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DETAILED SUB-INDICES RELEASE

July 2000

Annual Inflation rises to 6.2% in July

This release provides a summary analysis of the major price developments within the main CPI commodity groups together with constituent CPI Sub-Indices and details of their monthly and annual percentage changes. It also details the annual and monthly percentage changes for each commodity group for each month from January 1998 to date.

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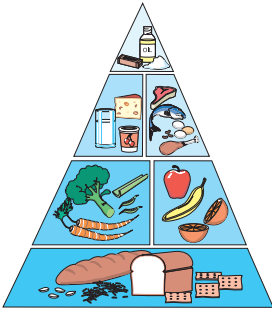
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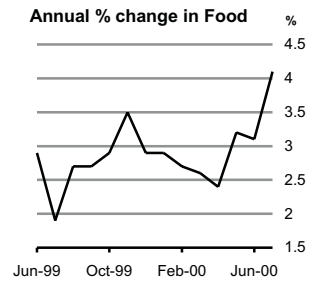
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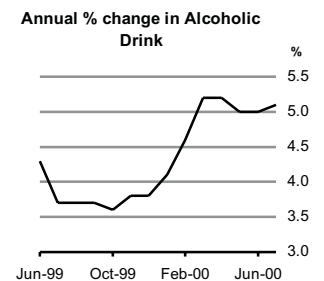
Food

Food prices rose by 0.7% in July, thereby increasing the annual percentage change in the year to July to 4.1%, up from 3.1% in June. There were increases in the prices of beef, mutton/lamb, bacon, potatoes and meals out, while the price of confectionery such as cakes and biscuits, preserves and yogurt fell.



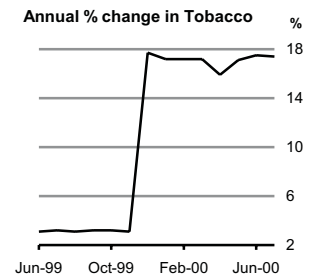
Alcoholic Drink

Alcoholic drink prices rose by 0.3% in July, increasing the annual percentage change to 5.1%, up from 5.0% in the year to June. Increased prices were recorded for beer and spirits consumed in public houses. The annual increase in the year to July added +0.67% to the overall Consumer Price Index of 6.2%.



Tobacco

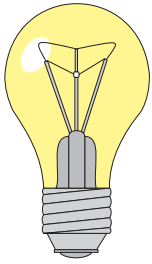
Tobacco prices remained relatively stable in July. The only price increase recorded was for flake tobacco. As a result, there was a marginal decrease in the annual percentage increase for tobacco in the year to July down to 17.4% from 17.5% in June.



Clothing & Footwear

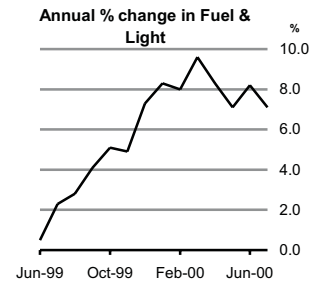
Clothing & Footwear prices fell by 9.2% in July as a result of the traditional summer sales. This decrease is lower than last year when a decrease of 9.7% was recorded during the same period. Since July last year, Clothing & Footwear prices have decreased by 5.4% reflecting continuing competition in this sector.





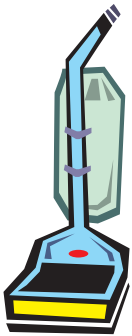
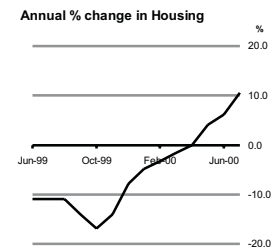
Fuel & Light

Fuel & Light prices rose by 0.5% in July, a lower increase than the same period last year. As a result, the annual percentage increase in the year to July fell to 7.1%, down from 8.2% in June. Price increases were recorded for domestic home heating oil, firelighters and coal. The annual increase in home heating oil has fallen to 34.3%, down from over 47% in the year to June.



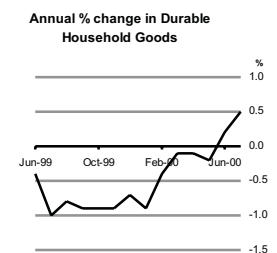
Housing

Housing costs rose by 4.4% in July, increasing the annual percentage increase to 10.6%, up from 6.1% in June. Higher average mortgage repayments in July, in contrast to falling average payments last year, and increased repair and decoration costs were the main reasons for this increase.



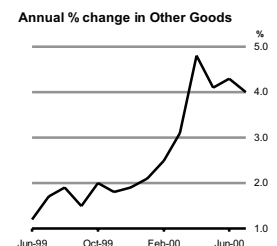
Durable Household Goods

Durable Household Goods prices fell by 1.7% in July following the impact of summer sales on certain categories of goods. There were price reductions in furniture and soft furnishings such as bed linen and in crockery, glassware and kitchen utensils. Year on year, the prices of durable goods have risen by 0.5%.



Other Goods

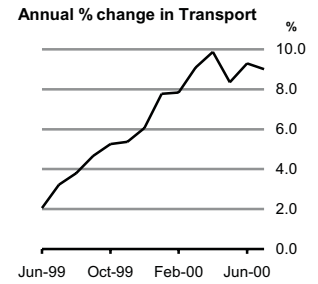
The price of Other Goods fell marginally in July by 0.2%, but show an increase of 4.0% over the same period last year. The price of certain newspapers and personal goods, such as ladies handbags and suitcases fell while price increases were recorded for items such as toilet paper and deodorant.





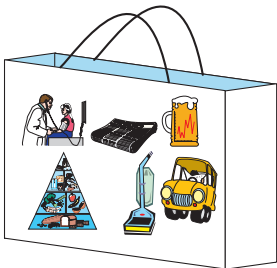
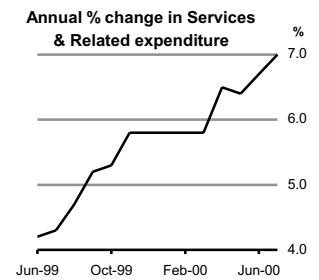
Transport

Transport prices rose again in July, up by 1.0% in the month or by 9.0% in the year. The main increases were in the prices of motor fuel and car insurance. The annual increase in the cost of motor fuel in the year to July was 24.3%, while other vehicle costs rose by 10.5%. In July, Transport contributed 1.26% to the overall CPI of 6.2%.



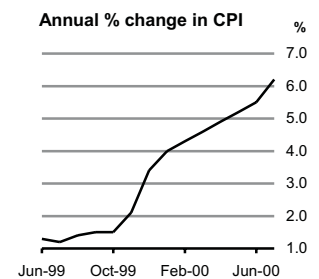
Services & Related Expenditure

Services and Related Expenditure rose by 0.4% in July, putting the annual increase in Services inflation to 7.0%. In July, price increases were recorded for childcare, cinema and dancing, medical expenses, hairdressing, shoe repairs, laundry and dry cleaning and package holidays. The largest year on year increases have been recorded for childcare, hairdressing, education & training and medical expenses.



Overall CPI

Consumer Prices increased by 0.3% in July to bring the overall CPI to 111.1. This compares with a decrease of 0.4% in July 1999. As a result, annual inflation in the twelve months to July 2000 was 6.2%, compared with 5.5% in June 2000. The main contributory factors were increases in transport, services and related expenditure, food, tobacco, housing and alcoholic drink.



Consumer Price Index

July 2000

Table 1 Food - July 2000

Description	Nov. 1996 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Beef	1.0124	106.0	1.2	6.3
Mutton/Lamb	0.4869	112.3	1.0	1.8
Pork	0.3829	98.4	-0.1	5.9
Bacon	0.8557	105.6	2.3	10.1
Poultry	0.9482	99.6	0.1	-1.4
Cooked meat	0.5328	113.5	0.9	6.2
Sausages	0.2882	112.6	0.6	6.7
Other meat	0.3075	106.5	0.7	4.5
Fresh fish	0.1926	122.6	-0.8	8.8
Frozen fish	0.1509	119.8	0.5	6.9
Smoked fish	0.0291	105.3	3.3	5.7
Tinned fish	0.0577	136.3	1.2	5.6
Potatoes	0.6146	156.7	10.4	-6.6
Tomatoes	0.0679	111.9	-3.3	11.0
Other fresh vegetables	0.5004	129.2	0.3	-2.2
Dried vegetables	0.0124	123.2	0.1	10.3
Tinned vegetables	0.1986	127.1	0.3	9.8
Frozen vegetables	0.2163	108.5	0.6	-5.2
Bread	1.2377	104.6	0.3	1.5
Flour	0.0868	103.5	-0.3	2.5
Biscuits	0.5189	116.4	-0.5	3.8
Cakes	0.4911	114.2	-0.8	5.5
Pasteurised milk	1.7399	101.8	0.2	2.1
Other milk products	0.3647	108.3	-3.0	-1.2
Cheese	0.3601	108.4	0.4	4.7
Eggs	0.2354	113.9	0.3	5.0
Butter	0.2705	103.8	0.1	2.9
Margarine	0.3033	127.5	0.3	9.0
Other fats & oils	0.0869	122.5	0.1	6.4
Fresh fruit	0.7009	124.1	0.3	2.2
Tinned fruit	0.0538	107.6	0.3	2.7
Dried fruit & nuts	0.0722	114.9	0.5	4.9
Tea	0.2999	124.3	0.3	8.4
Coffee	0.1358	114.5	0.4	-1.2
Cocoa	0.0212	124.6	0.2	6.2
Sugar	0.2075	101.7	0.2	0.4
Breakfast cereals	0.4263	146.3	1.0	11.2
Oatmeal	0.0230	99.3	0.7	-1.5
Other Cereals	0.1600	108.8	0.3	3.7
Sauces & meat extracts	0.3107	111.9	0.3	4.2
Soups	0.1468	119.1	0.5	5.0
Preserves	0.1320	109.7	-1.3	1.2
Sweets & chocolate	0.9008	126.8	0.2	6.2
Custard	0.0101	125.2	0.9	2.2
Desserts & ice cream	0.3728	110.3	0.5	3.8
Baby food	0.0393	131.0	0.6	5.8
Miscellaneous items	0.9014	113.0	-0.2	4.7
Soft drink	1.1075	116.0	0.6	6.1
Meals out	4.2776	117.8	0.4	6.3
Total	22.8497	114.6	0.7	4.1

Table 2 Alcoholic Drink - July 2000

Description	Nov. 1996 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Beer	8.6190	115.9	0.3	5.5
Spirits	2.7137	114.0	0.3	4.3
Wine	1.2971	113.1	0.1	4.0
Total	12.6298	115.2	0.3	5.1

Table 3 Fuel and Light - July 2000

Description	Nov. 1996 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Firelighters	0.0761	107.1	4.4	5.7
Coal & anthracite	0.8595	114.0	1.0	5.8
Turf & briquettes	0.3661	110.8	0.1	3.6
Bottled gas	0.2881	115.2	0.3	8.6
Piped gas	0.4396	100.0	0.0	0.0
Electricity	2.0252	102.1	0.0	0.0
Fuel oil	0.8491	118.6	1.4	34.3
Total	4.9038	108.3	0.5	7.1

Table 4 Housing - July 2000

Description	Nov. 1996 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Rents	1.7518	125.4	0.0	10.9
Local Authority charge	0.2952	24.4	0.0	18.4
Mortgage interest	3.6315	92.8	10.3	15.1
House insurance	0.7311	110.6	0.3	4.1
Repairs & decorations	1.6288	107.8	1.1	5.0
Total	8.0385	102.1	4.4	10.6

Table 5 Transport - July 2000

Description	Nov. 1996 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Motor cycles	0.0168	105.6	0.0	6.1
Motor cars	3.9458	102.8	0.0	0.6
Other vehicles	0.1683	110.6	0.0	3.8
Motor Reg & Tax	0.8345	106.1	0.0	0.0
Motor insurance	2.0077	122.5	0.3	5.8
Motor fuel	4.1761	126.0	2.7	24.3
Motor oil	0.0460	117.5	0.9	6.6
Spare parts	0.5010	105.2	0.0	1.0
Repairs & maintenance	0.6495	118.4	0.1	7.0
Other vehicle costs	0.0988	126.2	0.0	10.5
Bus fares	0.6097	109.3	0.0	6.4
Rail fares	0.1790	113.2	0.0	4.6
Combined travel	0.1608	108.6	0.0	6.7
Other travel	0.5461	127.4	0.5	-1.2
Total	13.9402	115.4	1.0	9.0

Table 6 Services & Related Expenditure - July 2000

Description	Nov. 1996 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Cinema	0.1774	116.4	0.9	3.9
Dancing	0.4527	113.9	0.3	1.7
Other entertainment	0.9787	120.9	0.0	7.2
Education & training	1.6085	132.1	0.1	11.9
Medical fees	0.9729	125.8	0.2	8.1
Medicine & drugs	0.5922	110.2	0.5	3.7
Hospital charges	0.1883	136.6	0.8	10.6
Other medical expenses	1.3443	130.1	0.1	10.0
Therapeutic equipment	0.0573	110.2	0.0	2.3
Hairdressing	1.0846	135.9	0.7	12.6
Shoe repairs	0.0345	122.3	1.5	6.6
Laundry & dryclean	0.1334	115.3	0.4	6.9
Other services	1.0860	137.3	2.5	20.1
Postage	0.1352	99.3	0.0	0.0
Telephones	1.8388	83.8	0.0	0.6
Society subscription	0.5223	115.9	0.0	2.7
Union subscription	0.2626	109.4	0.0	4.9
TV rental	0.4392	103.7	-0.2	0.0
Licenses	0.3871	101.6	0.0	0.0
Accommodation charges	0.3180	124.5	1.0	4.8
Package holidays	2.9161	111.2	0.5	3.9
Other expenditure	1.1929	108.1	-0.1	3.1
Total	16.7232	116.5	0.4	7.0

Commodity Group and All Items Consumer Price Monthly Percentage Changes

Period		Food	Alcohol- olic drink	Tobacco	Clothing and footwear	Fuel and light	Hous- ing	Durable house- hold goods	Other goods	Trans- port	Services and related expendi- ture	All items	Energy products
Mid-November 1996		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
% Base Expenditure													
Weights		22.850	12.630	4.824	6.131	4.904	8.038	3.579	6.381	13.940	16.723	100.000	9.126
1998	Mid-January	-	+0.2	+0.8	-9.7	+0.5	+0.2	-2.6	-0.1	+0.1	-0.3	-0.6	+0.2
	Mid-February	+0.3	+0.1	-	+5.1	-0.5	-0.1	+2.3	+0.6	-0.1	+0.4	+0.5	-0.4
	Mid-March	+0.6	+0.1	-	+2.1	-0.2	+0.3	+0.7	+0.8	+0.8	+0.1	+0.5	-0.3
	Mid-April	+1.3	+0.1	+1.1	+0.6	-0.3	+0.1	+0.2	+0.6	-	+0.4	+0.5	-0.5
	Mid-May	+1.0	+0.2	+0.1	+0.3	-	+0.7	+0.2	-	+0.1	+0.3	+0.4	-
	Mid-June	+0.8	+1.2	+0.2	-	-0.2	+0.3	-0.1	+0.5	+0.1	+0.2	+0.5	-0.2
	Mid-July	+0.7	+0.8	-	-8.1	-0.3	+0.2	-1.4	-0.5	+0.1	+0.1	-0.3	-0.2
	Mid-August	-0.5	+0.1	-	+3.8	-0.4	+0.8	+1.1	+0.3	+0.2	+0.1	+0.3	-0.2
	Mid-September	-0.4	+0.2	-	+2.2	-0.4	+0.4	+0.4	+0.7	+0.1	+1.2	+0.3	-0.5
	Mid-October	-0.3	+0.1	-	-0.2	+0.5	+0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.3	+0.9	+0.1	-0.1
	Mid-November	-0.2	-	+0.1	+0.8	-	-4.1	+0.3	+0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1
	Mid-December	+0.8	+0.2	+0.9	-	-0.5	-4.6	-	+0.1	-0.1	-	-0.1	-0.7
1999	Mid-January	+0.4	+0.1	+0.5	-11.7	-0.1	-1.9	-3.3	-0.2	-0.7	+0.5	-0.8	-1.0
	Mid-February	+0.5	-	-	+4.9	+0.3	-0.8	+2.4	+0.2	+0.4	+0.7	+0.6	+0.1
	Mid-March	+0.3	+0.1	+0.1	+2.7	-0.1	-0.1	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3	+0.2	+0.3	-0.2
	Mid-April	+0.5	+0.8	+1.1	+0.2	+1.1	+0.4	-0.1	-0.5	+0.9	+0.1	+0.5	+2.0
	Mid-May	+0.5	+1.5	+0.4	+0.1	+0.6	-1.8	+0.3	+0.4	+0.9	+0.5	+0.5	+1.4
	Mid-June	+0.6	+0.4	-	-	-0.2	-	-	+0.2	+0.4	+0.1	+0.3	+0.1
	Mid-July	-0.3	+0.2	+0.1	-9.7	+1.5	+0.1	-2.0	+0.1	+1.2	+0.2	-0.4	+1.4
	Mid-August	+0.3	+0.1	-	+3.8	+0.1	+0.9	+1.3	+0.5	+0.8	+0.5	+0.6	+1.2
	Mid-September	-0.4	+0.2	-	+2.9	+0.8	-3.2	+0.3	+0.3	+0.9	+1.7	+0.4	+1.7
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	Mid-November	+0.4	+0.2	-	+0.9	-0.2	-0.7	+0.3	+0.1	-	+0.4	+0.2	-
	Mid-December	+0.3	+0.2	+15.2	-0.4	+1.8	+2.3	+0.2	+0.2	+0.6	-	+1.1	+1.6
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	Mid-February	+0.3	+0.5	-	+8.0	+0.1	+0.8	+2.9	+0.6	+0.5	+0.7	+0.8	+0.2
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	Mid-April	+0.3	+0.9	-	+0.5	-0.1	+2.1	-0.1	+0.4	+1.6	+0.7	+0.7	+2.1
	Mid-May	+1.3	+1.2	+1.4	-	-0.5	+2.2	+0.2	+0.5	-0.5	+0.4	+0.7	-1.1
	Mid-June	+0.5	+0.4	+0.3	-	+0.8	+1.9	+0.4	+0.4	+1.2	+0.3	+0.6	+2.1
	Mid-July	+0.7	+0.3	+0.1	-9.2	+0.5	+4.4	-1.7	-0.2	+1.0	+0.4	+0.3	+1.7

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	Mid-February	+2.9	+2.7	+3.4	-7.9	+0.3	+2.3	+0.1	+2.2	+1.1	+3.0	+1.7	+0.3
	Mid-March	+3.3	+2.9	+3.3	-6.9	+1.2	+2.4	+0.5	+2.8	+1.8	+3.1	+2.1	+0.5
	Mid-April	+4.2	+3.0	+4.4	-6.5	+1.3	+2.4	+1.0	+3.2	+1.7	+3.6	+2.5	+0.4
	Mid-May	+4.9	+3.2	+4.5	-6.0	+0.9	+0.7	+1.1	+3.0	+1.9	+4.0	+2.7	+0.4
	Mid-June	+5.1	+4.3	+4.7	-5.5	+0.5	+0.1	+1.1	+3.6	+1.4	+3.9	+2.9	-0.4
	Mid-July	+5.0	+5.1	+4.7	-7.1	+0.6	-	+0.2	+3.0	+1.5	+3.9	+2.7	-0.2
	Mid-August	+5.0	+5.1	+4.7	-3.3	-0.4	+3.7	+0.9	+2.7	+1.8	+3.5	+3.2	-0.6
	Mid-September	+4.6	+5.3	+4.7	-3.9	-1.1	+3.8	+1.0	+3.5	+1.1	+3.5	+3.0	-2.5
	Mid-October	+4.5	+3.8	+4.7	-4.3	-0.6	+3.5	+0.8	+3.1	+1.2	+3.9	+2.9	-2.0
	Mid-November	+3.9	+2.9	+4.8	-4.2	-1.3	-1.2	+0.7	+3.0	+1.2	+3.4	+2.1	-2.4
	Mid-December	+4.3	+3.2	+3.2	-4.2	-1.8	-5.7	+0.7	+3.1	+0.9	+3.3	+1.7	-3.0
	Year	+4.2	+3.7	+4.4	-5.7	+0.1	+1.2	+0.7	+2.9	+1.5	+3.5	+2.4	-0.7
1999	Mid-January	+4.7	+3.1	+3.0	-6.4	-2.4	-7.6	-	+3.0	+0.1	+4.1	+1.5	-4.2
	Mid-February	+4.8	+3.0	+3.0	-6.5	-1.6	-8.3	+0.1	+2.6	+0.6	+4.4	+1.6	-3.7
	Mid-March	+4.5	+3.0	+3.1	-6.0	-1.5	-8.7	-0.3	+2.1	+0.1	+4.4	+1.4	-3.6
	Mid-April	+3.7	+3.8	+3.1	-6.3	-0.1	-8.4	-0.6	+1.1	+1.0	+4.1	+1.4	-1.2
	Mid-May	+3.1	+5.1	+3.3	-6.5	+0.5	-10.7	-0.5	+1.4	+1.8	+4.3	+1.5	+0.2
	Mid-June	+2.9	+4.3	+3.1	-6.5	+0.5	-10.9	-0.4	+1.2	+2.0	+4.2	+1.3	+0.5
	Mid-July	+1.9	+3.7	+3.2	-8.0	+2.3	-11.0	-1.0	+1.7	+3.2	+4.3	+1.2	+2.1
	Mid-August	+2.7	+3.7	+3.2	-8.0	+2.8	-10.9	-0.8	+1.9	+3.8	+4.7	+1.4	+3.5
	Mid-September	+2.7	+3.7	+3.2	-7.3	+4.1	-14.1	-0.9	+1.5	+4.7	+5.2	+1.5	+5.8
	Mid-October	+2.9	+3.6	+3.2	-7.3	+5.1	-16.9	-0.9	+2.0	+5.3	+5.3	+1.5	+6.8
	Mid-November	+3.5	+3.8	+3.1	-7.3	+4.9	-14.0	-0.9	+1.8	+5.4	+5.8	+2.1	+6.9
	Mid-December	+2.9	+3.8	+17.7	-7.6	+7.3	-7.8	-0.7	+1.9	+6.1	+5.8	+3.4	+9.4
	Year	+3.3	+3.7	+4.4	-7.0	+1.8	-10.8	-0.6	+1.8	+2.8	+4.8	+1.6	+1.9
2000	Mid-January	+2.9	+4.1	+17.2	-8.0	+8.3	-4.9	-0.9	+2.1	+7.8	+5.8	+4.0	+12.0
	Mid-February	+2.7	+4.6	+17.2	-5.3	+8.0	-3.3	-0.4	+2.5	+7.8	+5.8	+4.3	+12.1
	Mid-March	+2.6	+5.2	+17.2	-6.0	+9.6	-1.6	-0.1	+3.1	+9.1	+5.8	+4.6	+15.2
	Mid-April	+2.4	+5.2	+15.9	-5.7	+8.3	-	-0.1	+4.0	+9.9	+6.5	+4.9	+15.3
	Mid-May	+3.2	+5.0	+17.1	-5.8	+7.1	+4.1	-0.2	+4.1	+8.3	+6.4	+5.2	+12.4
	Mid-June	+3.1	+5.0	+17.5	-5.8	+8.2	+6.1	+0.2	+4.3	+9.3	+6.7	+5.5	+14.7
	Mid-July	+4.1	+5.1	+17.4	-5.4	+7.1	+10.6	+0.5	+4.0	+9.0	+7.0	+6.2	+15.0

