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DEPARTMENT STORE INVENTORY PRICE INDEXES— Aug. 2011

National basis, January 1941=100, unless otherwise noted

	Indexes			Percent change to Aug. 2011 from—	
	Aug. 2010	Feb. 2011	Aug. 2011	Aug. 2010	Feb. 2011
1. Piece Goods	448.7	454.4	492.8	9.8	8.5
2. Domestic and Draperies	378.9	380.4	370.1	-2.3	-2.7
3. Women's and Children's Shoes	689.3	677.7	669.2	-2.9	-1.3
4. Men's Shoes	907.8	927.1	961.5	5.9	3.7
5. Infants' Wear	563.4	558.5	567.2	0.7	1.6
6. Women's Underwear	659.0	680.5	704.4	6.9	3.5
7. Women's Hosiery	400.9	374.9	396.3	-1.1	5.7
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories	612.4	590.1	593.9	-3.0	0.6
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear	326.7	340.3	350.8	7.4	3.1
10. Men's Clothing	514.8	512.4	547.8	6.4	6.9
11. Men's Furnishings	553.6	563.4	576.3	4.1	2.3
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	387.1	413.0	399.3	3.2	-3.3
13. Jewelry	1026.0	1058.6	1097.6	7.0	3.7
14. Notions	877.5	887.2	887.0	1.1	0.0
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs	1056.9	1057.2	1039.1	-1.7	-1.7
16. Furniture and Bedding	543.8	553.1	551.2	1.4	-0.3
17. Floor Coverings	605.0	598.4	616.6	1.9	3.0
18. Housewares	657.1	664.5	659.6	0.4	-0.7
19. Major Appliances	204.0	199.2	204.1	0.0	2.5
20. Radio and Television	23.4	22.6	21.9	-6.4	-3.1
21. Recreation and Education ¹	73.8	73.2	72.5	-1.8	-1.0
22. Home Improvements ¹	155.1	157.1	160.9	3.7	2.4
23. Automotive Accessories ¹	139.1	140.9	144.5	3.9	2.6
1-15. Soft Goods	553.6	561.6	572.1	3.3	1.9
16-20. Durable Goods	343.2	343.3	343.4	0.1	0.0
21-23. Miscellaneous Goods ¹	97.5	97.7	98.5	1.0	0.8
Store Total ²	485.0	490.0	497.0	2.5	1.4

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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