

Connector Prices Will Increase

Price Analysis

The Price Index for the 4th quarter of 2024 is 3.413 and will be 3.536 six months from now.

Industry personnel were asked, "In your opinion, what happened to connector prices in the past six months, and what will happen during the next six months?" The results of the Oct/Nov/Dec survey are shown in the following table:

Change in Connector Prices

Price Change	Last 6 Months	Next 6 Months
<i>Change in Connector Prices</i>		
Increase a lot	3.4%	3.6%
Increase a little	44.9%	53.6%
Stay the same	44.9%	35.7%
Decrease a little	3.4%	53.6%
Decrease a lot	3.4%	3.6%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

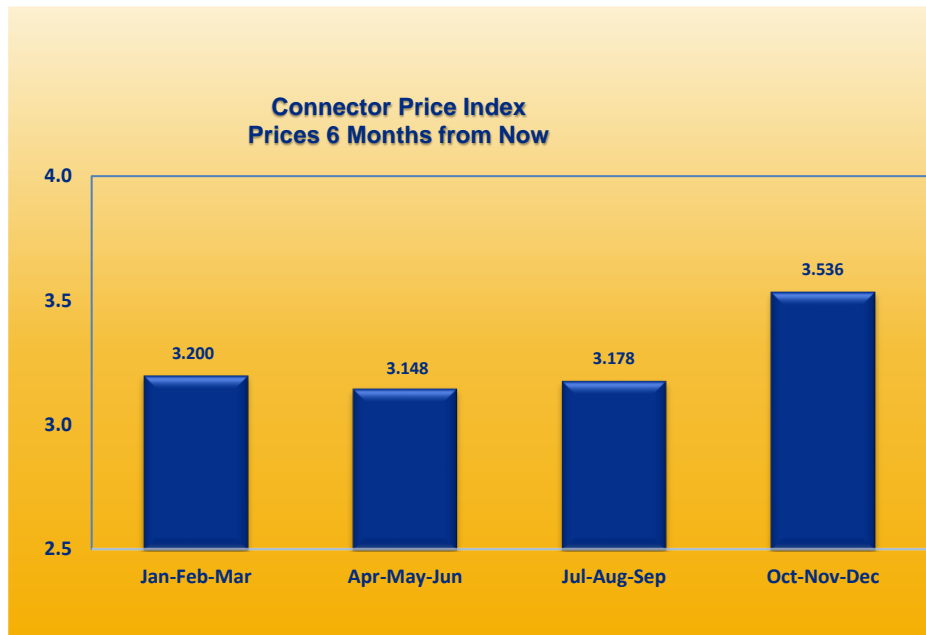
Oct/Nov/Dec	3.413	3.536
Jul/Aug/Sep	3.137	3.178
Apr/May/Jun	3.214	3.148
Jan/Feb/Mar	3.371	3.200

A price index above 3.000 means industry personnel believe prices have or will increase. Methodology: Increase A Lot = 5; Increase A Little = 4; Stay the Same = 3; Decline A Little = 2; Decline A Lot = 1

The following table displays the distribution of responses to the question of prices.

Prices	Last 6 Months	Next 6 Months
Decrease 1-2%	0.0%	3.6%
Decrease 3-4%	10.0%	10.7%
Decrease 5-6%	0.0%	10.7%
Decrease 7-8%	0.0%	0.0%
Decrease 9-10	3.3%	0.0%
Decrease >10%	0.0%	0.0%
Stay The Same	33.3%	25.0%
Increase 1-2%	13.3%	28.5%
Increase 3-4%	26.8%	14.3%
Increase 5-6%	6.7%	3.6%
Increase 7-8%	3.3%	0.0%
Increase 9-10%	3.3%	0.0%
Increase >10%	0.0%	3.6%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

Distribution of Responses



Lead Times

Industry personnel were asked, “In your opinion, is lead time increasing, staying the same, or decreasing now and six months from now?”

The following table provides the survey results, including distribution of responses:

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Lead Times	Now	In 6 Months
Increase	32.1%	21.4%
Stay the Same	60.7%	67.9%
Decrease	7.2%	10.7%
Total	100.0%	100.0%
1 Week	0.0%	0.0%
2 Weeks	0.0%	13.3%
3 Weeks	24.1%	10.0%
4 Weeks	14.0%	20.1%
5 Weeks	3.4%	6.7%
6 Weeks	17.2%	13.3%
7 Weeks	13.8%	10.0%
8 Weeks	3.4%	10.0%
9 Weeks	3.4%	3.3%
10-12 Weeks	10.3%	6.7%
13-16 Weeks	3.4%	3.3%
>16 Weeks	7.0%	3.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

Average in Weeks - Oct/Nov/Dec	6.8	6.0
Average in Weeks - Jul/Aug/Sep	7.2	7.4
Average in Weeks - Apr/May/Jun	7.5	7.1
Average in Weeks - Jan/Feb/Mar	8.2	7.7

Lead times are at 6.8 weeks now and forecast to be 6.0 in six months.