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DEPARTMENT STORE INVENTORY PRICE INDEXES— Aug. 2008

National basis, January 1941=100, unless otherwise noted

	Indexes			Percent change to Aug. 2008 from—	
	Aug. 2007	Feb. 2008	Aug. 2008	Aug. 2007	Feb. 2008
1. Piece Goods	423.0	397.0	407.9	-3.6	2.7
2. Domestic and Draperies	452.5	452.1	437.7	-3.3	-3.2
3. Women's and Children's Shoes	655.4	659.9	643.7	-1.8	-2.5
4. Men's Shoes	849.1	885.8	889.2	4.7	0.4
5. Infants' Wear	552.1	570.6	546.4	-1.0	-4.2
6. Women's Underwear	535.4	542.6	547.4	2.2	0.9
7. Women's Hosiery	328.6	356.9	364.2	10.8	2.0
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories	556.2	541.3	511.7	-8.0	-5.5
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear	330.7	347.0	345.8	4.6	-0.3
10. Men's Clothing	520.6	525.0	528.7	1.6	0.7
11. Men's Furnishings	547.3	557.2	557.2	1.8	0.0
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	374.2	405.5	377.5	0.9	-6.9
13. Jewelry	928.0	947.5	1002.1	8.0	5.8
14. Notions	802.2	833.1	861.1	7.3	3.4
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs	1014.3	1010.3	1011.6	-0.3	0.1
16. Furniture and Bedding	597.8	590.2	604.1	1.1	2.4
17. Floor Coverings	612.4	617.4	622.3	1.6	0.8
18. Housewares	685.3	682.0	680.6	-0.7	-0.2
19. Major Appliances	209.4	209.2	213.8	2.1	2.2
20. Radio and Television	31.4	30.5	29.2	-7.0	-4.3
21. Recreation and Education ¹	74.9	75.7	75.9	1.3	0.3
22. Home Improvements ¹	141.0	145.0	149.5	6.0	3.1
23. Automotive Accessories ¹	124.5	128.5	132.1	6.1	2.8
1-15. Soft Goods	537.0	548.6	547.7	2.0	-0.2
16-20. Durable Goods	367.0	364.5	366.1	-0.2	0.4
21-23. Miscellaneous Goods ¹	93.5	95.4	96.7	3.4	1.4
Store Total ²	478.4	486.0	486.6	1.7	0.1

¹ Indexes on a January 1986=100 base.

² 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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