

2025 Data Update¹

Georges Bank/Gulf of Maine Stock of Windowpane Flounder, *Scophthalmus aquosus*

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Catch

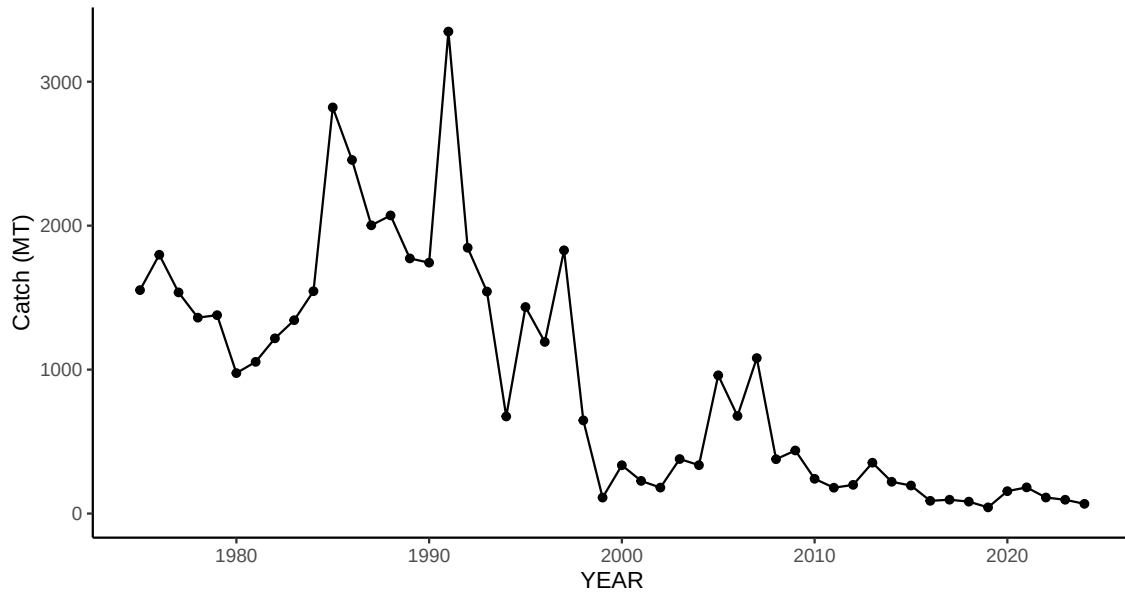


Figure 1: Total catch in metric tons (MT) of Georges Bank-Gulf of Maine Windowpane Flounder from calendar year 1975 through 2024. There has been a 'no possession' rule in place since 2010.

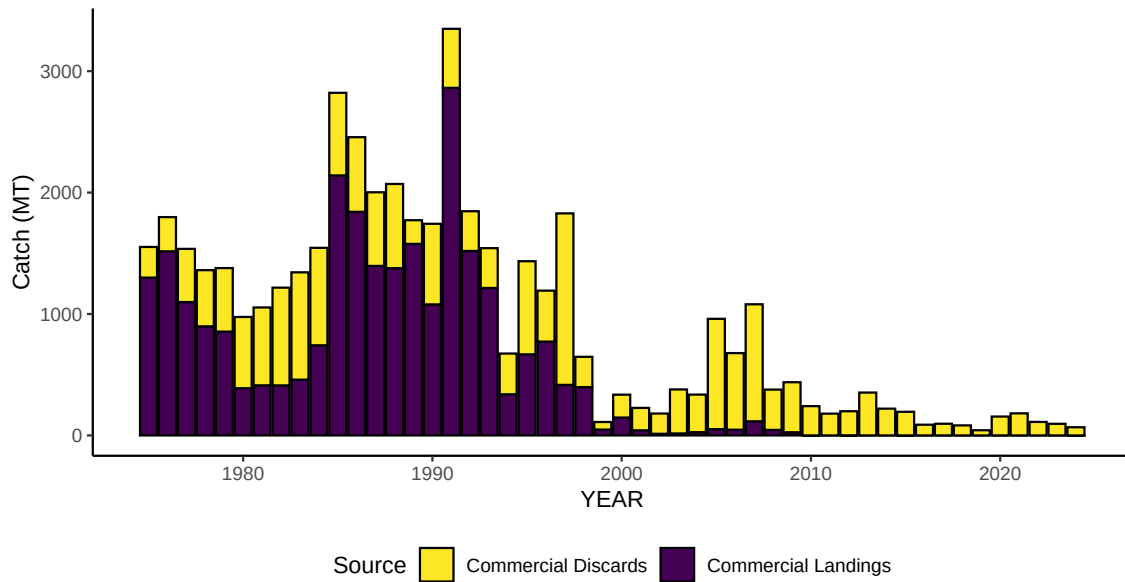


Figure 2: Landings (MT) and discards (MT) of Georges Bank-Gulf of Maine Windowpane Flounder from calendar year 1975 through 2024. There has been a 'no possession' rule in place since 2010.

Table 1: Landings, discards, and total catch of Georges Bank-Gulf of Maine Windowpane Flounder, in metric tons (MT), from calendar year 1975 through 2024. There has been a 'no possession' rule in place since 2010.

Year	Landings (MT)	Discards (MT)	Total Catch (MT)
1975	1,300	252	1,552
1976	1,516	282	1,798
1977	1,099	438	1,536
1978	898	462	1,361
1979	855	523	1,378
1980	389	587	976
1981	413	641	1,054
1982	412	805	1,217
1983	459	884	1,343
1984	742	803	1,545
1985	2,141	680	2,821
1986	1,841	615	2,456
1987	1,396	607	2,002
1988	1,377	693	2,071
1989	1,577	195	1,772
1990	1,079	664	1,743
1991	2,862	486	3,348
1992	1,519	327	1,846
1993	1,214	328	1,542
1994	339	336	675
1995	668	767	1,435
1996	773	419	1,192
1997	416	1,412	1,829
1998	398	249	647
1999	49	62	111
2000	147	188	336
2001	42	184	227
2002	14	167	180
2003	16	362	379

Year	Landings (MT)	Discards (MT)	Total Catch (MT)
2004	27	309	336
2005	52	908	960
2006	47	631	678
2007	116	964	1,080
2008	45	332	378
2009	26	412	438
2010	0	241	241
2011	0	179	179
2012	1	198	199
2013	0	353	353
2014	0	221	221
2015	0	194	195
2016	0	88	88
2017	0	96	96
2018	0	83	83
2019	0	43	43
2020	0	156	156
2021	0	182	182
2022	0	111	111
2023	0	96	96
2024	0	67	68

Survey

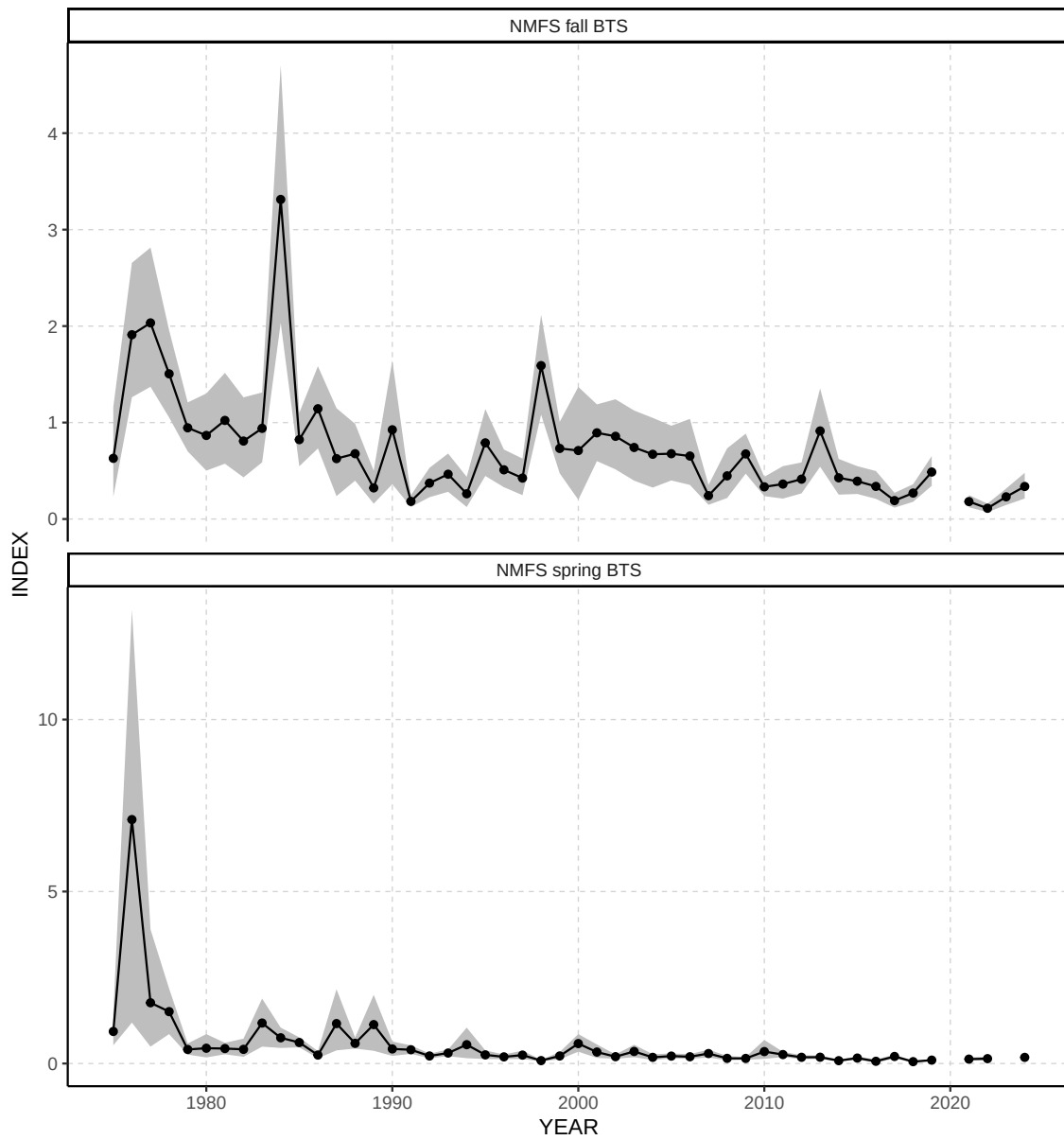


Figure 3: Bottom Trawl Survey Index of Georges Bank-Gulf of Maine Windowpane Flounder from 1975 through 2024. Units in Biomass (kg/tow). Gray-shaded area represents the 90% confidence interval. Survey was incomplete in Fall 2020, Spring 2020, and Spring 2023.

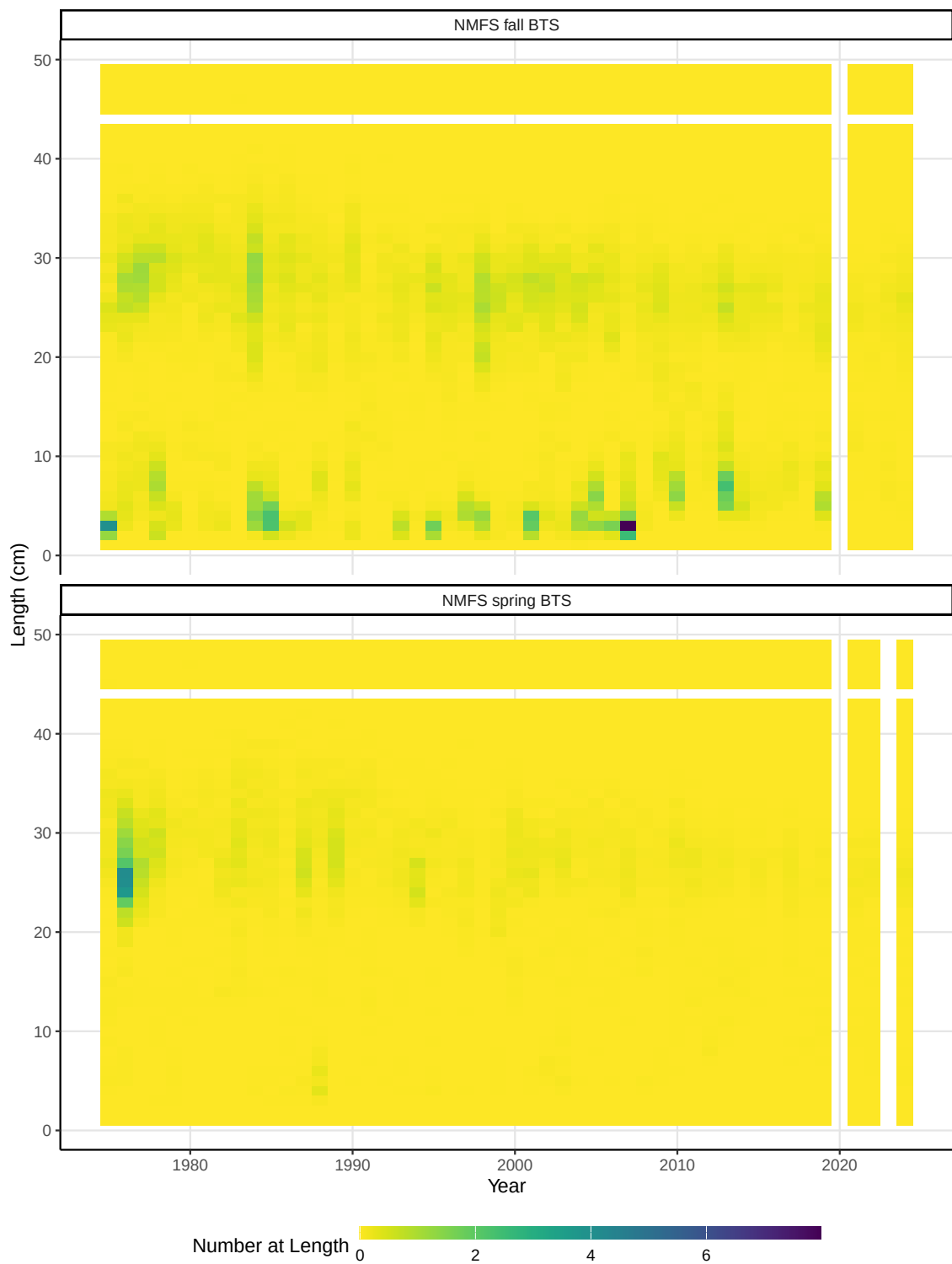


Figure 4: Stratified Mean Indices at Length for the Bottom Trawl Survey of Georges Bank-Gulf of Maine Windowpane Flounder from 1975 through 2024. Survey was incomplete in Fall 2020, Spring 2020, and Spring 2023.

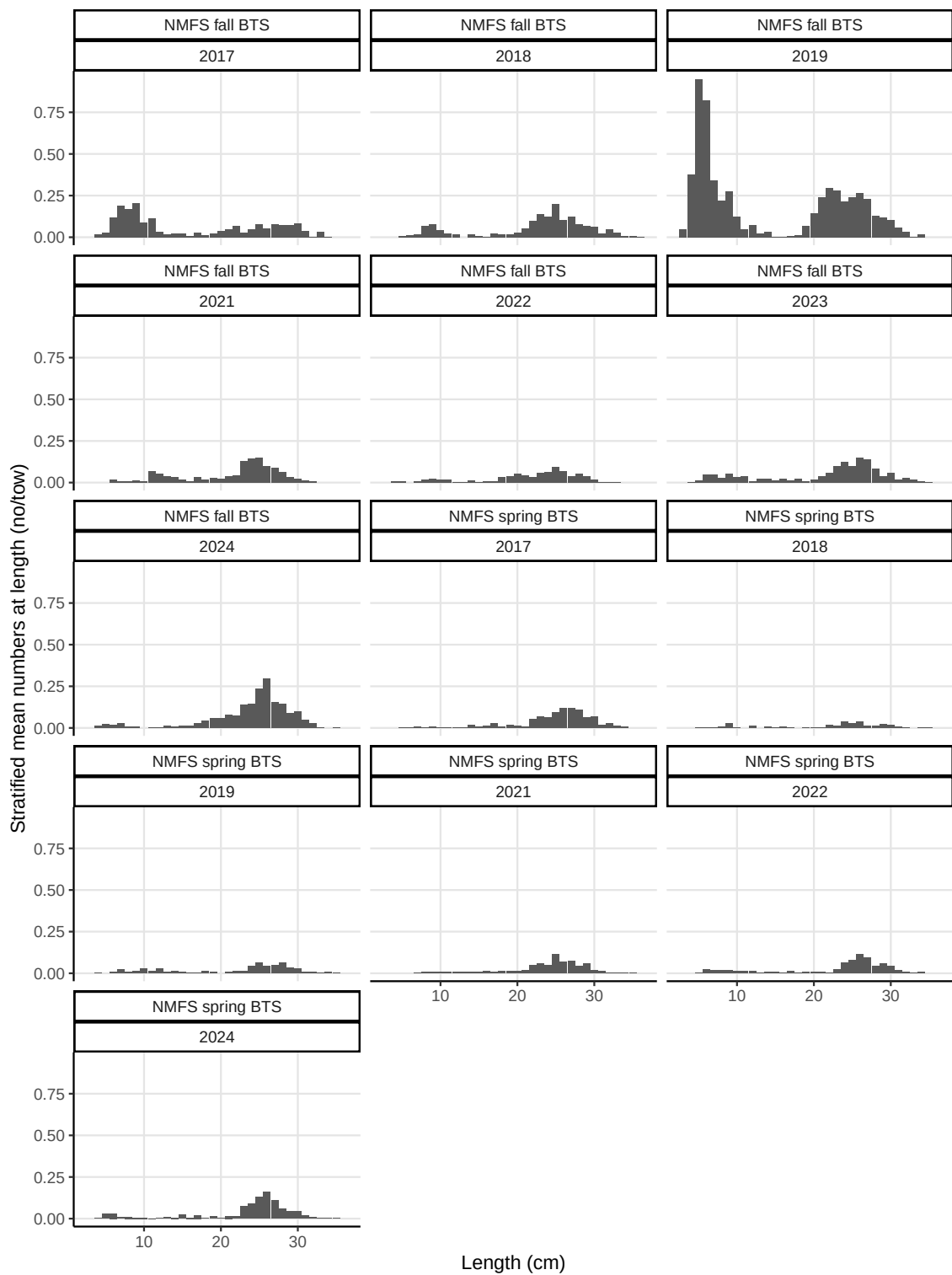


Figure 5: Stratified Mean Indices at Length for the Bottom Trawl Survey of Georges Bank-Gulf of Maine Windowpane Flounder from 2016 through 2024. Survey was incomplete in Fall 2020, Spring 2020, and Spring 2023.

Table 2: Bottom Trawl Survey Index of Georges Bank-Gulf of Maine Windowpane Flounder from 1975 through 2024. Units in Biomass (kg/tow). Survey was incomplete in Fall 2020, Spring 2020, and Spring 2023.

YEAR	FALL INDEX	SPRING INDEX	FALL CV	SPRING CV
1975	0.6291	0.9323	0.4416	0.3090
1976	1.9102	7.0920	0.2224	0.5102
1977	2.0330	1.7668	0.2206	0.6284
1978	1.5052	1.5090	0.1831	0.2740
1979	0.9454	0.4084	0.1596	0.2434
1980	0.8666	0.4453	0.2774	0.4734
1981	1.0222	0.4357	0.2861	0.2320
1982	0.8083	0.4128	0.3079	0.3941
1983	0.9400	1.1769	0.2343	0.3667
1984	3.3127	0.7482	0.2459	0.2445
1985	0.8229	0.6112	0.2040	0.1434
1986	1.1434	0.2464	0.2222	0.2483
1987	0.6261	1.1611	0.4394	0.4849
1988	0.6772	0.5867	0.2625	0.1654
1989	0.3226	1.1318	0.3234	0.4894
1990	0.9252	0.4240	0.4272	0.3071
1991	0.1827	0.4006	0.2036	0.1876
1992	0.3723	0.2202	0.2465	0.1901
1993	0.4645	0.3050	0.2521	0.1891
1994	0.2617	0.5483	0.3679	0.5227
1995	0.7895	0.2521	0.2669	0.3061
1996	0.5100	0.1939	0.2311	0.2139
1997	0.4246	0.2448	0.2791	0.3037
1998	1.5902	0.0852	0.2003	0.1625
1999	0.7318	0.2202	0.2177	0.2955
2000	0.7100	0.5801	0.5224	0.2635
2001	0.8936	0.3332	0.2004	0.3574
2002	0.8577	0.1991	0.2545	0.1953
2003	0.7417	0.3507	0.3014	0.3064

YEAR	FALL INDEX	SPRING INDEX	FALL CV	SPRING CV
2004	0.6714	0.1799	0.3290	0.2784
2005	0.6772	0.2165	0.2565	0.2057
2006	0.6530	0.1973	0.3118	0.1934
2007	0.2423	0.2904	0.2632	0.2489
2008	0.4474	0.1504	0.3592	0.2498
2009	0.6749	0.1484	0.1844	0.1608
2010	0.3336	0.3476	0.1823	0.4976
2011	0.3622	0.2604	0.2820	0.1772
2012	0.4134	0.1813	0.2322	0.1949
2013	0.9128	0.1840	0.2612	0.1705
2014	0.4270	0.0835	0.2626	0.2249
2015	0.3920	0.1588	0.2295	0.1755
2016	0.3382	0.0649	0.2670	0.4363
2017	0.1910	0.2053	0.2381	0.1686
2018	0.2693	0.0546	0.2058	0.2614
2019	0.4871	0.0987	0.1854	0.2008
2020				
2021	0.1809	0.1281	0.2142	0.2079
2022	0.1115	0.1419	0.2322	0.2321
2023	0.2301		0.2288	
2024	0.3374	0.1791	0.2319	0.3204