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DEPARTMENT STORE INVENTORY PRICE INDEXES— July 2008

National basis, January 1941=100, unless otherwise noted

	Indexes			Percent change to July 2008 from—	
	July 2007	Jan. 2008	July 2008	July 2007	Jan. 2008
1. Piece Goods	437.4	388.2	415.0	-5.1	6.9
2. Domestic and Draperies	456.7	459.0	440.8	-3.5	-4.0
3. Women's and Children's Shoes	647.2	648.0	637.9	-1.4	-1.6
4. Men's Shoes	845.1	874.3	881.6	4.3	0.8
5. Infants' Wear	537.6	565.4	541.7	0.8	-4.2
6. Women's Underwear	541.7	534.5	551.0	1.7	3.1
7. Women's Hosiery	335.4	353.0	377.5	12.6	6.9
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories	568.6	543.9	516.6	-9.1	-5.0
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear	323.5	337.0	314.7	-2.7	-6.6
10. Men's Clothing	507.4	511.0	520.9	2.7	1.9
11. Men's Furnishings	556.9	540.8	550.8	-1.1	1.8
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	384.4	404.5	380.7	-1.0	-5.9
13. Jewelry	935.0	940.1	994.3	6.3	5.8
14. Notions	793.7	815.7	849.0	7.0	4.1
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs	1014.0	1013.9	1013.3	-0.1	-0.1
16. Furniture and Bedding	599.4	589.9	600.5	0.2	1.8
17. Floor Coverings	614.0	618.7	611.7	-0.4	-1.1
18. Housewares	693.2	682.0	685.6	-1.1	0.5
19. Major Appliances	208.5	208.9	212.1	1.7	1.5
20. Radio and Television	31.8	30.8	29.2	-8.2	-5.2
21. Recreation and Education ¹	75.8	74.9	76.5	0.9	2.1
22. Home Improvements ¹	141.7	142.4	147.7	4.2	3.7
23. Automotive Accessories ¹	124.3	127.9	130.8	5.2	2.3
1-15. Soft Goods	536.4	540.6	536.4	0.0	-0.8
16-20. Durable Goods	369.3	364.6	366.1	-0.9	0.4
21-23. Miscellaneous Goods ¹	94.1	94.4	96.7	2.8	2.4
Store Total ²	479.0	480.5	479.7	0.1	-0.2

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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