

Industry Projects Higher Prices in the Future

Price Analysis

The Price Index for the 2nd quarter of 2026 was 4.000 and will be 3.720 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 Apr/May/Jun 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	24.0%	12.0%
Increase a little	60.0%	64.0%
Stay the same	12.0%	12.0%
Decrease a little	0.0%	8.0%
Decrease a lot	4.0%	4.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

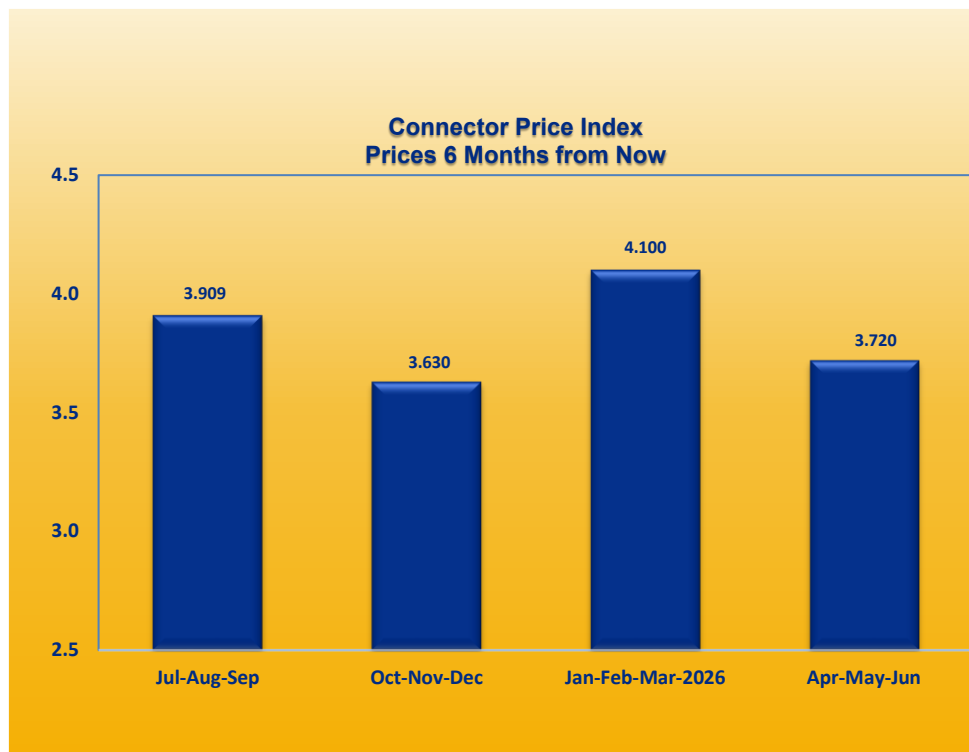
Jan/Feb/Mar	3.700	4.100
Apr/May/Jun	4.000	3.720

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%	11.5%
Decrease 3-4%	3.7%	0.0%
Decrease 5-6%	3.7%	11.5%
Decrease 7-8%	7.4%	0.0%
Decrease 9-10%	7.4%	0.0%
Decrease >10%	0.0%	0.0%
Stay The Same	11.1%	11.5%
Increase 1-2%	11.1%	15.4%
Increase 3-4%	22.2%	19.3%
Increase 5-6%	18.6%	15.4%
Increase 7-8%	3.7%	7.7%
Increase 9-10%	7.4%	7.7%
Increase >10%	3.7%	0.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%



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	68.0%	65.2%
Stay the Same	28.0%	30.5%
Decrease	4.0%	4.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%
1 Week	0.0%	0.0%
2 Weeks	7.1%	0.0%
3 Weeks	3.6%	8.0%
4 Weeks	14.4%	12.0%
5 Weeks	7.1%	16.0%
6 Weeks	21.4%	8.0%
7 Weeks	0.0%	4.0%
8 Weeks	10.7%	8.0%
9 Weeks	14.4%	4.0%
10-12 Weeks	7.1%	16.0%
13-16 Weeks	7.1%	16.0%
>16 Weeks	7.1%	8.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

Average in Weeks - Jan/Feb/Mar	5.3	8.0
Average in Weeks - Apr/May/Jun	7.6	8.6

Lead times are at 7.6 weeks now and are forecast to be 8.6 in six months.