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DEPARTMENT STORE INVENTORY PRICE INDEXES— Aug. 2009

National basis, January 1941=100, unless otherwise noted

	Indexes			Percent change to Aug. 2009 from—	
	Aug. 2008	Feb. 2009	Aug. 2009	Aug. 2008	Feb. 2009
1. Piece Goods	407.9	475.9	487.4	19.5	2.4
2. Domestic and Draperies	437.7	422.4	410.2	-6.3	-2.9
3. Women's and Children's Shoes	643.7	646.8	664.0	3.2	2.7
4. Men's Shoes	889.2	916.1	915.2	2.9	-0.1
5. Infants' Wear	546.4	559.8	565.6	3.5	1.0
6. Women's Underwear	547.4	578.9	593.9	8.5	2.6
7. Women's Hosiery	364.2	374.7	370.8	1.8	-1.0
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories	511.7	540.6	606.7	18.6	12.2
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear	345.8	338.1	331.2	-4.2	-2.0
10. Men's Clothing	528.7	531.6	513.2	-2.9	-3.5
11. Men's Furnishings	557.2	572.4	550.4	-1.2	-3.8
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	377.5	408.0	403.5	6.9	-1.1
13. Jewelry	1002.1	993.3	995.5	-0.7	0.2
14. Notions	861.1	868.0	877.2	1.9	1.1
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs	1011.6	1043.9	1045.6	3.4	0.2
16. Furniture and Bedding	604.1	589.8	579.3	-4.1	-1.8
17. Floor Coverings	622.3	619.1	616.8	-0.9	-0.4
18. Housewares	680.6	686.9	678.0	-0.4	-1.3
19. Major Appliances	213.8	215.6	211.5	-1.1	-1.9
20. Radio and Television	29.2	27.8	26.4	-9.6	-5.0
21. Recreation and Education ¹	75.9	76.7	75.2	-0.9	-2.0
22. Home Improvements ¹	149.5	155.9	156.1	4.4	0.1
23. Automotive Accessories ¹	132.1	135.3	136.1	3.0	0.6
1-15. Soft Goods	547.7	553.8	549.9	0.4	-0.7
16-20. Durable Goods	366.1	365.2	358.7	-2.0	-1.8
21-23. Miscellaneous Goods ¹	96.7	98.7	97.9	1.2	-0.8
Store Total ²	486.6	491.3	486.8	0.0	-0.9

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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