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DETAILED SUB-INDICES RELEASE

October 2000

Annual Inflation rises to 6.8% in October

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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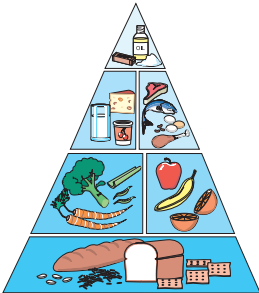
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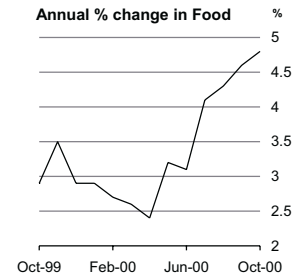
Consumer Price Index

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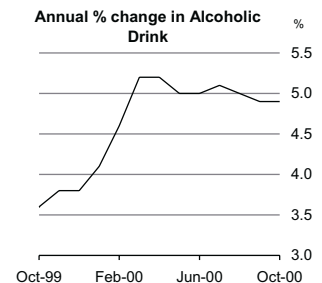
Food

Food prices remained relatively stable in October, but the annual increase in the year to October rose to 4.8%, up from 4.6% in September. In October, there were increases in the price of tomatoes, biscuits, tea, soft drinks and meals out, while the price of pork, cooked meat, fish, potatoes and other fresh vegetables fell.



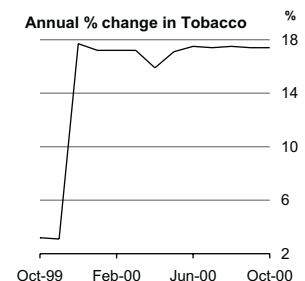
Alcoholic Drink

Alcoholic Drink prices showed no increase in October with bar and public house prices remaining stable. As a result of this, the annual percentage change remained at 4.9%. The annual increase added +0.65% to the overall annual consumer price index of 6.8%.



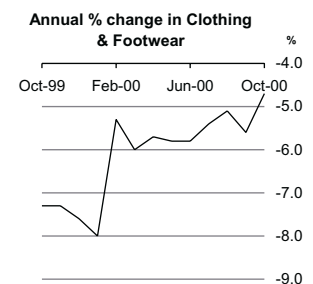
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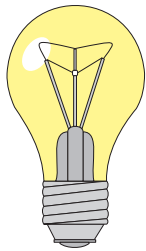
Tobacco prices remained stable in October. The annual percentage change since October 1999 remained unchanged at 17.4%, the same as in the previous month.



Clothing & Footwear

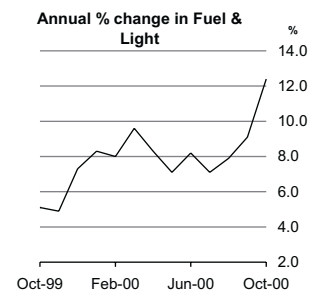
Clothing & Footwear prices rose by 0.7% in October, continuing the trend of recent months. The annual percentage change shows a decline of 4.7% in Clothing & Footwear prices since last year, still reflecting the strong competition in this sector.





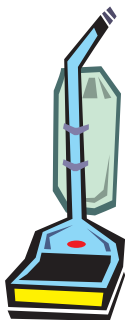
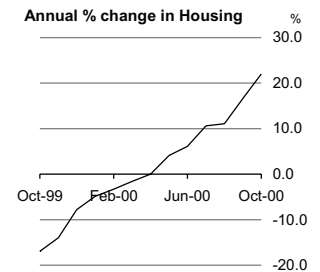
Fuel & Light

Fuel & Light prices rose significantly in October (up by 4.5% in the month) with a further increase in the cost of home heating oil and higher solid fuel prices. The annual percentage increase in the twelve months since October 1999 was 12.4%. The annual increase in the price of home heating oil in the year to October was 61.0%, up from 46.6% in September.



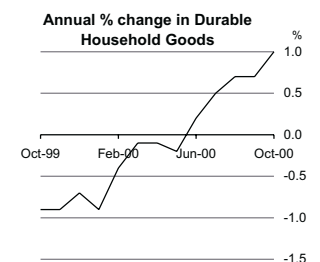
Housing

Housing costs rose by 1.3% in October, mainly due to higher mortgage interest payments. The annual increase in housing is now running at 22.0% in the year to October. The annual change in the same period last year showed a decrease of 16.9% reflecting falling interest rates at that time. Average mortgage interest repayments are now more than 48.0% higher than this time last year, reflecting higher interest rates and an increasing average mortgage size.



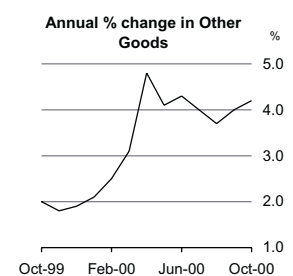
Durable Household Goods

Prices for Durable Household Goods remained stable in October. Year on year, Durable Household Goods have risen by 1.0%.



Other Goods

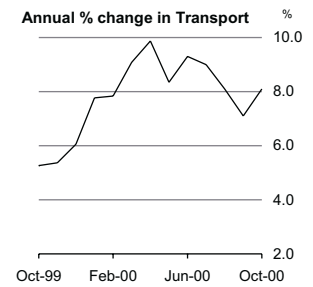
The price of Other Goods rose by 0.5% in October, pushing the annual rate of increase in prices up slightly to 4.2%, up from 4.0% in September. Price increases were recorded for certain newspapers, magazines and comics, and for some household paper products.





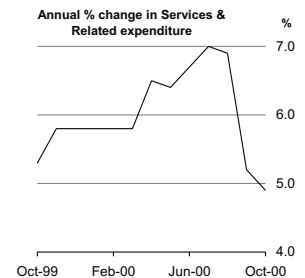
Transport

Transport prices rose by 1.1% in October mainly as a result of increases in the cost of motor fuel (up by 3.1% in the month). As a result, the annual increase in the year to October jumped to 8.1%. Since October 1999 the cost of motor fuel has risen by 19.5%.



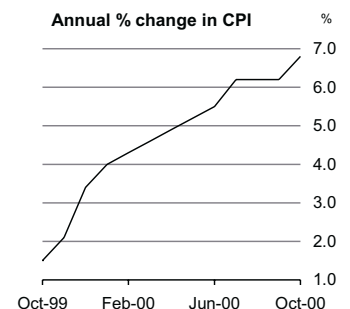
Services & Related Expenditure

Services & Related Expenditure costs rose by 0.7% in October mainly due to increased education and training costs and higher childcare costs. Prices have risen by 4.9% in the year.



Overall CPI

Consumer Prices increased by 0.7% in October to bring the overall CPI to 112.9. As a result, annual inflation in the twelve months to October 2000 rose to 6.8%. The main contributors to the annual rise were increases in housing due to higher mortgage interest repayments, higher crude oil prices and increases in food, alcohol, tobacco and services.



Consumer Price Index

Table 1 Food - October 2000

Description	Nov. 1996 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Beef	1.0124	106.5	0.1	9.2
Mutton/Lamb	0.4869	112.9	0.2	8.7
Pork	0.3829	96.1	-1.1	3.0
Bacon	0.8557	107.0	0.6	10.7
Poultry	0.9482	102.5	-0.5	1.2
Cooked meat	0.5328	113.2	-1.0	3.9
Sausages	0.2882	113.1	0.4	4.9
Other meat	0.3075	106.7	0.2	3.3
Fresh fish	0.1926	124.0	-1.2	7.6
Frozen fish	0.1509	119.9	-0.2	3.6
Smoked fish	0.0291	106.8	0.4	7.3
Tinned fish	0.0577	138.6	0.2	7.2
Potatoes	0.6146	168.2	-1.8	7.5
Tomatoes	0.0679	128.5	5.5	1.2
Other fresh vegetables	0.5004	119.1	-2.9	6.5
Dried vegetables	0.0124	127.7	0.4	11.0
Tinned vegetables	0.1986	130.2	0.1	8.0
Frozen vegetables	0.2163	107.9	-0.8	0.8
Bread	1.2377	103.5	0.0	-0.6
Flour	0.0868	102.7	-1.0	0.6
Biscuits	0.5189	124.2	1.6	11.3
Cakes	0.4911	116.0	0.2	5.3
Pasteurised milk	1.7399	98.3	0.1	-2.1
Other milk products	0.3647	112.2	1.4	1.4
Cheese	0.3601	109.1	0.3	2.2
Eggs	0.2354	115.0	-0.3	4.9
Butter	0.2705	103.5	0.9	0.8
Margarine	0.3033	128.5	0.4	7.0
Other fats & oils	0.0869	122.5	-0.3	4.6
Fresh fruit	0.7009	117.3	-0.4	1.4
Tinned fruit	0.0538	109.9	0.3	3.9
Dried fruit & nuts	0.0722	115.3	-0.7	4.0
Tea	0.2999	128.7	3.3	9.6
Coffee	0.1358	113.2	-0.6	-2.7
Cocoa	0.0212	124.4	0.1	6.5
Sugar	0.2075	101.6	-0.1	0.2
Breakfast cereals	0.4263	148.7	-0.2	12.1
Oatmeal	0.0230	97.4	-0.8	3.4
Other Cereals	0.1600	109.4	0.0	3.9
Sauces & meat extracts	0.3107	112.2	-0.1	3.8
Soups	0.1468	119.7	-0.1	4.5
Preserves	0.1320	112.5	0.7	3.5
Sweets & chocolate	0.9008	127.6	0.0	6.1
Custard	0.0101	128.4	0.2	4.2
Desserts & ice cream	0.3728	110.5	0.0	3.8
Baby food	0.0393	132.9	1.0	6.7
Miscellaneous items	0.9014	114.4	0.0	5.0
Soft drink	1.1075	117.3	0.9	7.1
Meals out	4.2776	118.8	0.4	5.7
Total	22.8497	115.2	0.1	4.8

Table 2 Alcoholic Drink - October 2000

Description	Nov. 1996 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Beer	8.6190	115.9	0.0	5.3
Spirits	2.7137	114.3	0.1	4.4
Wine	1.2971	113.8	0.3	4.1
Total	12.6298	115.3	0.0	4.9

Table 3 Fuel and Light - October 2000

Description	Nov. 1996 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Firelighters	0.0761	107.9	0.0	5.6
Coal & anthracite	0.8595	121.0	6.1	8.3
Turf & briquettes	0.3661	117.0	5.6	6.9
Bottled gas	0.2881	119.7	1.6	7.3
Piped gas	0.4396	100.0	0.0	0.0
Electricity	2.0252	102.1	0.0	0.0
Fuel oil	0.8491	152.8	13.4	61.0
Total	4.9038	116.3	4.5	12.4

Table 4 Housing - October 2000

Description	Nov. 1996 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Rents	1.7518	128.9	0.0	12.2
Local Authority charges	0.2952	32.8	0.0	34.4
Mortgage interest	3.6315	99.8	3.0	48.3
House insurance	0.7311	110.9	0.1	3.3
Repairs & decorations	1.6288	108.7	0.5	3.7
Total	8.0385	106.5	1.3	22.0

Table 5 Transport - October 2000

Description	Nov. 1996 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Motor cycles	0.0168	105.5	0.0	6.0
Motor cars	3.9458	103.2	0.0	0.9
Other vehicles	0.1683	111.7	0.3	4.7
Motor Reg & Tax	0.8345	106.1	0.0	0.0
Motor insurance	2.0077	125.8	-0.1	6.3
Motor fuel	4.1761	127.9	3.1	19.5
Motor oil	0.0460	119.3	0.7	7.1
Spare parts	0.5010	105.8	0.2	1.1
Repairs & maintenance	0.6495	121.3	0.9	8.4
Other vehicle costs	0.0988	126.7	0.0	11.3
Bus fares	0.6097	109.3	0.0	6.4
Rail fares	0.1790	113.2	0.0	3.1
Combined travel	0.1608	108.6	0.0	6.7
Other travel	0.5461	126.9	0.6	1.0
Total	13.9402	116.7	1.1	8.1

Table 6 Services & Related Expenditure - October 2000

Description	Nov. 1996 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Cinema	0.1774	118.8	0.4	5.3
Dancing	0.4527	114.6	0.0	2.4
Other entertainment	0.9787	121.8	0.0	6.5
Education & training	1.6085	138.5	4.8	7.3
Medical fees	0.9729	128.9	0.1	9.4
Medicine & drugs	0.5922	111.6	0.0	4.1
Hospital charges	0.1883	137.1	0.4	8.9
Other medical expenses	1.3443	130.2	0.1	1.1
Therapeutic equipment	0.0573	112.9	0.0	2.5
Hairdressing	1.0846	137.2	0.2	11.0
Shoe repairs	0.0345	123.3	0.1	5.9
Laundry & dryclean	0.1334	117.0	0.5	7.0
Other services	1.0860	140.7	1.6	10.9
Postage	0.1352	99.3	0.0	0.0
Telephones	1.8388	83.4	0.0	0.1
Society subscription	0.5223	115.9	0.0	2.7
Union subscription	0.2626	110.0	0.0	4.7
TV rental	0.4392	103.5	-0.2	-0.2
Licenses	0.3871	101.6	0.0	0.0
Accommodation charges	0.3180	123.0	-1.8	4.9
Package holidays	2.9161	111.8	0.1	3.0
Other expenditure	1.1929	108.8	-0.1	2.8
Total	16.7232	117.9	0.7	4.9

Commodity Group and All Items Consumer Price Monthly Percentage Changes

Period		Food	Alcohol- drink	Tobacco	Clothing and footwear	Fuel and light	Housing	Durable house- hold goods	Other goods	Transport	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
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	Mid-September	-0.4	+0.2	-	+2.9	+0.8	-3.2	+0.3	+0.3	+0.9	+1.7	+0.4	+1.7
	Mid-October	-0.1	-	-	-0.2	+1.5	-3.1	-0.3	+0.4	+0.3	+1.0	+0.1	+0.9
	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-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
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	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
	Mid-August	+0.4	-	+0.1	+4.2	+0.8	+1.3	+1.5	+0.2	-0.1	+0.4	+0.5	-0.3
	Mid-September	-	+0.1	-0.1	+2.4	+1.9	+1.6	+0.3	+0.6	+0.1	+0.1	+0.4	+0.8
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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
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	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
	Mid-August	+4.3	+5.0	+17.5	-5.1	+7.9	+11.1	+0.7	+3.7	+8.1	+6.9	+6.2	+13.4
	Mid-September	+4.6	+4.9	+17.4	-5.6	+9.1	+16.6	+0.7	+4.0	+7.1	+5.2	+6.2	+12.4
	Mid-October	+4.8	+4.9	+17.4	-4.7	+12.4	+22.0	+1.0	+4.2	+8.1	+4.9	+6.8	+15.7