The Bishop Report NEWS BRIEF
A Service Provided to Subscribers of the Bishop Report

News Brief No. 42-2026
November 20, 2026

Prices will Moderate
Lead Times Increase

Price Analysis

The Price Index for the 3rd quarter of 2026 was 3.809 and will be 3.524 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 Jul/Aug/Sep survey are shown in the following table:

Change in Connector Prices

Price Change	Last 6 Months	Next 6 Months
Change in Connector Prices		
Increase a lot	14.3%	9.5%
Increase a little	71.4%	47.6%
Stay the same	0.0%	28.6%
Decrease a little	9.5%	14.3%
Decrease a lot	4.8%	0.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

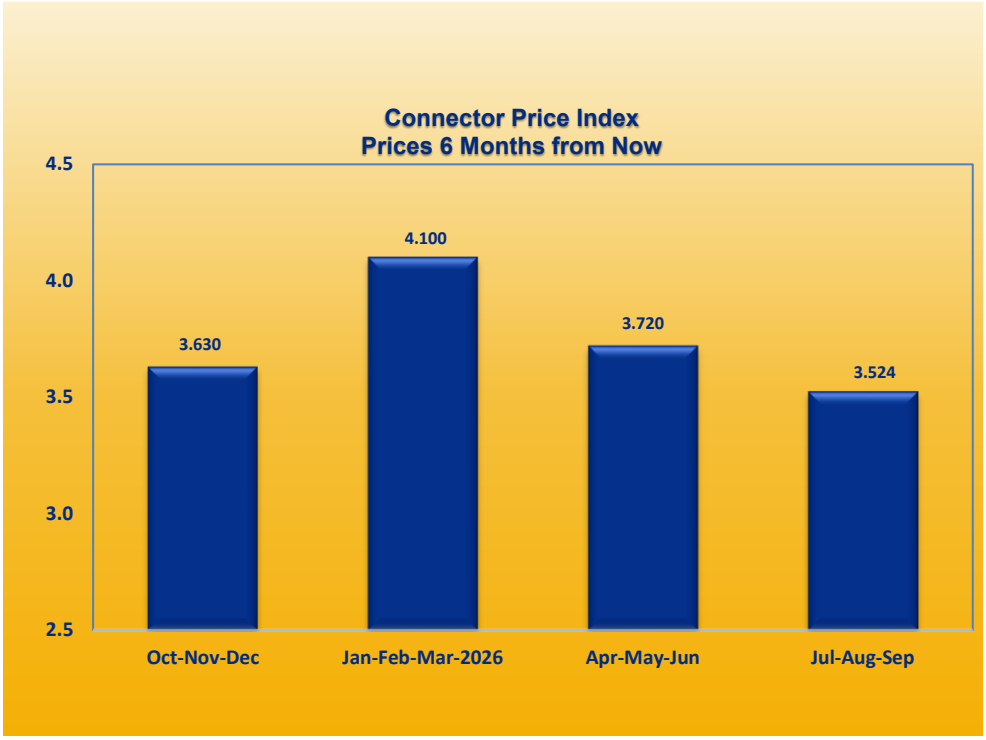
Jan/Feb/Mar	3.700	4.100
Apr/May/Jun	4.000	3.720
Jul/Aug/Sep	3.809	3.524

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%	4.5%	4.6%
Decrease 3-4%	18.3%	22.4%
Decrease 5-6%	18.3%	0.0%
Decrease 7-8%	0.0%	4.6%
Decrease 9-10	4.5%	0.0%
Decrease >10%	0.0%	0.0%
Stay The Same	0.0%	22.4%
Increase 1-2%	13.6%	18.4%
Increase 3-4%	9.1%	9.2%
Increase 5-6%	22.7%	9.2%
Increase 7-8%	0.0%	4.6%
Increase 9-10%	4.5%	0.0%
Increase >10%	4.5%	4.6%
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	61.9%	65.2%
Stay the Same	38.1%	30.5%
Decrease	0.0%	4.3%
Total	**100.0%**	**100.0%**
1 Week	0.0%	10.0%
2 Weeks	9.1%	0.0%
3 Weeks	4.5%	5.0%
4 Weeks	13.6%	5.0%
5 Weeks	9.1%	5.0%
6 Weeks	4.5%	15.0%
7 Weeks	0.0%	5.0%
8 Weeks	9.1%	5.0%
9 Weeks	9.1%	0.0%
10-12 Weeks	27.4%	35.0%
13-16 Weeks	13.6%	15.0%
>16 Weeks	0.0%	0.0%
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**
Average in Weeks - Jul/Aug/Sep	**8.1**	**8.4**

Lead times are at 8.1 weeks now and are forecast to be 8.4 in six months.