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DEPARTMENT STORE INVENTORY PRICE INDEXES— Oct. 2008

National basis, January 1941=100, unless otherwise noted

	Indexes			Percent change to Oct. 2008 from—	
	Oct. 2007	Apr. 2008	Oct. 2008	Oct. 2007	Apr. 2008
1. Piece Goods	392.5	402.5	382.7	-2.5	-4.9
2. Domestic and Draperies	450.7	438.5	429.9	-4.6	-2.0
3. Women's and Children's Shoes	678.0	682.7	682.4	0.6	0.0
4. Men's Shoes	865.6	887.2	907.7	4.9	2.3
5. Infants' Wear	581.0	566.5	576.4	-0.8	1.7
6. Women's Underwear	539.6	558.9	546.1	1.2	-2.3
7. Women's Hosiery	344.8	355.9	360.7	4.6	1.3
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories	575.9	550.9	531.5	-7.7	-3.5
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear	377.5	362.3	375.5	-0.5	3.6
10. Men's Clothing	539.5	549.8	540.7	0.2	-1.7
11. Men's Furnishings	566.4	592.0	583.3	3.0	-1.5
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	413.7	417.2	400.2	-3.3	-4.1
13. Jewelry	929.7	972.6	1002.6	7.8	3.1
14. Notions	810.6	821.7	858.6	5.9	4.5
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs	1007.4	1016.1	1016.3	0.9	0.0
16. Furniture and Bedding	590.5	591.9	608.8	3.1	2.9
17. Floor Coverings	612.8	602.0	631.1	3.0	4.8
18. Housewares	682.9	679.5	684.7	0.3	0.8
19. Major Appliances	208.3	207.9	211.1	1.3	1.5
20. Radio and Television	31.3	30.0	29.2	-6.7	-2.7
21. Recreation and Education ¹	75.1	76.5	77.4	3.1	1.2
22. Home Improvements ¹	142.7	146.2	152.8	7.1	4.5
23. Automotive Accessories ¹	125.8	129.0	134.1	6.6	4.0
1-15. Soft Goods	560.9	563.9	566.3	1.0	0.4
16-20. Durable Goods	365.1	362.6	366.9	0.5	1.2
21-23. Miscellaneous Goods ¹	94.1	96.1	98.6	4.8	2.6
Store Total ²	493.0	495.4	499.4	1.3	0.8

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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