

## No Surprise Connector Prices are Rising

### Price Analysis

The Price Index for the 1st quarter of 2026 was 3.700 and will be 4.100 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 Jan/Feb/Mar 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	20.0%	19.0%
Increase a little	45.0%	53.0%
Stay the same	25.0%	24.0%
Decrease a little	5.0%	4.0%
Decrease a lot	5.0%	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

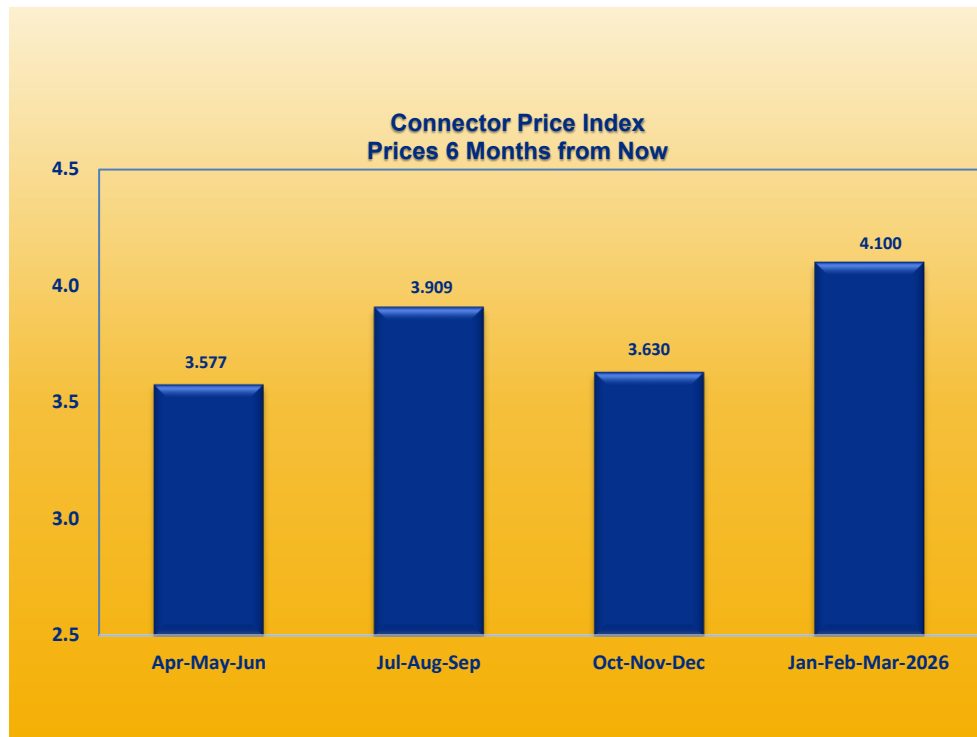
Jan/Feb/Mar	3.700	4.100
Oct/Nov/Dec	3.480	3.630
Jul/Aug/Sep	3.739	3.909

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.

### Distribution of Responses

Prices	Last 6 Months	Next 6 Months
Decrease 1-2%	0.0%	15.0%
Decrease 3-4%	15.0%	5.0%
Decrease 5-6%	5.0%	5.0%
Decrease 7-8%	0.0%	0.0%
Decrease 9-10	0.0%	0.0%
Decrease >10%	0.0%	0.0%
Stay The Same	25.0%	20.0%
Increase 1-2%	5.0%	0.0%
Increase 3-4%	10.0%	15.0%
Increase 5-6%	25.0%	15.0%
Increase 7-8%	0.0%	10.0%
Increase 9-10%	0.0%	5.0%
Increase >10%	15.0%	10.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



## 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:

### Order Lead Times on Connectors

Lead Times	Now	In 6 Months
Increase	55.0%	45.0%
Stay the Same	45.0%	55.0%
Decrease	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
1 Week	5.0%	5.0%
2 Weeks	5.0%	5.0%
3 Weeks	10.0%	0.0%
4 Weeks	5.0%	20.0%
5 Weeks	10.0%	15.0%
6 Weeks	15.0%	0.0%
7 Weeks	0.0%	0.0%
8 Weeks	30.0%	15.0%
9 Weeks	0.0%	5.0%
10-12 Weeks	5.0%	15.0%
13-16 Weeks	15.0%	15.0%
>16 Weeks	0.0%	5.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Average in Weeks - Jan/Feb/Mar	5.3	8.0
Average in Weeks - Oct/Nov/Dec	7.6	8.4
Average in Weeks - Jul/Aug/Sep	7.0	7.2

Lead times are at 5.3 weeks now and are forecast to be 8.0 in six months.