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DEPARTMENT STORE INVENTORY PRICE INDEXES— May 2008

National basis, January 1941=100, unless otherwise noted

	Indexes			Percent change to May 2008 from—	
	May 2007	Nov. 2007	May 2008	May 2007	Nov. 2007
1. Piece Goods	405.8	396.2	409.5	0.9	3.4
2. Domestic and Draperies	468.7	456.0	445.1	-5.0	-2.4
3. Women's and Children's Shoes	671.8	666.4	677.9	0.9	1.7
4. Men's Shoes	860.2	869.1	894.1	3.9	2.9
5. Infants' Wear	561.8	580.9	562.5	0.1	-3.2
6. Women's Underwear	570.3	543.6	561.7	-1.5	3.3
7. Women's Hosiery	345.0	335.1	390.0	13.0	16.4
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories	585.2	580.9	546.3	-6.6	-6.0
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear	376.9	371.2	348.2	-7.6	-6.2
10. Men's Clothing	524.0	539.7	546.9	4.4	1.3
11. Men's Furnishings	585.0	566.8	591.7	1.1	4.4
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	405.9	410.6	410.2	1.1	-0.1
13. Jewelry	917.9	916.4	979.4	6.7	6.9
14. Notions	785.3	808.6	825.5	5.1	2.1
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs	1013.0	1010.8	1010.5	-0.2	0.0
16. Furniture and Bedding	599.9	591.8	590.4	-1.6	-0.2
17. Floor Coverings	606.8	612.4	606.4	-0.1	-1.0
18. Housewares	693.6	682.0	680.1	-1.9	-0.3
19. Major Appliances	211.0	208.2	209.7	-0.6	0.7
20. Radio and Television	32.5	31.0	29.7	-8.6	-4.2
21. Recreation and Education ¹	76.4	74.8	76.3	-0.1	2.0
22. Home Improvements ¹	142.2	143.3	146.5	3.0	2.2
23. Automotive Accessories ¹	123.7	126.2	129.5	4.7	2.6
1-15. Soft Goods	564.0	557.9	560.6	-0.6	0.5
16-20. Durable Goods	371.0	364.7	363.0	-2.2	-0.5
21-23. Miscellaneous Goods ¹	94.4	94.0	96.1	1.8	2.2
Store Total ²	496.7	491.0	493.5	-0.6	0.5

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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