

# ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence Media Release

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## Inflation expectations surge and confidence softens

- Consumer confidence dropped 1.8% last week as COVID caseloads remained elevated in NSW and Victoria. Daily cases are expected to peak in the coming weeks as vaccination rates are rising steadily across Australia.
- Four out of the five subindices registered losses last week. 'Current financial conditions' fell 2.3%, a second consecutive decline. 'Future financial conditions' dropped 4.0%.
- 'Current economic conditions' softened 0.7%, while 'future economic conditions' gained 1.9%.
- 'Time to buy a major household item' worsened 3.2% after rising for three straight weeks. 'Weekly inflation expectations' surged 0.3ppt to 4.7%, its highest level since the Wentworth by-election in October 2018. Its four-week moving average increased 0.1ppt to 4.5%.

### ANZ-Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence and inflation expectations

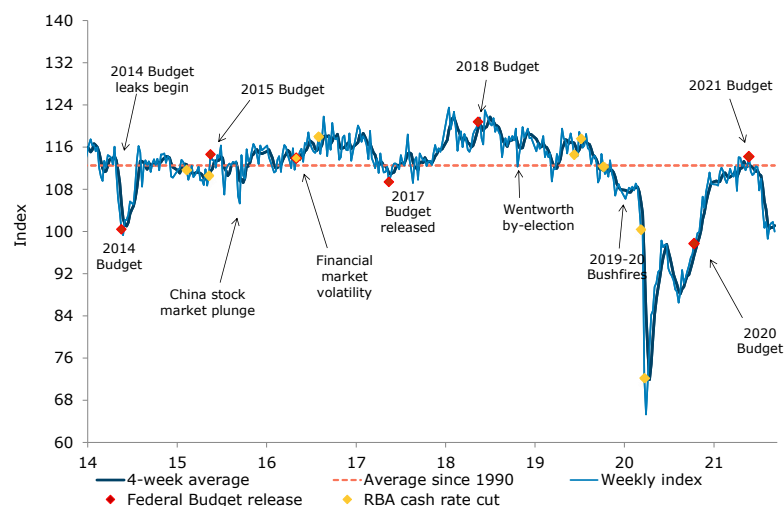
Last weekend (28-29 Aug)	Weekly change, %	Four-week average	Monthly average since 1990	Inflation expectations (four-week ma)
100.0	-1.8%	101.1	112.5	4.5%

This weekly ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence Rating is based on 1,498 interviews conducted online and over the telephone on the weekend. Not seasonally adjusted. Further data history on page 6.

## ANZ Head of Australian Economics, David Plank, commented:

Consumer confidence declined 1.8% last week despite rising vaccination rates and reasonably good economic news in the form of the 0.7% rise in Q2 GDP. Sentiment dropped in Sydney (-5.3%), Melbourne (-0.8%) and Brisbane (-2.9%), while Adelaide (+5.0%) and Perth (+2.3%) lifted. The most notable thing in this week's release is the jump in inflation expectations to its highest level in almost three years. The weekly reading can be volatile so we need to be a bit cautious about overplaying the move, but if sustained it will cement the sharpest jump in inflation expectations since we moved to collecting the data on a weekly basis.

**Figure 1. Confidence down 1.8%**

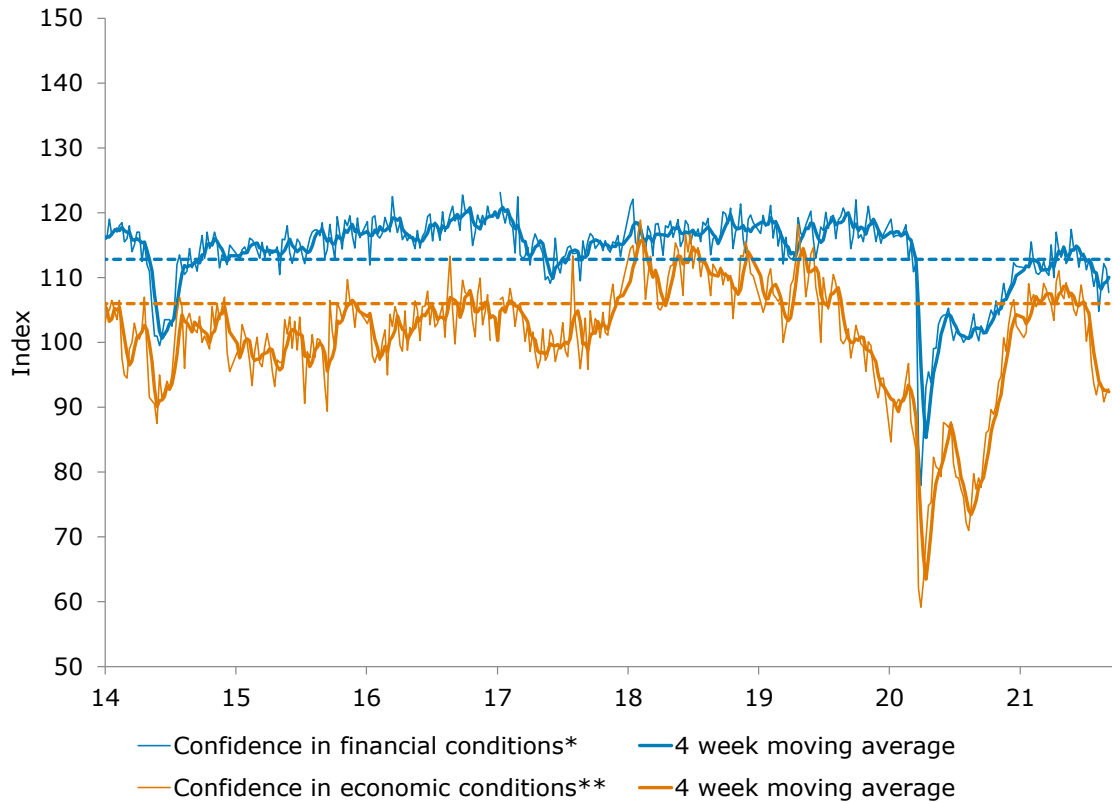


Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan, ANZ Research



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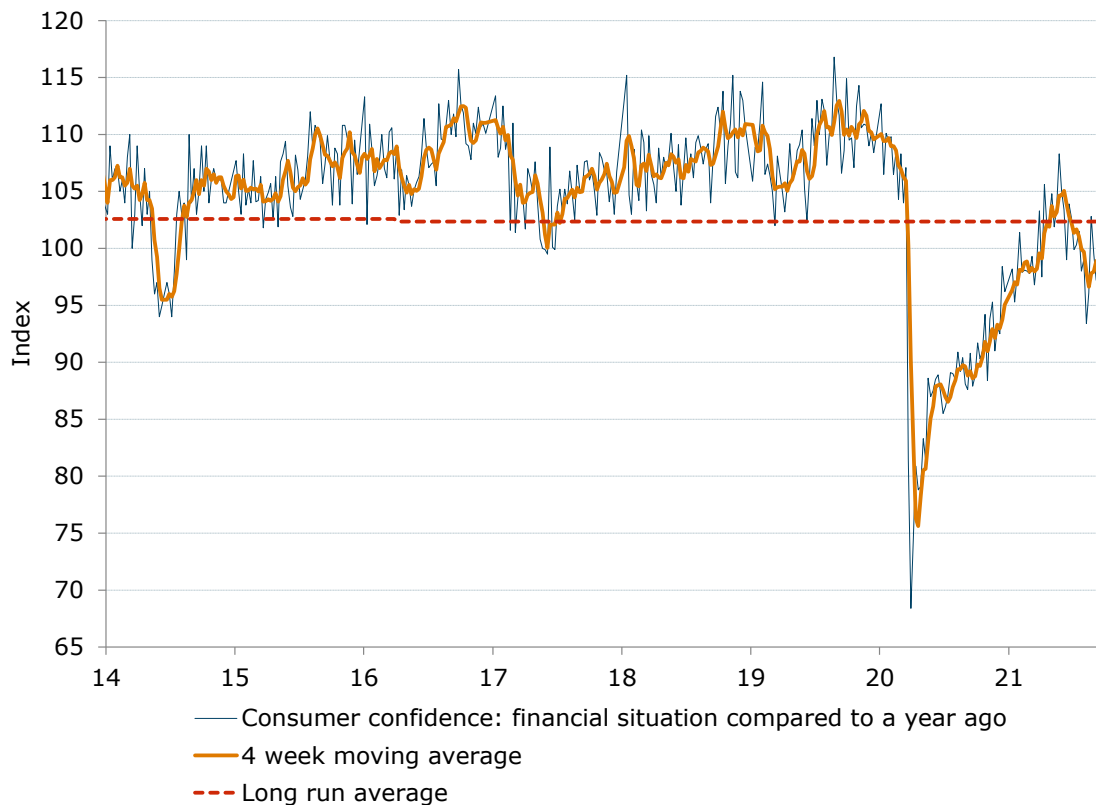
**Figure 2. Confidence in financial conditions declined; economic conditions improved**



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

Note: \*Financial conditions index is an average of 'financial situation compared to a year ago' and 'financial situation next year' sub-indices. \*\*Economic conditions index is an average of 'economic conditions in 12 months' and 'economic conditions in five years' sub-indices.

**Figure 3. 'Current financial conditions' worsened 2.3%**

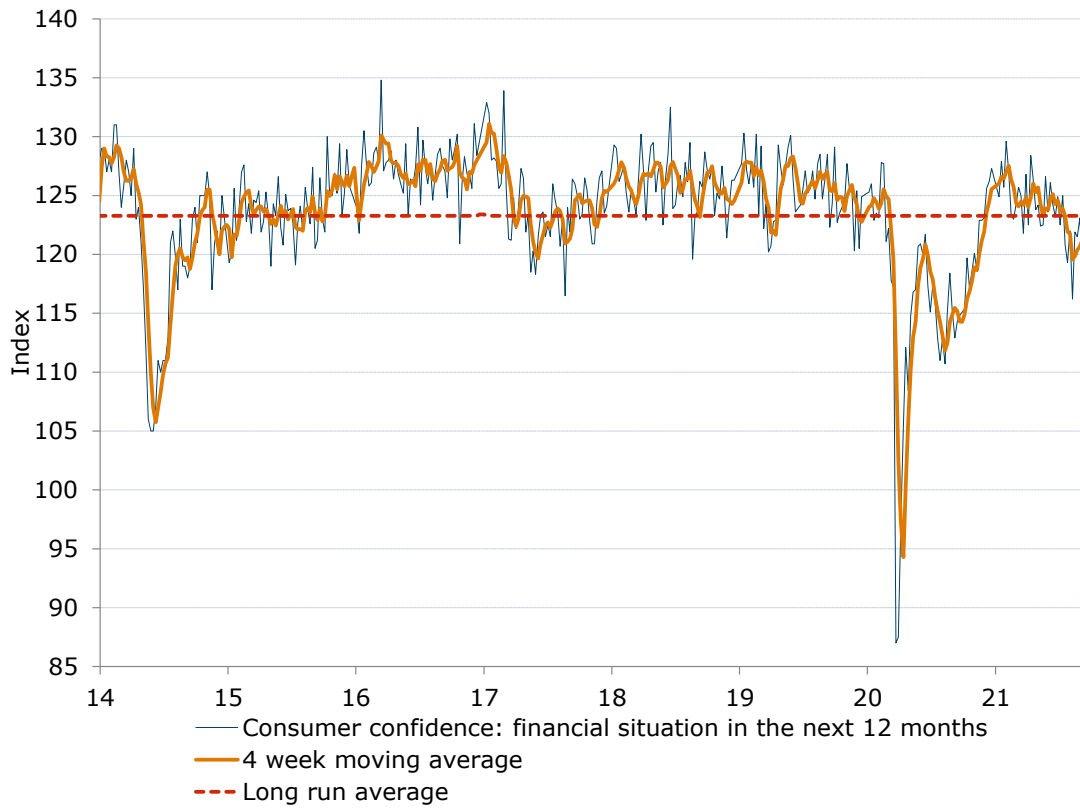


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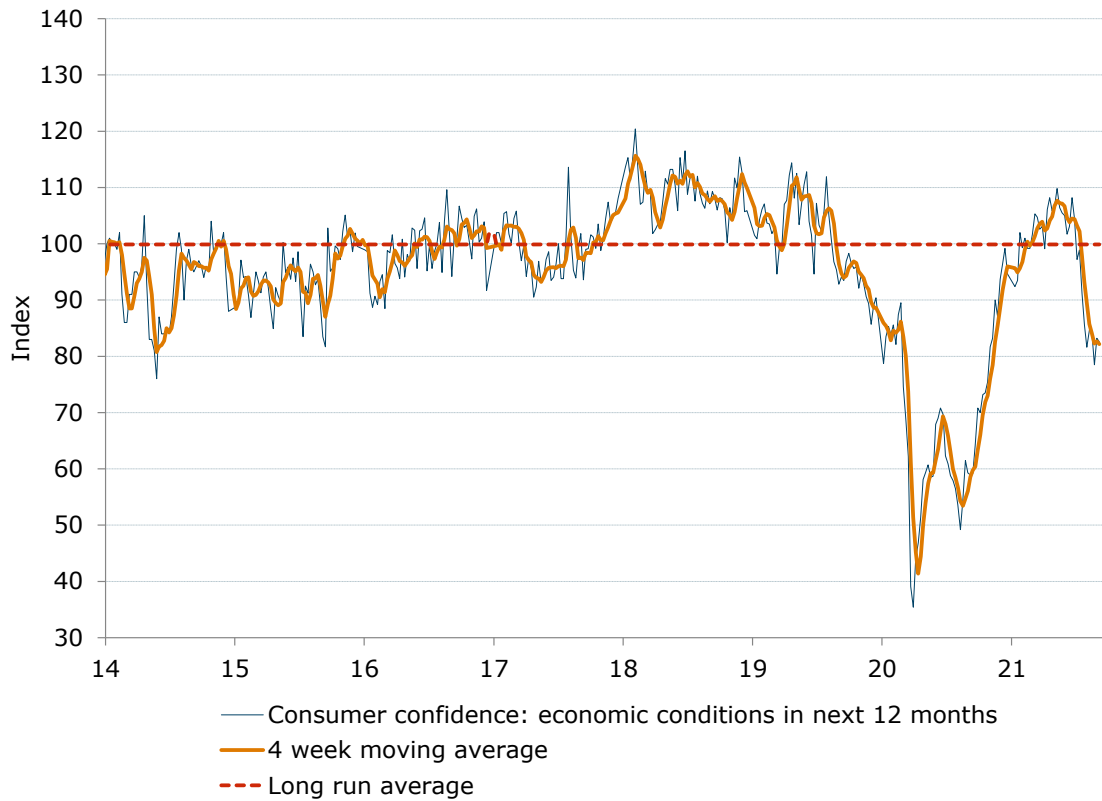
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**Figure 4. 'Future financial conditions' declined 4.0%**



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

**Figure 5. 'Current economic conditions' softened 0.7%**



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan



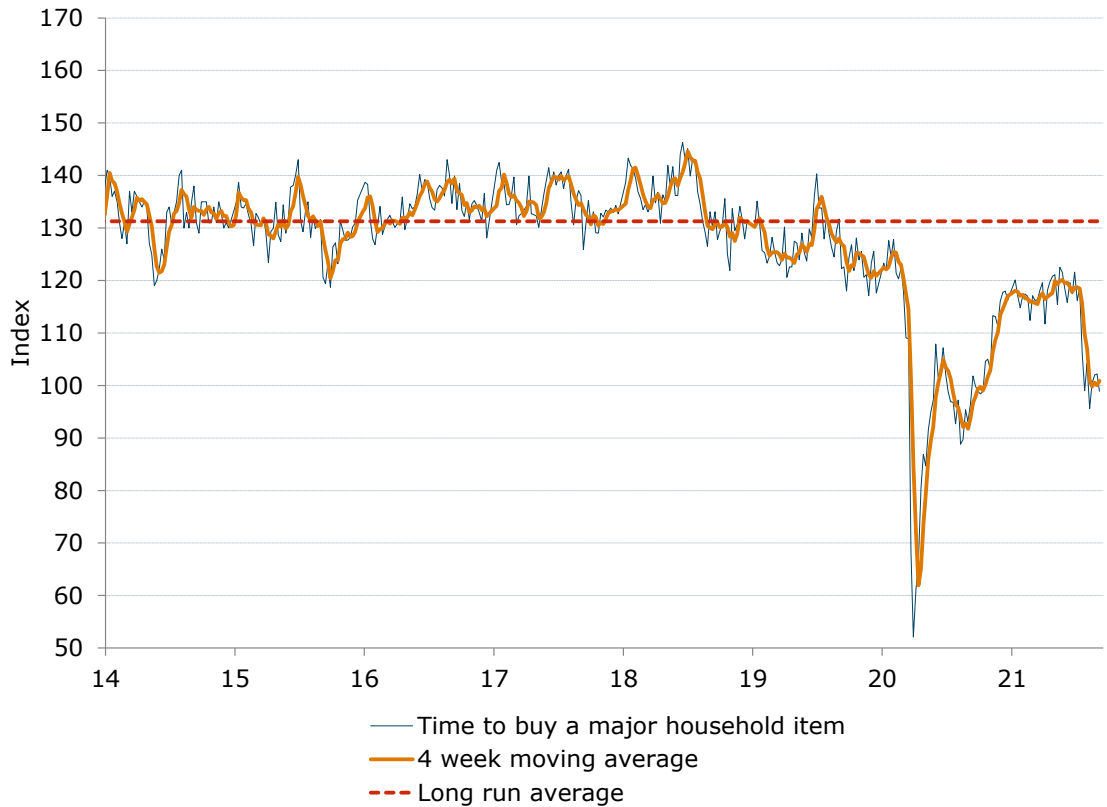
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**Figure 6. 'Future economic conditions' gained 1.9%**



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

**Figure 7. 'Time to buy a major household item' lost 3.2%**

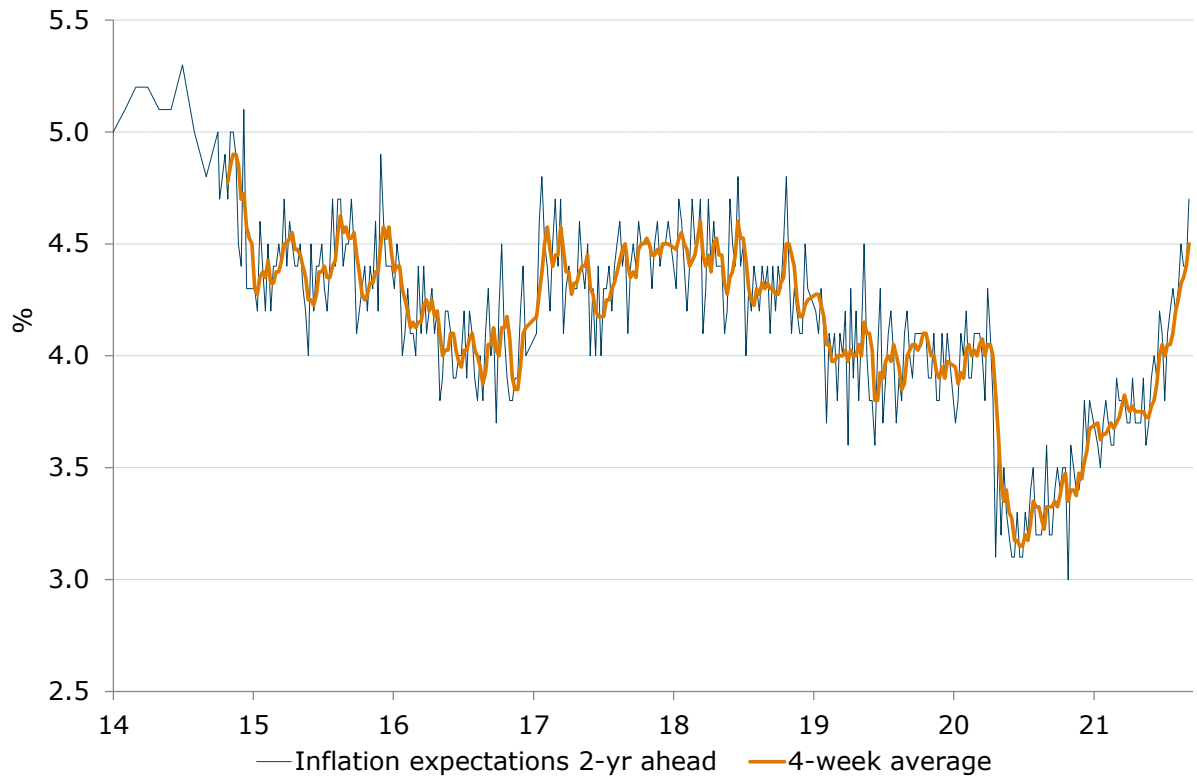


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**Figure 8. Weekly inflation expectations rate rose 0.3ppt to 4.7% pushing its four-week moving average up 0.1ppt to 4.5%**



\* Data from Oct-2014 is weekly.  
Data prior to that is monthly.

Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan



## Data table

Table 1. ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence

	Headline index		Subindices				Inflation expectations	
	Last week	4-week moving average	1. Financial situation compared to a year ago	2. Financial situation next year	3. Economic conditions next year	4. Economic conditions next 5 years	5. Time to buy a major household item	6. Inflation expectations 2-year ahead (%)
<b>Avg since 2001</b>	115	-	102	124	103	113	132	-
<b>2010 avg</b>	124	-	101	127	124	130	139	5.7
<b>2011 avg</b>	114	-	97	117	101	116	140	6.0
<b>2012 avg</b>	113	-	99	118	97	113	138	5.8
<b>2013 avg</b>	119	-	104	128	106	118	139	5.0
<b>2014 avg</b>	111	-	104	121	94	106	132	4.9
<b>2015 avg</b>	112	-	107	124	94	106	131	4.4
<b>2016 avg</b>	115	-	109	127	99	108	134	4.1
<b>2017 avg</b>	114	-	105	124	100	105	135	4.4
<b>2018 avg</b>	119	-	108	126	109	113	135	4.4
<b>2019 avg</b>	114	-	109	126	101	109	126	4.0
<b>02-Aug-20</b>	88.6	90.0	88.5	112.8	53.6	90.8	97.2	3.2
<b>09-Aug-20</b>	86.5	88.7	90.9	110.7	49.2	92.8	88.8	3.2
<b>16-Aug-20</b>	88.6	88.2	89.2	115.3	54.4	94.3	89.7	3.2
<b>23-Aug-20</b>	92.7	89.1	90.4	118.4	61.5	98.0	95.4	3.3
<b>30-Aug-20</b>	90.2	89.5	88.1	115.2	59.3	95.4	93.1	3.6
<b>06-Sep-20</b>	91.1	90.7	87.6	112.9	58.9	99.3	96.7	3.2
<b>13-Sep-20</b>	92.4	91.6	90.8	114.3	59.2	96.1	101.8	3.2
<b>20-Sep-20</b>	93.5	91.8	87.9	114.8	64.2	100.8	99.9	3.4
<b>27-Sep-20</b>	95.0	93.0	88.8	115.1	70.8	101.3	98.9	3.5
<b>04-Oct-20</b>	95.7	94.2	91.7	115.4	70.0	102.9	98.4	3.4
<b>11-Oct-20</b>	97.7	95.5	90.3	119.7	73.2	106.1	98.9	3.5
<b>18-Oct-20</b>	98.1	96.6	91.0	117.2	73.5	104.3	104.6	3.5
<b>25-Oct-20</b>	99.7	97.8	94.2	118.6	75.4	105.4	105.0	3.0
<b>01-Nov-20</b>	99.9	98.9	88.4	120.1	81.7	106.1	103.0	3.6
<b>08-Nov-20</b>	103.1	100.2	93.8	118.7	83.2	106.3	113.3	3.5
<b>15-Nov-20</b>	106.6	102.3	95.3	122.9	90.0	111.4	113.1	3.4
<b>22-Nov-20</b>	104.5	103.5	91.0	122.9	87.1	110.2	111.3	3.4
<b>29-Nov-20</b>	107.5	105.4	93.1	123.1	93.7	111.8	116.0	3.5
<b>06-Dec-20</b>	109.3	107.0	92.5	125.6	96.4	114.0	117.7	3.8
<b>13-Dec-20</b>	111.2	108.1	98.4	126.2	99.2	114.0	118.0	3.6
<b>20-Dec-20</b>	109.0	109.3	96.2	127.3	94.6	110.6	116.3	3.8
<b>10-Jan-21</b>	108.9	109.6	98.2	124.9	92.4	109.1	120.1	3.6
<b>17-Jan-21</b>	108.7	109.5	95.3	127.9	93.5	109.6	117.2	3.5
<b>24-Jan-21</b>	111.2	109.5	97.6	125.7	102.0	116.1	114.8	3.7
<b>31-Jan-21</b>	112.1	110.2	101.4	129.6	99.3	113.3	117.0	3.8
<b>07-Feb-21</b>	111.4	110.9	97.9	126.9	101.0	113.8	117.4	3.7
<b>14-Feb-21</b>	109.9	111.2	98.1	123.3	99.2	111.8	117.0	3.6
<b>21-Feb-21</b>	109.2	110.7	98.0	123.0	99.2	113.6	112.4	3.6
<b>28-Feb-21</b>	110.3	110.2	97.8	124.3	101.6	110.6	117.1	3.9
<b>07-Mar-21</b>	111.9	110.3	99.3	125.7	105.3	112.9	116.2	3.8
<b>14-Mar-21</b>	110.9	110.6	96.8	125.0	104.7	111.7	116.3	3.8
<b>21-Mar-21</b>	110.4	110.9	98.9	121.8	102.6	110.8	118.2	3.8
<b>28-Mar-21</b>	112.3	111.4	103.3	126.8	103.1	108.5	119.6	3.7
<b>04-Apr-21</b>	107.7	110.3	97.5	122.5	99.1	107.7	111.7	3.7
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<b>25-Apr-21</b>	112.4	112.1	102.5	123.8	105.9	109.2	120.8	3.7
<b>02-May-21</b>	112.7	113.3	104.8	124.2	106.8	106.7	121.1	3.7
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<b>06-Jun-21</b>	110.7	112.2	103.4	126.1	101.7	106.6	115.8	4.0
<b>13-Jun-21</b>	111.0	111.8	99.0	124.2	103.1	109.0	119.6	3.9
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<b>29-Aug-21</b>	101.8	100.8	99.5	123.1	83.2	101.2	102.2	4.4
<b>05-Sep-21</b>	100.0	101.1	97.2	118.2	82.6	103.1	98.9	4.7

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