

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - JUNE QUARTER 1971

Reference No. 91

1. Variations in retail prices as measured by the Consumer Price Index for the six State capital cities and Canberra are shown herein.

2. Compared with the previous quarter, the All Groups Consumer Price Index for June Quarter 1971 increased by 1.7% for the weighted average of the six State capital cities. Changes in individual cities were: Sydney +2.0%, Melbourne +1.3%, Brisbane +1.8%, Adelaide +2.2%, Perth +1.4%, Hobart +1.2%, Canberra +1.8%.

3. Recent quarterly changes in the All Groups index have been as follows:

Percentage Change from Preceding Quarter

| Quarter | State Capital Cities - Combined and Separately | | | | | | | Canberra |
|---------------------|--|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | Six Capital Cities (a) | Sydney | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart | |
| | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent |
| 1968-69 - June | +0.8 | +0.8 | +0.6 | +0.5 | +0.9 | +1.3 | +0.5 | +0.4 |
| 1969-70 - September | +0.6 | +0.7 | +0.4 | +0.8 | +0.5 | +0.7 | +0.4 | +0.8 |
| December | +0.8 | +1.1 | +0.7 | +0.7 | +0.4 | +0.9 | +0.7 | +0.7 |
| March | +1.0 | +1.6 | +0.6 | +0.9 | +1.0 | +1.1 | +0.7 | +1.2 |
| June | +1.3 | +1.4 | +1.1 | +0.7 | +1.5 | +1.4 | +0.6 | +0.9 |
| 1970-71 - September | +0.6 | +0.9 | +0.5 | +1.3 | -0.1 | +0.2 | +0.5 | +0.6 |
| December | +1.9 | +2.0 | +1.7 | +2.0 | +1.7 | +1.7 | +2.0 | +3.2 |
| March | +1.1 | +1.0 | +1.0 | +1.6 | +1.0 | +1.1 | +0.7 | +0.4 |
| June | +1.7 | +2.0 | +1.3 | +1.8 | +2.2 | +1.4 | +1.2 | +1.8 |

(a) Weighted average of six State capital cities.

4. The All Groups index number for the weighted average of the six State capital cities increased by 5.4% between June Quarter 1970 and June Quarter 1971. Recent quarterly changes in each of the groups of this index have been as follows:

| Quarter | Weighted Average of Six State Capital Cities Percentage Change from Preceding Quarter | | | | | |
|---------------------|--|----------------------|----------|----------------------------------|---------------|------------|
| | Food | Clothing and Drapery | Housing | Household Supplies and Equipment | Miscellaneous | All Groups |
| | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent |
| 1968-69 - June | +0.9 | +0.8 | +1.4 | +0.7 | +0.4 | +0.8 |
| 1969-70 - September | .. | +0.8 | +1.4 | .. | +1.0 | +0.6 |
| December | +0.5 | +1.1 | +1.7 | +0.2 | +0.8 | +0.8 |
| March | +1.5 | +0.7 | +1.3 | +0.1 | +1.0 | +1.0 |
| June | +1.3 | +0.9 | +1.8 | +0.7 | +1.3 | +1.3 |
| 1970-71 - September | +0.7 | +0.3 | +1.6 | +0.7 | +0.2 | +0.6 |
| December | +1.0 | +1.6 | +2.1 | +1.1 | +3.3 | +1.9 |
| March | +0.3 | +1.2 | +1.4 | +1.1 | +1.6 | +1.1 |
| June | +1.8 | +2.6 | +1.9 | +1.9 | +1.1 | +1.7 |

5. A detailed description of the Consumer Price Index is contained in Labour Report No. 54, 1968 and 1969.

6. The Consumer Price Index measures quarterly variations in prices of commodities and services as affecting a high proportion of the expenditure of wage-earner households in the aggregate. Changes in the pattern of this expenditure since 1950 have been such as to render it necessary to construct the index with additional items and changes in weighting patterns at intervals (rather than on the basis of a list of items and set of weights which remained unchanged throughout the period). Six series for short periods, viz., September Quarter 1948 to June Quarter 1952; June Quarter 1952 to June Quarter 1956; June Quarter 1956 to March Quarter 1960; March Quarter 1960 to December Quarter 1963; December Quarter 1963 to December Quarter 1968; and from December Quarter 1968 have therefore been constructed and linked to form a continuous retail price index series published herein as the Consumer Price Index. At times of linking the weighting pattern was altered and, in addition, new items (mainly ones that had become significant in household expenditure) were introduced. In each period between links the items and weighting have remained unchanged.

7. The quarterly prices for food items used in the index are the averages of prices normally collected as at the middle of each of the three months of the quarter. However, for potatoes and for onions from December quarter 1968, weekly prices are averaged to arrive at monthly prices. Prices of all non-food items are collected at regular quarterly intervals (or at annual intervals with items such as local government rates and seasonal clothing) normally as at the middle of the mid-month of each quarter. However, for furniture, major household appliances and motoring items (other than motor car) the collection is made during the first month of each quarter to facilitate field collection arrangements.

8. The indexes measure price movements in each city individually. They do not provide a comparison of the retail price level in any city with the retail price level of any other city.

9. Table 1 on page 5 of this Bulletin shows Consumer Price Index numbers for each fiscal year from 1961-62 to 1970-71 and for each quarter from March Quarter 1967. Table 2 on pages 6 and 7 shows Group Index numbers quarterly from March Quarter 1969 to June Quarter 1971.

10. Movements of the indexes from one date to another are usually expressed as percentage changes rather than changes in the "index points" because "index point" changes are affected by the level of the index in relation to its base period while percentage changes are not. In this bulletin details are given in terms of percentage changes in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4. However, the analysis in paragraph 11 shows movements in terms of All Groups "index points". This analysis shows the contribution of selected items and of the five groups to movements in the total indexes. The following example illustrates the computation of "index point" and percentage changes:

All Groups : Weighted Average of Six State Capital Cities

| Index Point Change | Percentage Change |
|--|---|
| June Quarter 1971 CPI (1966-67 = 100) | Index points difference divided by the index for the previous period $\frac{117.2 - 115.2}{115.2} \times 100 = 1.7\%$ |
| less March Quarter 1971 CPI | |
| Index points difference | |
| | |
| | |

11. The following table is provided to assist interpretation of movements shown by the Consumer Price Index from March Quarter 1971 to June Quarter 1971. A supplement (Reference No. 9.7) containing more detailed information for the weighted average of the six State capital cities is available on request.

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Movements from March Quarter 1971 to June Quarter 1971

Approximate Analysis in Terms of "All Groups" Index Points (a) (b)

| Group | State Capital Cities - Combined and Separately | | | | | | | Canberra |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|----------|
| | Six Capitals (c) | Sydney | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart | |
| Index Points (a) | | | | | | | | |
| Food - Meat | .. | .. | .. | .. | +0.2 | +0.4 | .. | +0.1 |
| Potatoes | +0.1 | +0.1 | +0.2 | .. | +0.2 | .. | -0.1 | +0.1 |
| Dairy Produce | +0.2 | +0.1 | +0.2 | +0.6 | +0.1 | +0.1 | .. | +0.1 |
| Other | +0.3 | +0.5 | +0.1 | +0.3 | +0.2 | +0.2 | +0.3 | +0.5 |
| Clothing & Drapery | +0.4 | +0.4 | +0.4 | +0.4 | +0.5 | +0.4 | +0.5 | +0.4 |
| Housing | +0.3 | +0.5 | +0.3 | +0.4 | +0.2 | +0.1 | +0.1 | +0.1 |
| Household Supplies and Equipment | +0.3 | +0.3 | +0.2 | +0.2 | +0.3 | +0.2 | +0.3 | +0.2 |
| Miscellaneous - | | | | | | | | |
| Motoring | +0.1 | +0.2 | +0.1 | +0.2 | +0.1 | +0.1 | +0.1 | +0.1 |
| Beer | +0.1 | +0.3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | +0.3 |
| Health Services | +0.1 | .. | .. | .. | +0.4 | .. | .. | .. |
| Fares | .. | .. | .. | .. | +0.2 | .. | .. | .. |
| Other | +0.1 | .. | .. | .. | +0.1 | +0.1 | +0.2 | +0.1 |
| Total Change (Index Points) | +2.0 | +2.4 | +1.5 | +2.1 | +2.5 | +1.6 | +1.4 | +2.0 |

(a) See explanation in paragraph 10 on page 2. (b) In terms of 1966-67 base.

(c) Weighted average of six State capital cities.

12. A summary of the movements of the various group indexes, together with the main quarterly price changes which affected the index between March Quarter 1971 and June Quarter 1971 is shown below:

Food Group. Changes in meat and potato prices are frequently the major cause of movements in the total index and of disparate movements between cities. The effects of changes in the price of these items in each city for this quarter are shown in the above table.

The price of bread increased in five capital cities. The price of milk increased in three capitals and decreased in one. Egg prices increased in six capitals and decreased in one. Confectionery prices increased in all capital cities and ice cream prices increased in four capitals.

The Food Group of the index (weighted average of the six State capital cities) showed an overall quarterly increase of 1.8%.

Clothing and Drapery Group. There were increases in all sections of the group with about half of the increase being contributed by winter seasonal items.

The group index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities showed a quarterly increase of 2.6%.

Housing Group. Local government rates and charges increased in Sydney and Melbourne. There were increases in all State capital cities in all other sections of the group.

The group index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities showed a quarterly increase of 1.9%.

Household Supplies and Equipment Group. The price of gas increased in Sydney and the price of electricity in Adelaide. There were increases in all other sections of the group.

The group index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities showed a quarterly increase of 1.9%.

Miscellaneous Group. There were increases in the prices of hospital services and fares in Adelaide. Beer prices increased in Sydney and Canberra. The price of petrol increased in six capital cities and decreased in Melbourne. There were increases in the price of motor car repairs and some other motoring items in all capital cities. There were increases in most other sections of the group.

The group index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities showed a quarterly increase of 1.1%.

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TABLE 1.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

ALL GROUPS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA

(Base of Index for Each City and for Six State Capital Cities combined :
Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

| Period | State Capital Cities - Combined and Separately | | | | | | | Canberra |
|-----------|--|--------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|----------|
| | Six Capitals (b) | Sydney | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart | |
| Year - | | | | | | | | |
| 1961-62 | 89.6 | 89.9 | 89.8 | 88.4 | 89.5 | 88.2 | 90.7 | 91.6 |
| 1962-63 | 89.8 | 90.4 | 89.7 | 88.7 | 89.1 | 88.7 | 90.7 | 91.8 |
| 1963-64 | 90.6 | 91.4 | 90.4 | 89.6 | 90.2 | 89.8 | 91.7 | 92.5 |
| 1964-65 | 94.0 | 94.5 | 94.0 | 93.0 | 93.9 | 92.6 | 94.6 | 95.3 |
| 1965-66 | 97.4 | 97.7 | 97.5 | 97.5 | 97.0 | 96.1 | 98.0 | 98.1 |
| 1966-67 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 1967-68 | 103.3 | 103.2 | 103.7 | 103.3 | 102.9 | 102.9 | 104.6 | 102.6 |
| 1968-69 | 106.0 | 106.2 | 106.2 | 105.5 | 105.3 | 105.5 | 106.1 | 104.4 |
| 1969-70 | 109.4 | 110.6 | 108.7 | 108.4 | 108.2 | 109.4 | 108.5 | 107.4 |
| 1970-71 | 114.6 | 116.8 | 113.1 | 114.2 | 112.5 | 114.1 | 112.6 | 113.0 |
| Quarter - | | | | | | | | |
| 1966-67 - | | | | | | | | |
| March | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.0 | 100.3 | 100.2 | 100.3 | 100.6 | 100.1 |
| June | 101.3 | 101.1 | 101.6 | 101.0 | 101.5 | 101.6 | 101.5 | 101.3 |
| 1967-68 - | | | | | | | | |
| September | 102.7 | 102.5 | 102.9 | 102.8 | 102.6 | 102.0 | 104.3 | 102.2 |
| December | 103.0 | 102.9 | 103.3 | 103.0 | 102.1 | 102.5 | 105.0 | 102.4 |
| March | 103.4 | 103.2 | 103.8 | 103.7 | 102.6 | 103.1 | 104.6 | 102.6 |
| June | 104.2 | 104.0 | 104.8 | 103.7 | 104.2 | 104.0 | 104.6 | 103.2 |
| 1968-69 - | | | | | | | | |
| September | 104.6 | 104.4 | 105.1 | 104.7 | 104.2 | 104.3 | 105.0 | 103.5 |
| December | 105.7 | 105.9 | 106.0 | 105.3 | 105.2 | 104.9 | 105.8 | 103.9 |
| March | 106.4 | 106.7 | 106.6 | 105.8 | 105.5 | 105.6 | 106.5 | 104.8 |
| June | 107.2 | 107.6 | 107.2 | 106.3 | 106.4 | 107.0 | 107.0 | 105.2 |
| 1969-70 - | | | | | | | | |
| September | 107.8 | 108.4 | 107.6 | 107.2 | 106.9 | 107.7 | 107.4 | 106.0 |
| December | 108.7 | 109.6 | 108.3 | 107.9 | 107.3 | 108.7 | 108.1 | 106.7 |
| March | 109.8 | 111.3 | 108.9 | 108.9 | 108.4 | 109.9 | 108.9 | 108.0 |
| June | 111.2 | 112.9 | 110.1 | 109.7 | 110.0 | 111.4 | 109.6 | 109.0 |
| 1970-71 - | | | | | | | | |
| September | 111.9 | 113.9 | 110.7 | 111.1 | 109.9 | 111.6 | 110.2 | 109.7 |
| December | 114.0 | 116.2 | 112.6 | 113.3 | 111.8 | 113.5 | 112.4 | 113.2 |
| March | 115.2 | 117.4 | 113.7 | 115.1 | 112.9 | 114.8 | 113.2 | 113.6 |
| June | 117.2 | 119.8 | 115.2 | 117.2 | 115.4 | 116.4 | 114.6 | 115.6 |

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TABLE 2.

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GROUP INDEXES - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA

(Base of Each Group Index for Each City and for Six State Capital Cities combined :
Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

| Quarter | State Capital Cities - Combined and Separately | | | | | | | Canberra |
|----------------------------|--|--------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|----------|
| | Six Capitals (b) | Sydney | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart | |
| FOOD GROUP | | | | | | | | |
| 1968-69 - | | | | | | | | |
| March | 105.7 | 105.0 | 107.1 | 105.1 | 105.8 | 104.1 | 105.1 | 104.8 |
| June | 106.6 | 105.9 | 107.8 | 105.5 | 106.7 | 106.9 | 105.8 | 105.3 |
| 1969-70 - | | | | | | | | |
| September | 106.6 | 105.5 | 107.9 | 106.2 | 106.3 | 106.9 | 105.6 | 105.7 |
| December | 107.1 | 106.7 | 108.2 | 106.9 | 106.3 | 106.1 | 106.0 | 106.3 |
| March | 108.7 | 109.0 | 109.2 | 108.6 | 107.1 | 108.4 | 106.9 | 107.4 |
| June | 110.1 | 110.0 | 110.9 | 109.1 | 108.6 | 111.0 | 106.9 | 108.5 |
| 1970-71 - | | | | | | | | |
| September | 110.9 | 110.8 | 112.2 | 110.5 | 108.2 | 111.2 | 108.4 | 109.5 |
| December | 112.0 | 112.2 | 112.8 | 112.8 | 108.8 | 111.3 | 110.1 | 110.7 |
| March | 112.3 | 113.0 | 112.1 | 113.9 | 109.4 | 112.7 | 109.5 | 110.1 |
| June | 114.3 | 115.1 | 113.7 | 116.8 | 111.5 | 114.9 | 110.2 | 112.4 |
| CLOTHING AND DRAPERY GROUP | | | | | | | | |
| 1968-69 - | | | | | | | | |
| March | 104.4 | 104.4 | 104.3 | 104.4 | 104.6 | 104.7 | 104.7 | 104.3 |
| June | 105.2 | 105.0 | 105.1 | 105.2 | 105.6 | 105.5 | 105.3 | 105.0 |
| 1969-70 - | | | | | | | | |
| September | 106.0 | 106.0 | 105.9 | 105.8 | 106.2 | 106.4 | 106.2 | 105.9 |
| December | 107.2 | 107.1 | 107.0 | 107.0 | 107.8 | 107.5 | 107.6 | 107.0 |
| March | 107.9 | 107.9 | 107.8 | 107.7 | 108.4 | 108.0 | 108.2 | 107.9 |
| June | 108.9 | 108.8 | 108.8 | 108.8 | 109.8 | 109.1 | 109.4 | 109.0 |
| 1970-71 - | | | | | | | | |
| September | 109.2 | 109.2 | 109.0 | 109.2 | 110.0 | 109.4 | 109.5 | 109.2 |
| December | 110.9 | 110.9 | 110.7 | 110.9 | 111.6 | 111.2 | 111.0 | 110.7 |
| March | 112.2 | 112.4 | 111.8 | 112.1 | 112.8 | 112.7 | 112.0 | 111.8 |
| June | 115.1 | 115.3 | 114.6 | 114.7 | 115.8 | 115.7 | 115.0 | 114.9 |
| HOUSING GROUP | | | | | | | | |
| 1968-69 - | | | | | | | | |
| March | 109.7 | 111.2 | 108.4 | 110.0 | 105.3 | 113.7 | 109.4 | 102.1 |
| June | 111.2 | 113.3 | 109.7 | 110.7 | 106.3 | 115.1 | 110.1 | 102.4 |
| 1969-70 - | | | | | | | | |
| September | 112.8 | 115.7 | 110.5 | 112.7 | 107.4 | 117.0 | 110.6 | 102.7 |
| December | 114.7 | 118.3 | 111.8 | 113.0 | 108.9 | 119.9 | 112.3 | 103.2 |
| March | 116.2 | 120.8 | 112.6 | 113.6 | 109.9 | 121.2 | 113.2 | 106.0 |
| June | 118.3 | 124.8 | 113.7 | 114.1 | 111.0 | 122.1 | 114.1 | 106.4 |
| 1970-71 - | | | | | | | | |
| September | 120.2 | 128.1 | 114.4 | 115.9 | 111.7 | 122.7 | 115.0 | 106.9 |
| December | 122.7 | 130.1 | 117.6 | 116.8 | 116.0 | 125.5 | 117.0 | 118.8 |
| March | 124.4 | 132.4 | 118.7 | 118.9 | 117.2 | 126.9 | 118.2 | 119.4 |
| June | 126.8 | 135.6 | 120.6 | 121.4 | 118.5 | 127.6 | 119.2 | 120.0 |

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TABLE 2. - Continued

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GROUP INDEXES - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA

(Base of Each Group Index for Each City and for Six State Capital Cities combined :

Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

| Quarter | State Capital Cities - Combined and Separately | | | | | | | Canberra |
|---|--|--------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|----------|
| | Six Capitals (b) | Sydney | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart | |
| HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT GROUP | | | | | | | | |
| 1968-69 - | | | | | | | | |
| March | 103.0 | 103.3 | 102.8 | 104.7 | 101.4 | 102.3 | 104.7 | 100.7 |
| June | 103.7 | 104.3 | 103.6 | 104.8 | 101.5 | 102.6 | 105.2 | 101.0 |
| 1969-70 - | | | | | | | | |
| September | 103.7 | 104.3 | 103.5 | 105.2 | 101.5 | 102.7 | 105.5 | 101.4 |
| December | 103.9 | 104.5 | 103.6 | 105.2 | 101.6 | 103.6 | 105.8 | 101.7 |
| March | 104.0 | 105.0 | 103.1 | 105.5 | 101.9 | 103.8 | 106.3 | 101.9 |
| June | 104.7 | 105.5 | 103.8 | 105.9 | 102.9 | 104.8 | 106.9 | 102.5 |
| 1970-71 - | | | | | | | | |
| September | 105.4 | 106.5 | 104.4 | 106.5 | 103.5 | 105.8 | 107.6 | 104.0 |
| December | 106.6 | 108.6 | 105.1 | 107.5 | 104.3 | 106.7 | 108.4 | 104.2 |
| March | 107.8 | 109.6 | 106.1 | 109.2 | 105.6 | 108.4 | 109.1 | 104.5 |
| June | 109.8 | 112.4 | 107.4 | 110.6 | 108.1 | 109.7 | 111.6 | 106.0 |
| MISCELLANEOUS GROUP | | | | | | | | |
| 1968-69 - | | | | | | | | |
| March | 108.5 | 109.8 | 108.6 | 106.3 | 107.9 | 105.9 | 109.0 | 108.7 |
| June | 108.9 | 110.2 | 108.6 | 106.6 | 109.2 | 106.5 | 109.4 | 108.9 |
| 1969-70 - | | | | | | | | |
| September | 110.0 | 111.6 | 109.1 | 107.9 | 110.4 | 107.5 | 110.0 | 110.4 |
| December | 110.9 | 112.8 | 109.9 | 108.5 | 110.5 | 109.8 | 110.4 | 111.6 |
| March | 112.0 | 114.3 | 110.3 | 109.5 | 112.4 | 110.5 | 111.2 | 113.1 |
| June | 113.5 | 116.1 | 111.5 | 110.7 | 114.8 | 111.5 | 112.5 | 114.3 |
| 1970-71 - | | | | | | | | |
| September | 113.7 | 116.4 | 111.6 | 112.9 | 114.2 | 110.9 | 112.2 | 114.7 |
| December | 117.5 | 120.4 | 115.0 | 116.6 | 117.3 | 115.2 | 116.3 | 119.3 |
| March | 119.4 | 121.4 | 118.0 | 119.5 | 118.9 | 116.1 | 118.3 | 120.7 |
| June | 120.7 | 123.1 | 118.7 | 120.3 | 121.9 | 116.9 | 119.4 | 122.5 |
| ALL GROUPS | | | | | | | | |
| 1968-69 - | | | | | | | | |
| March | 106.4 | 106.7 | 106.6 | 105.8 | 105.5 | 105.6 | 106.5 | 104.8 |
| June | 107.2 | 107.6 | 107.2 | 106.3 | 106.4 | 107.0 | 107.0 | 105.2 |
| 1969-70 - | | | | | | | | |
| September | 107.8 | 108.4 | 107.6 | 107.2 | 106.9 | 107.7 | 107.4 | 106.0 |
| December | 108.7 | 109.6 | 108.3 | 107.9 | 107.3 | 108.7 | 108.1 | 106.7 |
| March | 109.8 | 111.3 | 108.9 | 108.9 | 108.4 | 109.9 | 108.9 | 108.0 |
| June | 111.2 | 112.9 | 110.1 | 109.7 | 110.0 | 111.4 | 109.6 | 109.0 |
| 1970-71 - | | | | | | | | |
| September | 111.9 | 113.9 | 110.7 | 111.1 | 109.9 | 111.6 | 110.2 | 109.7 |
| December | 114.0 | 116.2 | 112.6 | 113.3 | 111.8 | 113.5 | 112.4 | 113.2 |
| March | 115.2 | 117.4 | 113.7 | 115.1 | 112.9 | 114.8 | 113.2 | 113.6 |
| June | 117.2 | 119.8 | 115.2 | 117.2 | 115.4 | 116.4 | 114.6 | 115.6 |

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