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**DEPARTMENT STORE INVENTORY PRICE INDEXES— Dec. 2008**

National basis, January 1941=100, unless otherwise noted

	Indexes			Percent change to Dec. 2008 from—	
	Dec. 2007	June 2008	Dec. 2008	Dec. 2007	June 2008
1. Piece Goods .....	386.1	401.7	486.6	26.0	21.1
2. Domestic and Draperies .....	453.7	442.2	424.0	-6.5	-4.1
3. Women's and Children's Shoes .....	647.3	655.4	644.5	-0.4	-1.7
4. Men's Shoes .....	863.3	895.2	909.3	5.3	1.6
5. Infants' Wear .....	568.6	553.8	560.7	-1.4	1.2
6. Women's Underwear .....	541.0	561.8	566.0	4.6	0.7
7. Women's Hosiery .....	356.5	370.1	373.0	4.6	0.8
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories .....	562.8	514.6	545.1	-3.1	5.9
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear .....	359.2	329.2	342.4	-4.7	4.0
10. Men's Clothing .....	525.3	536.1	510.0	-2.9	-4.9
11. Men's Furnishings .....	547.3	564.6	547.0	-0.1	-3.1
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings .....	408.8	392.6	417.6	2.2	6.4
13. Jewelry .....	895.8	980.4	956.0	6.7	-2.5
14. Notions .....	809.0	808.0	856.4	5.9	6.0
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs .....	1011.0	1012.4	1031.8	2.1	1.9
16. Furniture and Bedding .....	588.0	588.8	588.1	0.0	-0.1
17. Floor Coverings .....	620.0	605.7	634.4	2.3	4.7
18. Housewares .....	677.4	680.2	677.7	0.0	-0.4
19. Major Appliances .....	208.1	210.8	212.5	2.1	0.8
20. Radio and Television .....	30.7	29.4	28.3	-7.8	-3.7
21. Recreation and Education <sup>1</sup> .....	74.8	76.4	76.0	1.6	-0.5
22. Home Improvements <sup>1</sup> .....	142.2	146.4	153.5	7.9	4.8
23. Automotive Accessories <sup>1</sup> .....	127.0	130.0	134.8	6.1	3.7
1-15. Soft Goods .....	547.0	545.7	546.8	0.0	0.2
16-20. Durable Goods .....	362.9	362.9	362.4	-0.1	-0.1
21-23. Miscellaneous Goods <sup>1</sup> .....	94.1	96.3	97.8	3.9	1.6
Store Total <sup>2</sup> .....	483.9	484.4	485.8	0.4	0.3

<sup>1</sup> Indexes on a January 1986=100 base.

<sup>2</sup> The Store Total index covers all departments, with the following exceptions: candy, food, liquor, tobacco, as well as contract departments.

NOTE: Indexes for previous periods and a brief description of the methods used in calculating the indexes may be obtained by contacting the Bureau of Labor Statistics at (202) 691-6968. The application of these indexes in the preparation of tax returns is solely within the jurisdiction of the Internal Revenue Service. Treasury Decision No. 5605 accords the use of the elective inventory method by taxpayers employing the retail inventory method.

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