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DEPARTMENT STORE INVENTORY PRICE INDEXES— Mar. 2010

National basis, January 1941=100, unless otherwise noted

	Indexes			Percent change to Mar. 2010 from—	
	Mar. 2009	Sep. 2009	Mar. 2010	Mar. 2009	Sep. 2009
1. Piece Goods	456.9	484.4	512.5	12.2	5.8
2. Domestic and Draperies	418.4	415.0	403.1	-3.7	-2.9
3. Women's and Children's Shoes	676.4	696.2	698.7	3.3	0.4
4. Men's Shoes	912.9	920.6	925.6	1.4	0.5
5. Infants' Wear	572.9	580.1	580.9	1.4	0.1
6. Women's Underwear	602.4	621.0	640.5	6.3	3.1
7. Women's Hosiery	379.4	378.6	394.9	4.1	4.3
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories	533.6	630.5	653.0	22.4	3.6
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear	358.4	368.8	360.3	0.5	-2.3
10. Men's Clothing	545.2	522.6	535.7	-1.7	2.5
11. Men's Furnishings	587.1	563.0	576.7	-1.8	2.4
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	421.1	422.7	387.6	-8.0	-8.3
13. Jewelry	993.5	1001.3	993.4	0.0	-0.8
14. Notions	833.3	870.0	872.4	4.7	0.3
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs	1040.8	1048.2	1046.0	0.5	-0.2
16. Furniture and Bedding	595.7	581.7	559.4	-6.1	-3.8
17. Floor Coverings	621.1	613.7	608.2	-2.1	-0.9
18. Housewares	689.1	677.7	667.2	-3.2	-1.5
19. Major Appliances	214.5	208.7	206.6	-3.7	-1.0
20. Radio and Television	27.5	25.9	24.5	-10.9	-5.4
21. Recreation and Education ¹	77.0	75.8	74.1	-3.8	-2.2
22. Home Improvements ¹	156.6	156.0	155.3	-0.8	-0.4
23. Automotive Accessories ¹	135.7	136.0	137.2	1.1	0.9
1-15. Soft Goods	566.6	571.1	571.0	0.8	0.0
16-20. Durable Goods	365.8	357.3	349.7	-4.4	-2.1
21-23. Miscellaneous Goods ¹	99.0	98.2	97.3	-1.7	-0.9
Store Total ²	499.5	499.8	497.2	-0.5	-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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