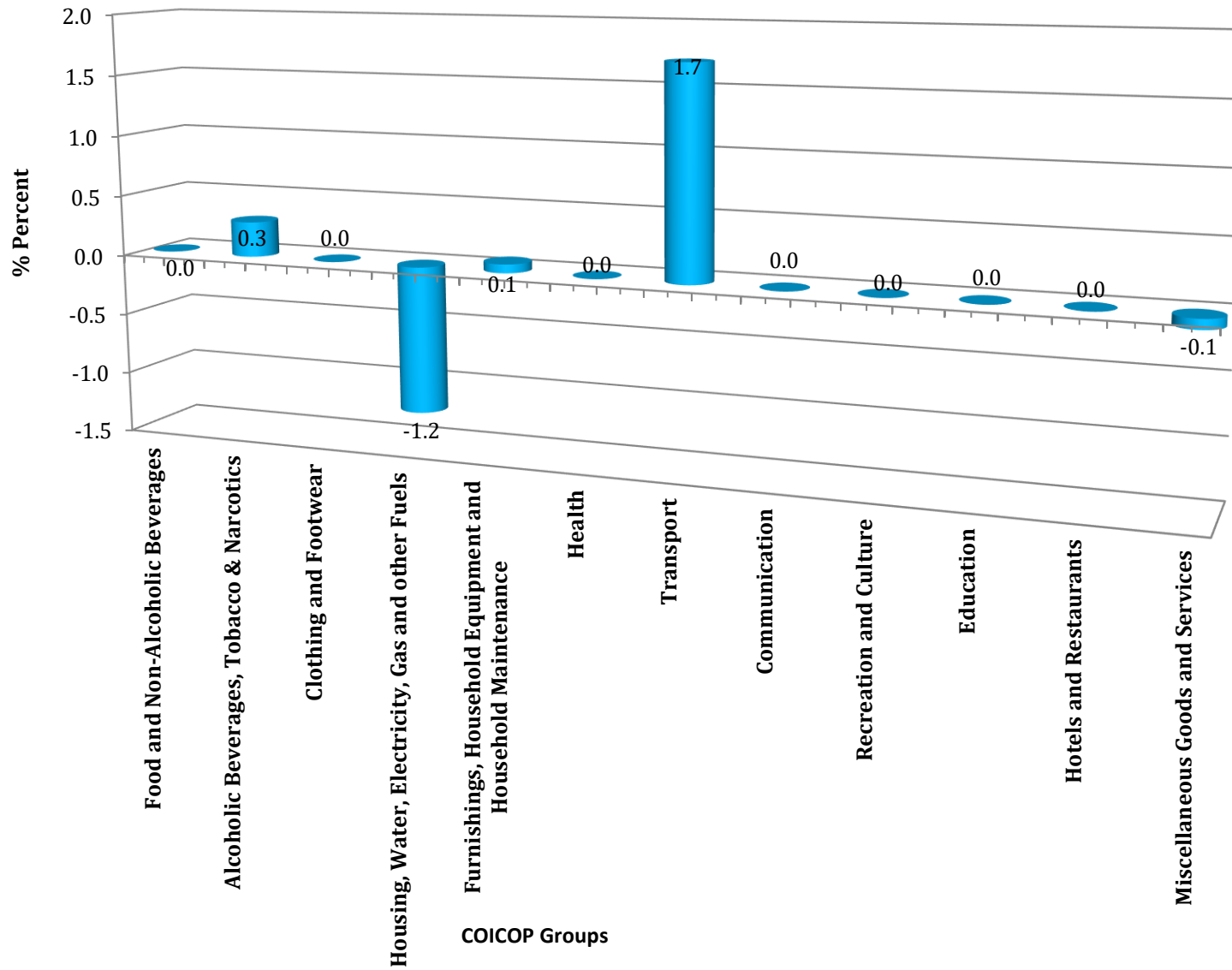
**Table 2.4**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**May 2025 Compared With May 2024**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		May 2025	May 2024		
EDUCATION					
Pre-Primary - Private	Month	330.00	312.50	17.50	5.60
Primary School Fee - Private	Term	1400.00	1400.00	0.00	0.00
Secondary School Fee - Private	Term	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00
Tertiary Education Tuition - undergraduate, social sciences	Annual	8412.03	8276.48	135.55	1.64
Private tutor	Per Session	32.50	20.00	12.50	62.50
HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS					
Pizza, pepperoni	Each	23.30	21.75	1.55	7.13
Chicken Lunch - regular	Each	15.00	15.00	0.00	0.00
Fish Lunch - regular	Each	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Fast Food - 2 Pc Chicken and Fries	Each	26.75	26.75	0.00	0.00
Roti - Beef	Each	15.06	13.96	1.10	7.85
School meals - Bread and Chicken	Each	4.33	4.33	0.00	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES					
Women's Hairdressing ( Relaxer )	Visit	77.46	72.46	5.00	6.90
Men's Haircut, Regular	Visit	15.00	15.00	0.00	0.00
Disposable diapers, Medium, 22pcs	1 pack	22.35	22.31	0.05	0.20
Toothpaste	170g Tube	15.40	15.17	0.22	1.48
Roll -on	75ml bottle	7.64	7.86	-0.22	-2.76
Sanitary napkins, regular, with wings	10 per pack	8.37	8.47	-0.10	-1.18
Toilet Soap	110g	4.89	5.20	-0.31	-5.90
Elderly care Services	Month	1800.00	1800.00	0.00	0.00
Day care services (children < 2 years)	Month	360.00	275.00	85.00	30.91
Health Insurance - Group (family) ≥3 Persons	Month	307.00	307.00	0.00	0.00
Motor Vehicle Insurance - 3rd party	Annual	471.67	471.49	0.17	0.04

**Table 3**  
**The Consumer Price Index by Main Groups**  
**January 2010 = 100**

	Groups	Weight	April 2025	May 2025	May 2024	Percentage Change Over Previous:	
						Month April	Year May
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	163.1	163.1	158.2	0.0	3.1
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	138.8	139.2	137.7	0.3	1.1
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	113.2	113.2	114.4	0.0	-1.0
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	108.0	106.7	108.7	-1.2	-1.8
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	141.4	141.5	140.1	0.1	1.0
06.	Health	1.79	126.8	126.8	123.2	0.0	2.9
07.	Transport	11.84	140.2	142.6	146.8	1.7	-2.9
08.	Communication	9.41	114.1	114.1	114.8	0.0	-0.6
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	118.6	118.6	119.9	0.0	-1.1
10.	Education	1.32	120.9	120.9	114.5	0.0	5.6
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	148.4	148.4	144.3	0.0	2.8
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	123.9	123.8	118.1	-0.1	4.8
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>129.9</b>	<b>129.8</b>	<b>129.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>

**Chart 1. COICOP Groups Percentage Change for May 2025**



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

	Groups	Weight	April 2025	May 2025	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	% Contribution to Change
						April 2025	May 2025		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	163.1	163.1	0.0	3,573.52	3,573.52	0.0	0.0
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	138.8	139.2	0.3	537.16	538.70	1.5	-15.5
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	113.2	113.2	0.0	364.50	364.50	0.0	0.0
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	108.0	106.7	-1.2	3,246.48	3,207.40	-39.1	390.8
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	141.4	141.5	0.1	931.83	932.49	0.7	-6.6
6.	Health	1.79	126.8	126.8	0.0	226.97	226.97	0.0	0.0
7.	Transport	11.84	140.2	142.6	1.7	1,659.97	1,688.38	28.4	-284.2
8.	Communication	9.41	114.1	114.1	0.0	1,073.68	1,073.68	0.0	0.0
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	118.6	118.6	0.0	451.87	451.87	0.0	0.0
10.	Education	1.32	120.9	120.9	0.0	159.59	159.59	0.0	0.0
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	148.4	148.4	0.0	277.51	277.51	0.0	0.0
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	123.9	123.8	-0.1	534.01	533.58	-0.4	4.3
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	129.9	129.8	-0.1	12,990.00	12,980.00	-10.0	100.0

**TABLE 5**  
**Monthly Index - 2025**  
**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	129.6	163.2	138.5	113.6	106.6	138.7	124.9	142.7	114.1	118.6	120.9	148.7	123.8
February	129.4	163.3	138.6	113.6	106.5	138.2	127.4	140.4	114.1	118.6	120.9	148.4	123.8
March	129.3	163.2	139.1	113.8	105.6	140.5	126.5	140.7	114.1	118.6	120.9	148.4	123.7
April	129.8	163.1	138.8	113.2	108.0	141.4	126.8	140.2	114.1	118.6	120.9	148.4	123.9
May	129.8	163.1	139.2	113.2	106.7	141.5	126.8	142.6	114.1	118.6	120.9	148.4	123.8