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DEPARTMENT STORE INVENTORY PRICE INDEXES— Sep. 2008

National basis, January 1941=100, unless otherwise noted

	Indexes			Percent change to Sep. 2008 from—	
	Sep. 2007	Mar. 2008	Sep. 2008	Sep. 2007	Mar. 2008
1. Piece Goods	402.5	389.9	406.4	1.0	4.2
2. Domestic and Draperies	456.5	437.4	439.5	-3.7	0.5
3. Women's and Children's Shoes	669.0	682.2	676.9	1.2	-0.8
4. Men's Shoes	870.3	879.1	902.9	3.7	2.7
5. Infants' Wear	566.5	572.9	565.3	-0.2	-1.3
6. Women's Underwear	540.4	560.6	564.9	4.5	0.8
7. Women's Hosiery	343.7	367.7	374.0	8.8	1.7
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories	573.7	548.2	541.1	-5.7	-1.3
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear	366.3	362.9	378.9	3.4	4.4
10. Men's Clothing	533.0	541.5	539.2	1.2	-0.4
11. Men's Furnishings	558.9	568.6	569.4	1.9	0.1
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	398.8	421.3	393.8	-1.3	-6.5
13. Jewelry	924.6	955.7	997.3	7.9	4.4
14. Notions	792.3	818.8	856.9	8.2	4.7
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs	1007.4	1011.5	1017.4	1.0	0.6
16. Furniture and Bedding	591.7	597.0	607.6	2.7	1.8
17. Floor Coverings	614.3	607.1	625.5	1.8	3.0
18. Housewares	681.0	683.1	682.7	0.2	-0.1
19. Major Appliances	208.3	207.7	212.1	1.8	2.1
20. Radio and Television	31.2	30.4	29.1	-6.7	-4.3
21. Recreation and Education ¹	74.9	76.1	76.2	1.7	0.1
22. Home Improvements ¹	142.3	146.6	151.4	6.4	3.3
23. Automotive Accessories ¹	125.2	129.2	132.8	6.1	2.8
1-15. Soft Goods	554.5	559.1	566.8	2.2	1.4
16-20. Durable Goods	364.7	364.5	366.3	0.4	0.5
21-23. Miscellaneous Goods ¹	93.7	95.9	97.3	3.8	1.5
Store Total ²	488.8	492.8	498.8	2.0	1.2

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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