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DEPARTMENT STORE INVENTORY PRICE INDEXES— May 2010

National basis, January 1941=100, unless otherwise noted

	Indexes			Percent change to May 2010 from—	
	May 2009	Nov. 2009	May 2010	May 2009	Nov. 2009
1. Piece Goods	464.0	501.3	467.2	0.7	-6.8
2. Domestic and Draperies	417.1	404.7	384.9	-7.7	-4.9
3. Women's and Children's Shoes	673.6	714.8	697.1	3.5	-2.5
4. Men's Shoes	920.3	934.9	930.0	1.1	-0.5
5. Infants' Wear	565.6	572.2	567.2	0.3	-0.9
6. Women's Underwear	597.8	629.2	639.3	6.9	1.6
7. Women's Hosiery	378.7	379.9	389.8	2.9	2.6
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories	576.3	649.2	615.6	6.8	-5.2
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear	350.7	368.3	352.8	0.6	-4.2
10. Men's Clothing	543.2	509.2	532.1	-2.0	4.5
11. Men's Furnishings	586.4	569.3	579.3	-1.2	1.8
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	416.9	418.0	392.2	-5.9	-6.2
13. Jewelry	982.6	991.9	1010.1	2.8	1.8
14. Notions	865.4	865.1	870.1	0.5	0.6
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs	1041.5	1049.7	1039.2	-0.2	-1.0
16. Furniture and Bedding	595.3	569.8	557.5	-6.3	-2.2
17. Floor Coverings	615.8	622.7	605.7	-1.6	-2.7
18. Housewares	685.5	670.2	663.8	-3.2	-1.0
19. Major Appliances	214.5	205.6	205.6	-4.1	0.0
20. Radio and Television	27.3	25.2	24.0	-12.1	-4.8
21. Recreation and Education ¹	76.8	75.2	73.5	-4.3	-2.3
22. Home Improvements ¹	158.9	154.9	155.0	-2.5	0.1
23. Automotive Accessories ¹	135.5	136.3	138.1	1.9	1.3
1-15. Soft Goods	563.6	571.9	565.6	0.4	-1.1
16-20. Durable Goods	364.4	352.3	347.7	-4.6	-1.3
21-23. Miscellaneous Goods ¹	99.2	97.8	97.1	-2.1	-0.7
Store Total ²	497.4	498.7	493.2	-0.8	-1.1

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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