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- A change of less than 5 is not reliable.
- A decrease in score of 5 points or more denotes reliable deterioration.

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