

# ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence Media Release

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## Concern over financial conditions induces weakness

- Consumer confidence declined 0.7% last week, driven lower by weakness in financial conditions.
- 'Current finances' fell 4% compared to the prior week, while 'future finances' declined 5.2% - its second straight weekly loss.
- In contrast to the weakness in financial conditions, confidence in economic conditions rose. 'Current economic conditions' gained 2.4%, building on the strong rise of 6.5% in the previous reading. 'Future economic conditions' rose 2.7%.
- 'Time to buy a major household item' gained 1.7%, after declining for two successive weeks. The four-week moving average for 'inflation expectations' was stable at 4%.

## ANZ-Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence and inflation expectations

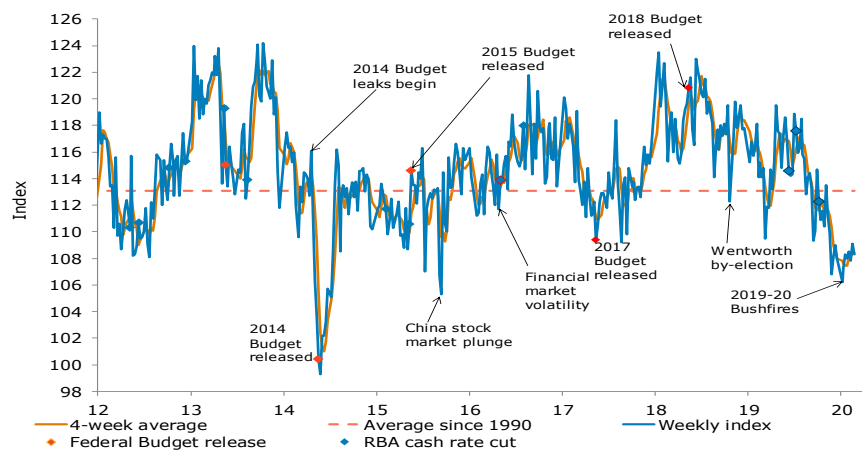
Last weekend (22-23 Feb)	Weekly change, %	Four-week average	Monthly average since 1990	Inflation expectations (4-week ma)
108.3	-0.7%	108.4	113.1	4.0%

Data collected last weekend (Saturday and Sunday), based on around 1,000 face-to-face interviews. Not seasonally adjusted. Further data history on page 6.

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

A sharp rise in unemployment and underemployment may explain the fall in ANZ Roy-Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence index last week. Overall confidence is up from its recent low, though still well below average. The decline in confidence was due to weakness in the financial conditions subcomponent. It is possible that news about rising labour market has slack has people concerned about their personal finances. Sentiment toward 'current finances' is down 7.5% from its early January high, though still a touch above average. In contrast to the weakness in financial conditions, sentiment toward economic conditions was higher. It is still well below that on financial conditions, however, though the gap between the two has narrowed.

## Confidence decline 0.7%

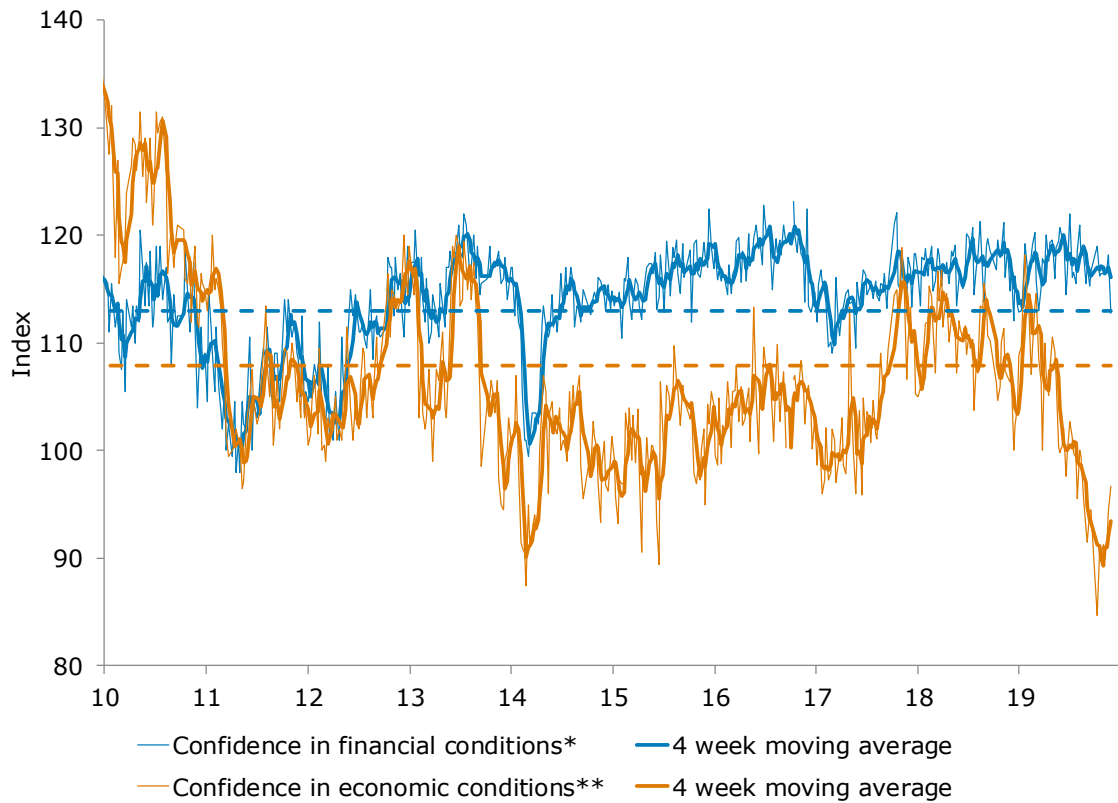


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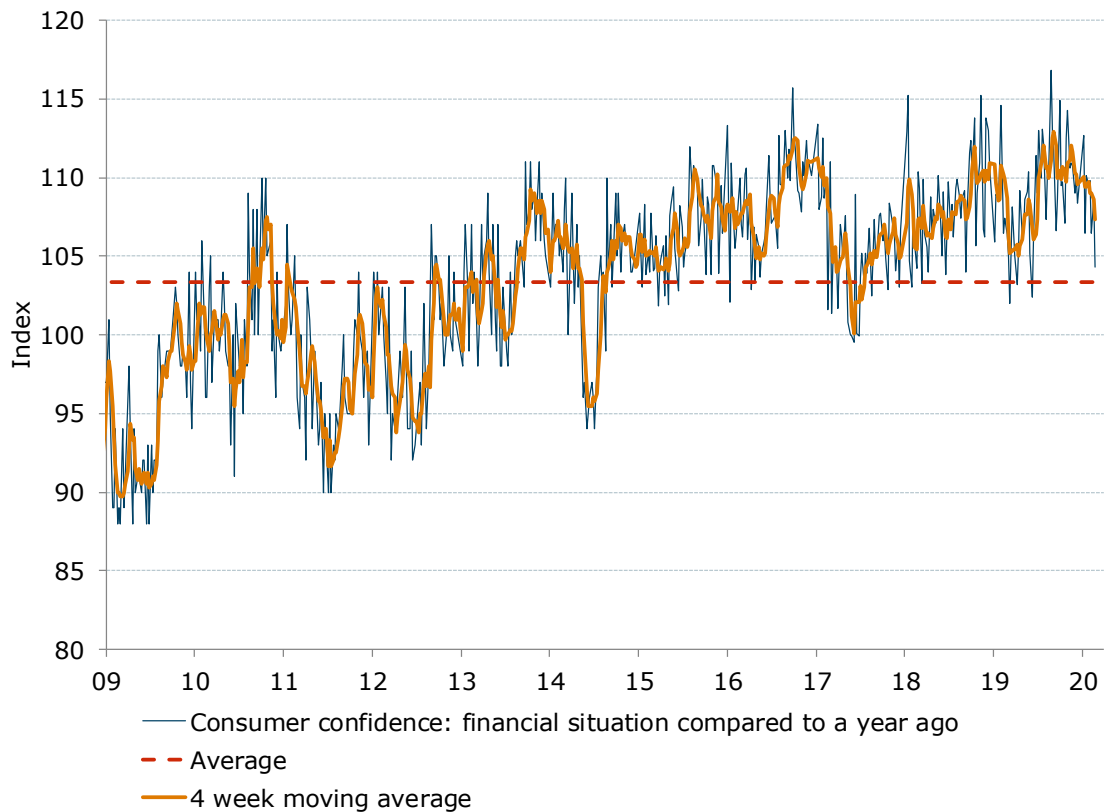
**Figure 1. 'Financial' and 'economic' conditions gap narrows, but still wide**



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 2. 'Current finances' decline 4% but remain above the long-run average**

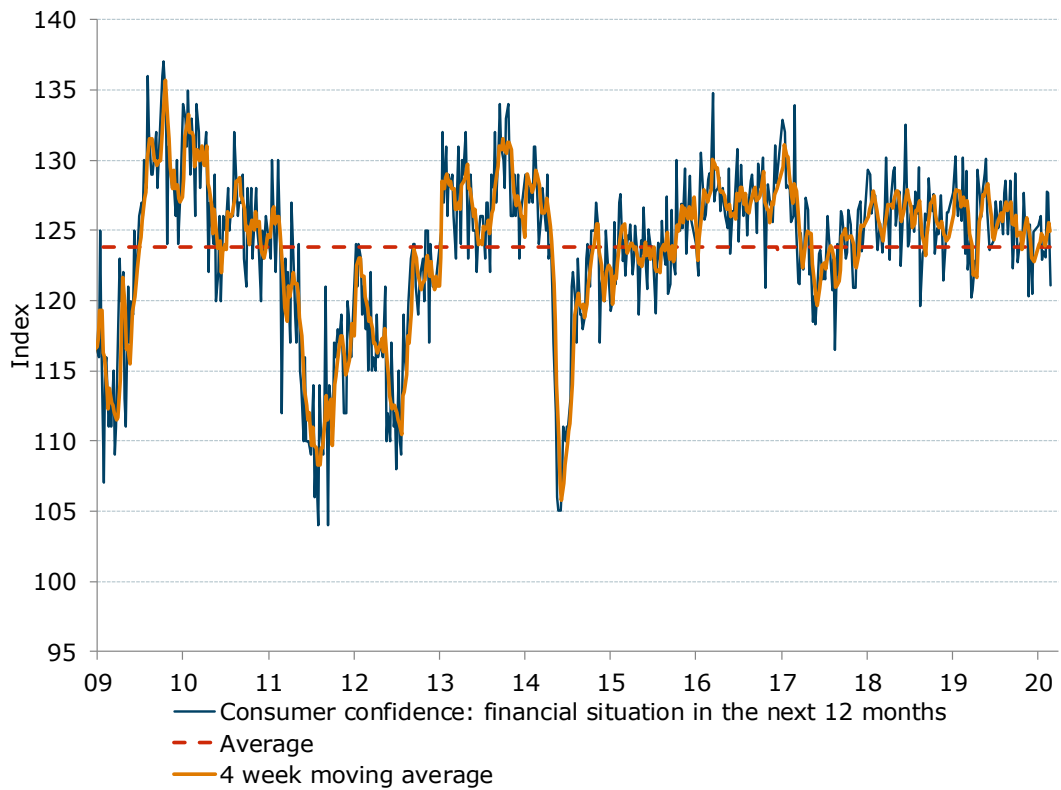


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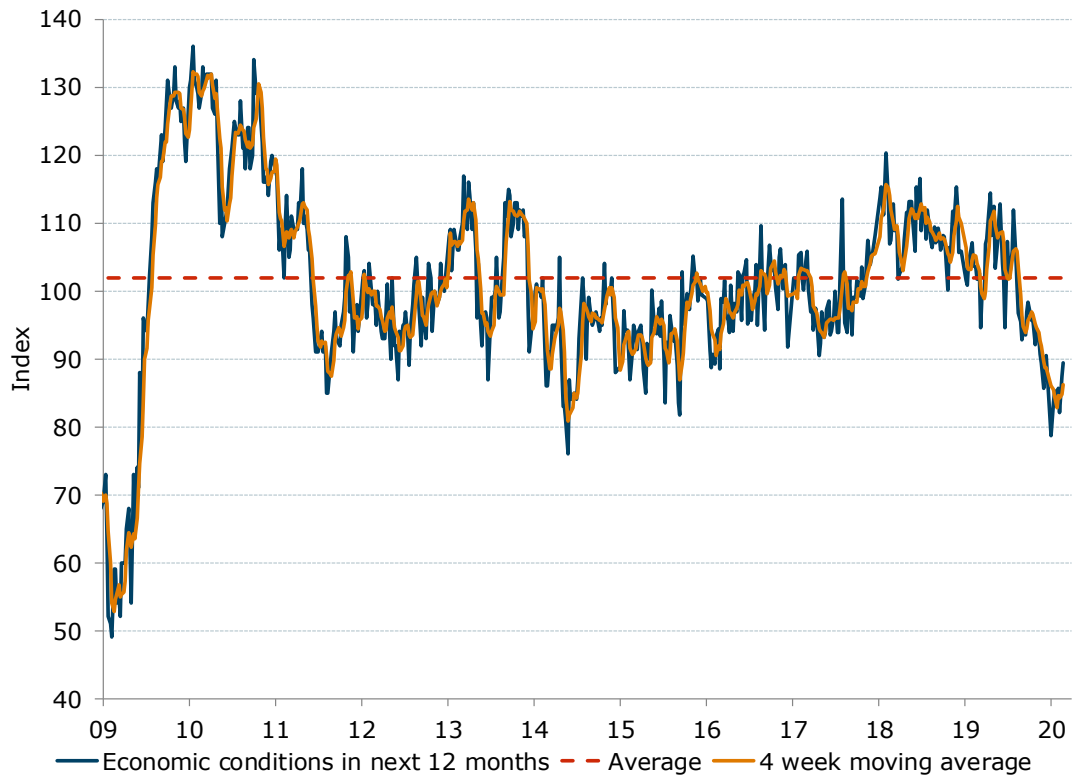
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**Figure 3. 'Future financial conditions' down, declining 5.2% and below long-run average**



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

**Figure 4. 'Current economic conditions' gain 2.4% building on the previous rise of 6.5%**

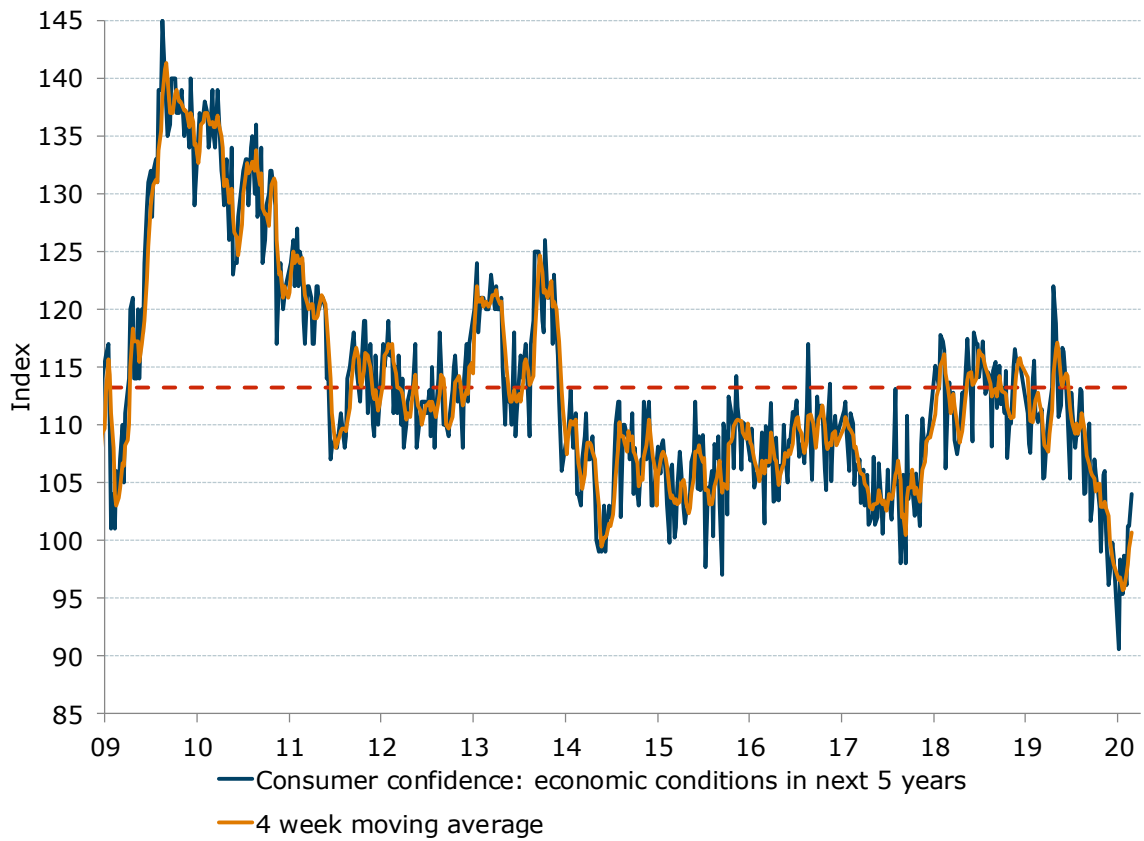


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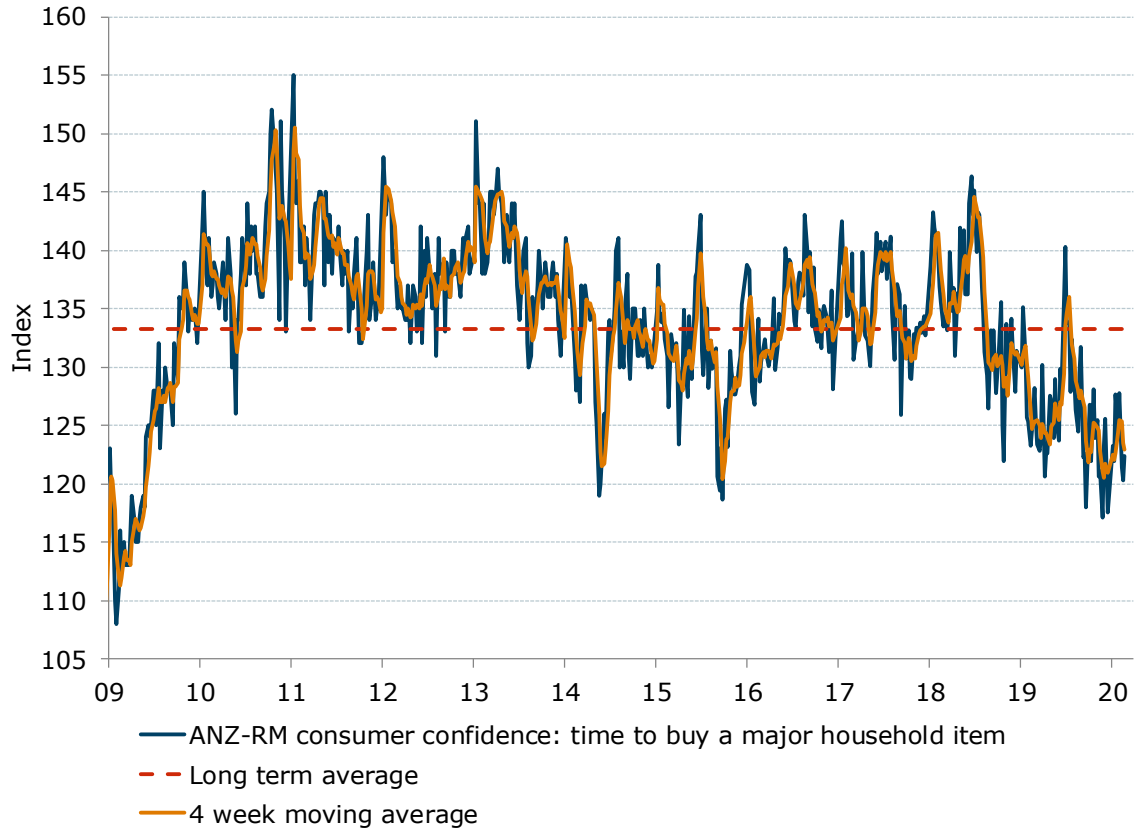
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**Figure 5. 'Future economic conditions' gain 2.7%**



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**Figure 6. 'Time to buy a household item' gain 1.7%**

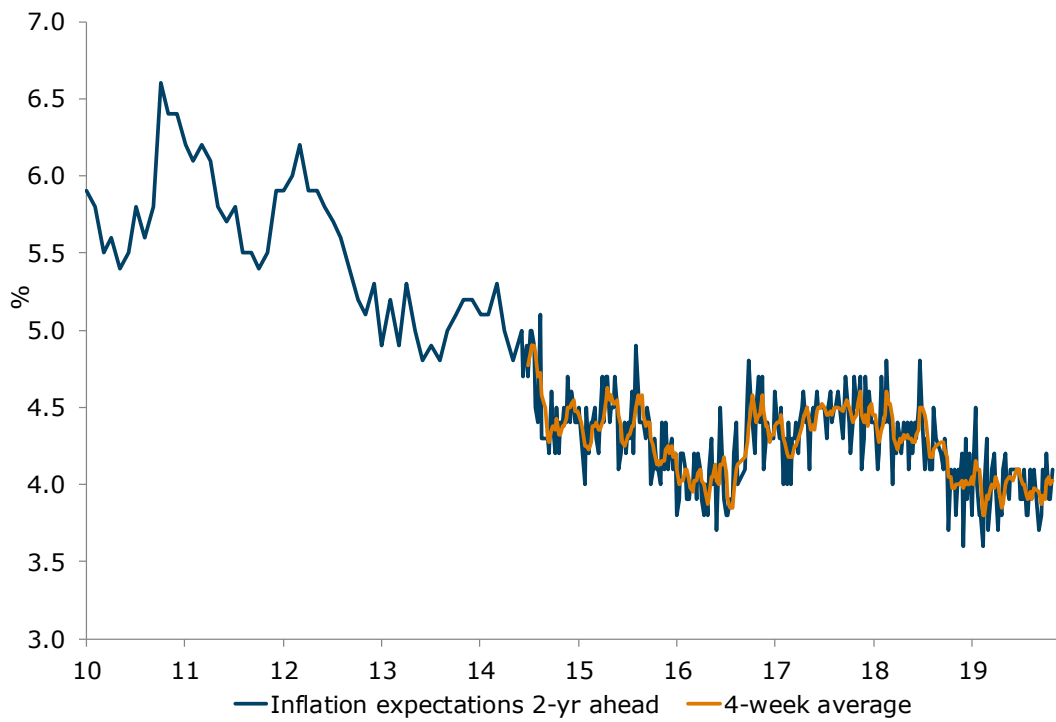


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**Figure 7. Four-week moving average 'inflation expectations' stable at 4.0%**



\* 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>	116	-	103	124	105	114	134	-
<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>7-Apr-19</b>	113.2	112.9	103.2	122.8	107.7	111.6	120.6	4.3
<b>14-Apr-19</b>	115.3	113.8	105.4	122.9	112.2	113.3	122.6	3.9
<b>21-Apr-19</b>	119.5	115.7	109.2	129.3	114.4	122.0	122.6	4.2
<b>28-Apr-19</b>	117.6	116.4	106.3	127.4	108.1	118.8	127.5	3.8
<b>5-May-19</b>	117.3	117.4	106.5	125.9	112.5	114.5	127.1	4.1
<b>12-May-19</b>	114.8	117.3	108.6	127.6	103.4	110.7	123.9	4.5
<b>19-May-19</b>	117.2	116.7	109.1	129.1	107.3	111.7	129.0	4.0
<b>26-May-19</b>	118.6	117.0	110.4	130.1	110.5	116.7	125.3	3.8
<b>2-Jun-19</b>	116.9	116.9	105.2	126.4	112.8	116.4	123.7	3.8
<b>9-Jun-19</b>	114.6	116.8	102.4	123.6	104.0	113.1	129.8	3.6
<b>16-Jun-19</b>	114.2	116.1	106.4	123.9	101.6	111.0	128.2	4.0
<b>23-Jun-19</b>	114.3	115.0	111.4	124.2	94.6	105.4	136.0	4.3
<b>30-Jun-19</b>	118.9	115.5	109.0	125.5	107.2	112.8	140.3	3.7
<b>7-Jul-19</b>	117.6	116.3	113.0	127.1	103.3	110.9	133.8	3.9
<b>14-Jul-19</b>	115.9	116.7	110.0	125.2	102.3	108.0	133.8	4.1
<b>21-Jul-19</b>	116.3	117.2	113.1	125.6	105.8	109.1	127.9	4.2
<b>28-Jul-19</b>	118.5	117.1	112.1	127.1	111.9	109.1	132.4	4.0
<b>4-Aug-19</b>	115.8	116.6	107.3	124.7	105.1	113.2	128.9	3.7
<b>11-Aug-19</b>	115.5	116.5	110.1	127.7	100.6	112.9	126.3	3.9
<b>18-Aug-19</b>	112.8	115.7	110.3	128.5	96.8	104.0	124.5	3.8
<b>25-Aug-19</b>	114.1	114.6	116.8	124.7	95.4	104.2	129.5	4.1
<b>1-Sep-19</b>	114.4	114.2	113.0	126.3	92.8	108.2	131.7	4.2
<b>8-Sep-19</b>	113.3	113.7	111.7	128.5	94.1	110.1	122.3	4.0
<b>15-Sep-19</b>	109.3	112.8	106.6	122.3	93.5	101.7	122.6	3.9
<b>22-Sep-19</b>	110.1	111.8	108.6	124.3	96.9	102.7	118.0	4.1
<b>29-Sep-19</b>	114.7	111.9	114.9	129.1	98.3	107.0	124.3	4.1
<b>6-Oct-19</b>	112.3	111.6	109.5	122.7	96.6	105.8	126.8	4.1
<b>13-Oct-19</b>	110.9	112.0	109.7	123.5	95.6	104.0	121.9	4.1
<b>20-Oct-19</b>	111.6	112.4	107.1	124.0	95.9	102.9	128.1	4.1
<b>27-Oct-19</b>	110.4	111.3	112.5	124.5	92.1	99.0	123.9	3.9
<b>3-Nov-19</b>	113.5	111.6	114.3	127.7	94.5	105.7	125.5	3.9
<b>10-Nov-19</b>	111.1	111.7	110.6	125.6	93.0	106.0	120.6	4.1
<b>17-Nov-19</b>	109.9	111.2	110.9	125.8	90.6	100.8	121.1	3.8
<b>24-Nov-19</b>	106.8	110.3	110.8	120.3	89.4	96.2	117.1	3.8
<b>1-Dec-19</b>	108.1	109.0	109.0	125.4	85.7	97.2	123.3	4.1
<b>8-Dec-19</b>	109.0	108.5	110.1	120.5	89.0	99.8	125.6	3.9
<b>15-Dec-19</b>	108.0	108.0	108.4	124.9	90.4	98.6	117.6	4.1
<b>5-Jan-20</b>	106.2	107.8	112.7	125.3	78.7	90.6	123.3	3.7
<b>12-Jan-20</b>	107.3	107.6	106.5	126.0	83.5	98.4	121.9	3.8
<b>19-Jan-20</b>	108.3	107.5	110.1	122.9	85.3	95.4	127.6	4.1
<b>26-Jan-20</b>	108.0	107.5	109.5	123.5	83.8	98.7	124.5	4.0
<b>2-Feb-20</b>	108.5	108.0	109.8	123.1	85.6	96.2	127.8	4.2
<b>9-Feb-20</b>	107.8	108.2	106.5	127.8	82.1	101.3	121.4	3.9
<b>16-Feb-20</b>	109.1	108.4	108.6	127.7	87.4	101.3	120.3	3.9
<b>23-Feb-20</b>	108.3	108.4	104.3	121.1	89.5	104.0	122.4	4.1

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