

ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence Media Release

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Confidence back above its long-run average

- ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence was up by 2.6% last week. The uptick has resulted in the index closing near its one month high.
- The sub-indices were higher, with the exception of current financial conditions which fell 1.5%. Future financial conditions rose a modest 0.4% after the fall of 3.3% last week.
- Current economic conditions jumped 8.1% compared to a fall of 0.1% previously. Future economic conditions were up by 1.3%.
- The 'time to buy a household item' showed some strength, gaining 5%. Four-week moving average inflation expectations were stable at 4%, though the weekly reading was down sharply.

ANZ-Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence and inflation expectations

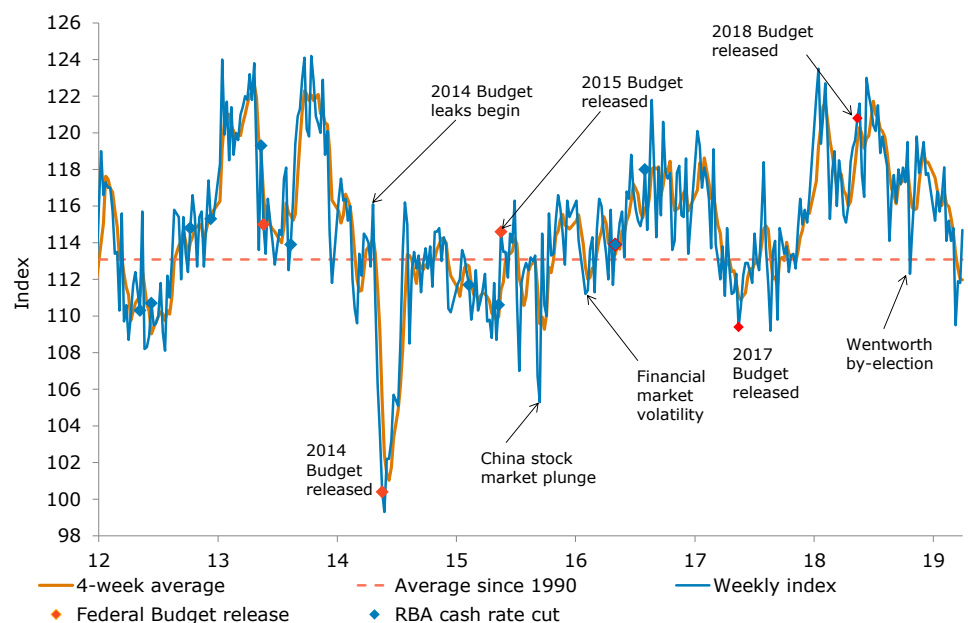
Last week (30–31 Mar)	Weekly change, %	Four-week average	Monthly average since 1990	Inflation expectations (four-week ma)
114.7	2.6%	112	113.1	4.0%

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 Senior Economist, David Plank, commented:

"Consumers head into the Budget with confidence above average and at the highest level for some weeks. Talk of additional tax cuts and spending may be supporting sentiment. News that job vacancies are continuing to lift may also have provided a boost. There is a lot of news this week that could impact how consumers perceive the outlook, not least the RBA statement and the Budget."

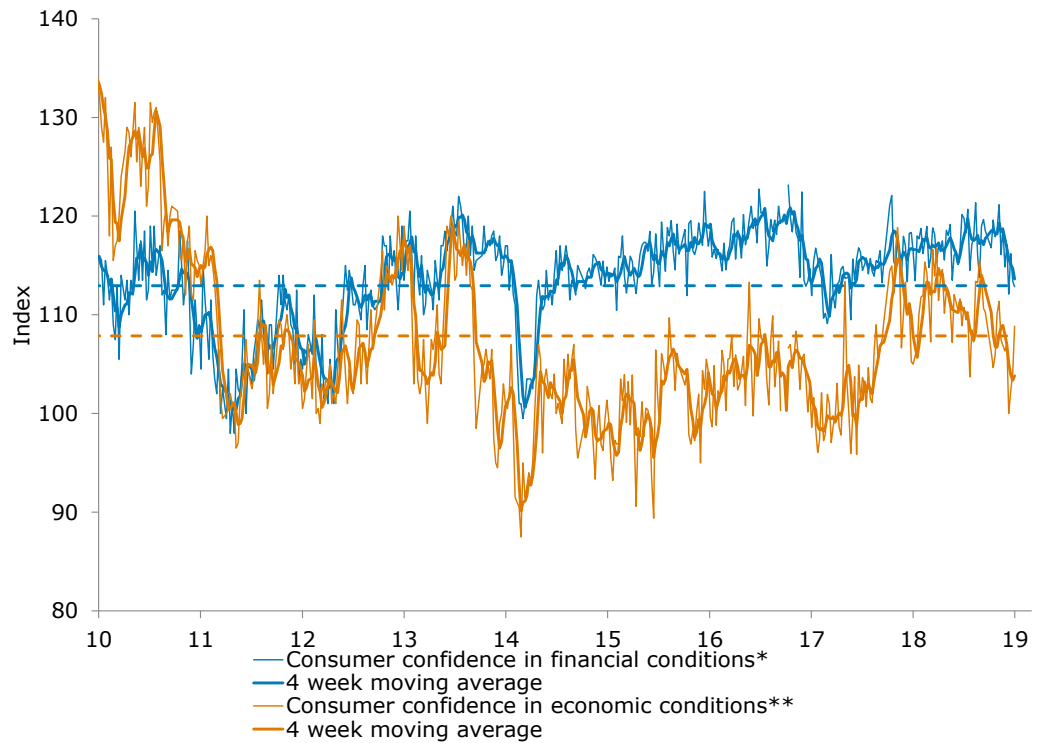
Confidence gain by 2.6%



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan



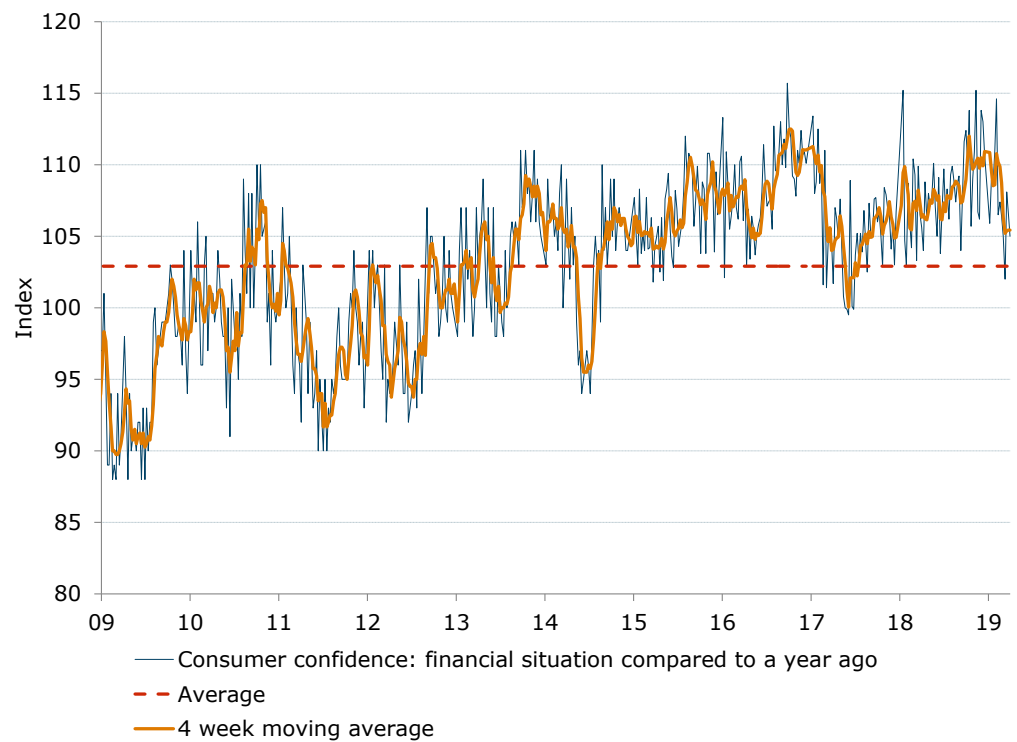
Figure 1. Financial conditions were mixed, while economic conditions were up by a significant margin



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.

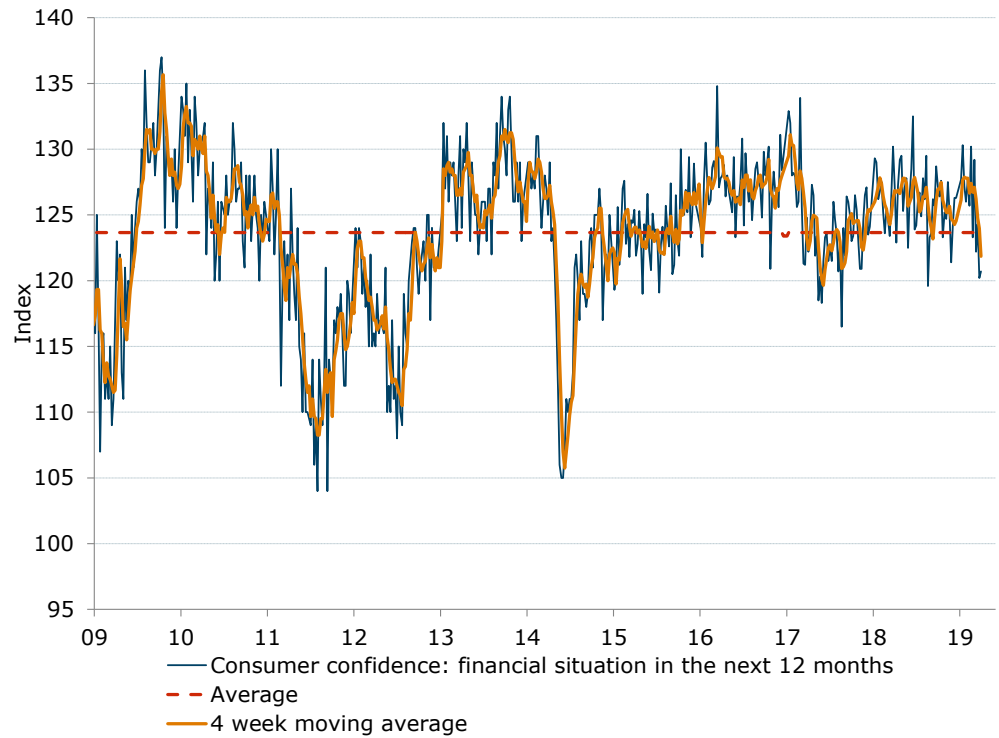
Figure 2. Current finances lower but still above the long-run average



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

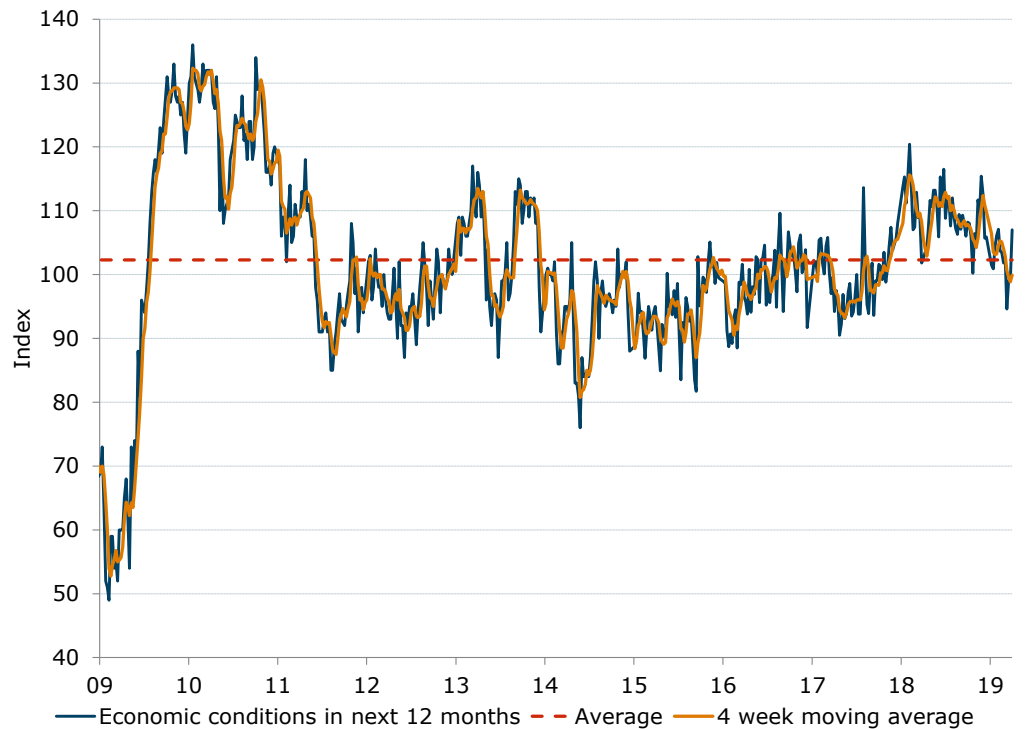


Figure 3. Future financial conditions were up, but still below the long-run average



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

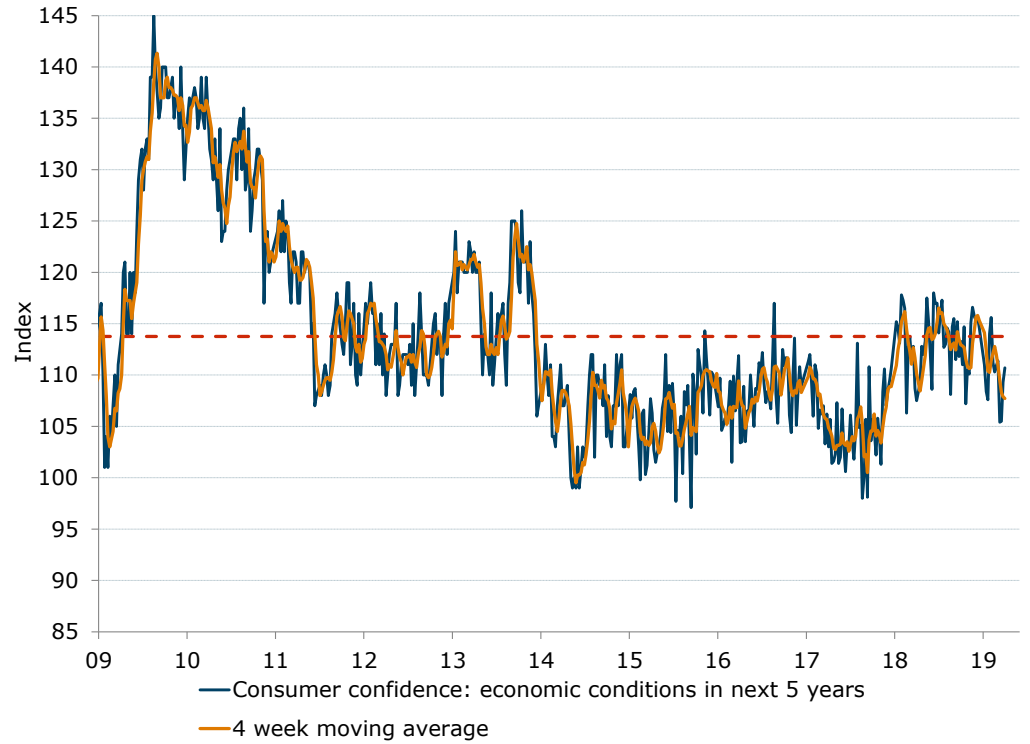
Figure 4. Sentiment towards current economic conditions up by 8.1%



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

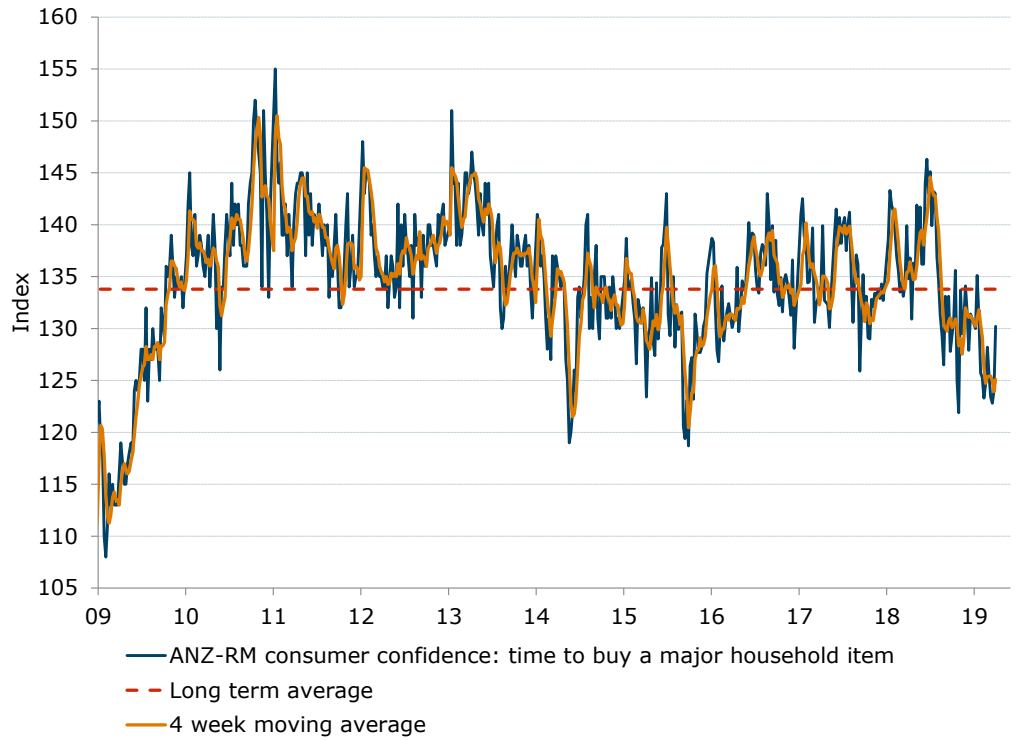


Figure 5. Future economic conditions on its third weekly gain



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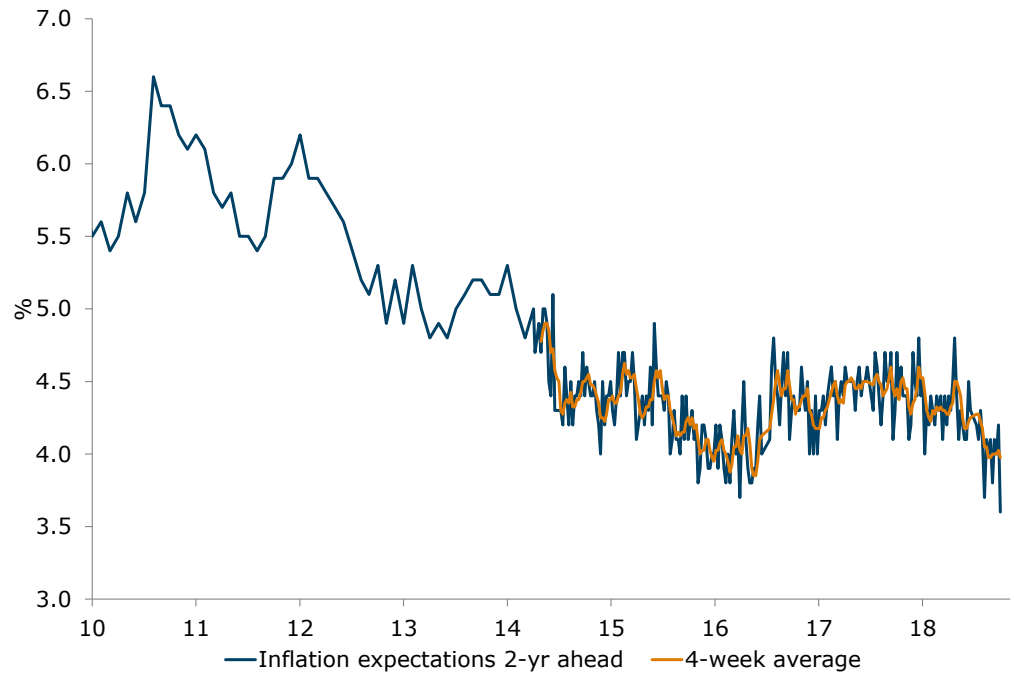
Figure 6. 'Time to buy a household item' up by 5%



Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan



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 (%)
Avg since 2001	116	-	103	124	105	114	134	-
2011 avg	114	-	97	117	101	116	140	6.0
2012 avg	113	-	99	118	97	113	138	5.8
2013 avg	119	-	104	128	106	118	139	5.0
2014 avg	111	-	104	121	94	106	132	4.9
2015 avg	112	-	107	124	94	106	131	4.4
2016 avg	115	-	109	127	99	108	134	4.1
2017 avg	114	-	105	124	100	105	135	4.4
2018 avg	118.5	-	108	126	109	113	135	4.4
7-Jan-18	122.0	117.4	112.9	129.3	113.7	115.2	138.6	4.3
14-Jan-18	123.5	119.3	115.2	129.0	115.3	114.6	143.3	4.7
21-Jan-18	119.4	120.4	104.7	126.2	111.2	113.1	141.9	4.6
28-Jan-18	120.9	121.5	103.0	126.8	115.6	117.8	141.3	4.4
4-Feb-18	122.7	121.6	108.7	127.5	120.4	117.3	139.5	4.2
11-Feb-18	119.5	120.6	105.9	125.2	113.2	116.5	136.9	4.4
18-Feb-18	115.3	119.6	104.2	123.6	107.0	106.3	135.6	4.7
25-Feb-18	117.9	118.9	110.4	125.5	107.4	112.7	133.5	4.5
4-Mar-18	119.0	117.9	109.3	124.6	112.9	113.7	134.4	4.5
11-Mar-18	116.0	117.1	103.3	123.4	108.9	111.5	133.1	4.7
18-Mar-18	118.5	117.9	109.9	126.6	109.2	112.8	134.2	4.1
25-Mar-18	117.4	117.7	106.5	130.2	101.8	108.7	139.9	4.3
1-Apr-18	115.5	116.9	105.6	127.2	102.5	107.5	134.8	4.7
8-Apr-18	115.1	116.6	104.0	122.9	103.4	108.3	136.8	4.4
15-Apr-18	116.0	116.0	108.8	127.2	103.9	109.3	130.9	4.6
22-Apr-18	118.4	116.3	106.2	129.2	107.4	112.8	136.3	4.4
29-Apr-18	119.2	117.2	108.0	129.5	111.6	112.0	135.1	4.4
6-May-18	119.6	118.3	107.1	125.3	110.6	113.3	141.9	4.4
13-May-18	120.8	119.5	107.9	127.1	113.20	117.5	138.1	4.1
20-May-18	121.6	120.3	110.1	127.8	113.20	115.3	141.7	4.2
27-May-18	117.7	119.9	107.1	122.5	110.5	112.4	136.2	4.7
3-Jun-18	116.5	119.2	105.0	126.5	105.9	108.6	136.2	4.5
10-Jun-18	123.0	119.7	109.1	128.5	115.3	118.0	144.0	4.4
17-Jun-18	122.1	119.8	103.8	132.5	110.9	117.0	146.3	4.8
24-Jun-18	121.4	120.8	106.7	123.9	116.5	117.0	143.0	4.4
1-Jul-18	120.4	121.7	109.7	124.2	108.8	114.1	145.1	4.5
8-Jul-18	120.1	121.0	106.7	126.1	111.7	115.9	139.9	4.0
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22-Jul-18	118.9	120.2	106.2	124.9	107.6	112.7	143.0	4.2
29-Jul-18	119.8	120.1	109.3	127.8	112.0	113.0	136.9	4.4
5-Aug-18	118.9	119.8	109.9	126.2	109.0	114.6	134.6	4.3
12-Aug-18	118.2	119.0	108.8	129.5	107.2	114.2	131.3	4.2
19-Aug-18	114.1	117.8	107.4	119.6	106.3	108.1	129.3	4.4
26-Aug-18	116.5	116.9	108.7	123.3	109.4	114.7	126.5	4.3
2-Sep-18	117.7	116.6	109.2	123.6	107.1	115.5	133.1	4.4
9-Sep-18	116.2	116.1	104.0	126.2	109.3	111.5	130.1	4.1
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