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DEPARTMENT STORE INVENTORY PRICE INDEXES— Mar. 2012

National basis, January 1941=100, unless otherwise noted

	Indexes			Percent change to Mar. 2012 from—	
	Mar. 2011	Sep. 2011	Mar. 2012	Mar. 2011	Sep. 2011
1. Piece Goods	461.9	497.1	498.9	8.0	0.4
2. Domestic and Draperies	375.6	373.2	370.6	-1.3	-0.7
3. Women's and Children's Shoes	691.5	697.5	689.8	-0.2	-1.1
4. Men's Shoes	937.5	971.2	952.4	1.6	-1.9
5. Infants' Wear	557.6	573.6	585.9	5.1	2.1
6. Women's Underwear	700.1	713.9	814.7	16.4	14.1
7. Women's Hosiery	389.2	398.1	430.2	10.5	8.1
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories	591.0	607.0	622.8	5.4	2.6
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear	363.0	376.9	372.2	2.5	-1.2
10. Men's Clothing	530.4	544.7	568.4	7.2	4.4
11. Men's Furnishings	571.8	587.7	612.9	7.2	4.3
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	408.2	427.3	448.1	9.8	4.9
13. Jewelry	1047.7	1086.1	1089.0	3.9	0.3
14. Notions	861.1	898.2	883.4	2.6	-1.6
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs	1058.1	1049.6	1077.4	1.8	2.6
16. Furniture and Bedding	544.4	545.2	554.7	1.9	1.7
17. Floor Coverings	595.4	613.9	597.5	0.4	-2.7
18. Housewares	663.5	656.5	652.0	-1.7	-0.7
19. Major Appliances	197.8	202.9	210.3	6.3	3.6
20. Radio and Television	22.5	21.8	21.0	-6.7	-3.7
21. Recreation and Education ¹	73.0	71.8	71.8	-1.6	0.0
22. Home Improvements ¹	157.4	159.8	162.9	3.5	1.9
23. Automotive Accessories ¹	140.9	145.1	146.1	3.7	0.7
1-15. Soft Goods	572.7	586.5	598.8	4.6	2.1
16-20. Durable Goods	341.4	341.3	342.7	0.4	0.4
21-23. Miscellaneous Goods ¹	97.6	98.1	98.6	1.0	0.5
Store Total ²	496.4	505.1	513.3	3.4	1.6

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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