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DEPARTMENT STORE INVENTORY PRICE INDEXES— May 2012

National basis, January 1941=100, unless otherwise noted

	Indexes			Percent change to May 2012 from—	
	May 2011	Nov. 2011	May 2012	May 2011	Nov. 2011
1. Piece Goods	460.5	509.5	503.8	9.4	-1.1
2. Domestic and Draperies	379.4	372.0	357.4	-5.8	-3.9
3. Women's and Children's Shoes	689.0	701.0	709.8	3.0	1.3
4. Men's Shoes	935.6	942.6	974.3	4.1	3.4
5. Infants' Wear	556.9	581.5	586.7	5.4	0.9
6. Women's Underwear	718.7	744.3	812.3	13.0	9.1
7. Women's Hosiery	382.5	407.4	446.3	16.7	9.5
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories	582.8	628.0	613.4	5.3	-2.3
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear	358.6	367.2	369.7	3.1	0.7
10. Men's Clothing	540.2	543.0	582.2	7.8	7.2
11. Men's Furnishings	581.9	626.0	617.4	6.1	-1.4
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	413.2	441.3	451.1	9.2	2.2
13. Jewelry	1074.1	1084.3	1052.2	-2.0	-3.0
14. Notions	882.9	891.0	900.9	2.0	1.1
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs	1034.3	1070.2	1060.2	2.5	-0.9
16. Furniture and Bedding	549.5	547.8	553.2	0.7	1.0
17. Floor Coverings	608.5	616.4	602.3	-1.0	-2.3
18. Housewares	666.8	646.8	650.0	-2.5	0.5
19. Major Appliances	201.0	202.8	209.4	4.2	3.3
20. Radio and Television	22.3	21.4	20.4	-8.5	-4.7
21. Recreation and Education ¹	73.6	71.8	72.1	-2.0	0.4
22. Home Improvements ¹	158.8	161.9	163.0	2.6	0.7
23. Automotive Accessories ¹	142.9	145.1	146.8	2.7	1.2
1-15. Soft Goods	574.4	592.9	597.2	4.0	0.7
16-20. Durable Goods	344.1	338.8	341.3	-0.8	0.7
21-23. Miscellaneous Goods ¹	98.6	98.2	98.9	0.3	0.7
Store Total ²	498.6	508.5	512.2	2.7	0.7

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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