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DEPARTMENT STORE INVENTORY PRICE INDEXES— Apr. 2012

National basis, January 1941=100, unless otherwise noted

	Indexes			Percent change to Apr. 2012 from—	
	Apr. 2011	Oct. 2011	Apr. 2012	Apr. 2011	Oct. 2011
1. Piece Goods	457.7	494.0	509.1	11.2	3.1
2. Domestic and Draperies	380.1	373.2	364.5	-4.1	-2.3
3. Women's and Children's Shoes	685.0	707.5	701.7	2.4	-0.8
4. Men's Shoes	940.7	944.0	967.9	2.9	2.5
5. Infants' Wear	560.6	581.4	585.2	4.4	0.7
6. Women's Underwear	701.2	714.2	806.7	15.0	13.0
7. Women's Hosiery	387.5	403.4	445.7	15.0	10.5
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories	576.0	624.0	624.2	8.4	0.0
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear	363.4	373.1	375.0	3.2	0.5
10. Men's Clothing	535.0	538.5	572.1	6.9	6.2
11. Men's Furnishings	573.8	619.8	613.9	7.0	-1.0
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	412.6	441.2	457.4	10.9	3.7
13. Jewelry	1076.2	1105.0	1067.9	-0.8	-3.4
14. Notions	867.9	914.8	874.7	0.8	-4.4
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs	1057.5	1057.4	1079.6	2.1	2.1
16. Furniture and Bedding	546.9	543.6	552.3	1.0	1.6
17. Floor Coverings	601.5	612.2	598.6	-0.5	-2.2
18. Housewares	662.5	652.0	653.3	-1.4	0.2
19. Major Appliances	200.7	203.8	211.4	5.3	3.7
20. Radio and Television	22.5	21.6	20.7	-8.0	-4.2
21. Recreation and Education ¹	73.1	71.7	72.1	-1.4	0.6
22. Home Improvements ¹	158.3	161.3	162.5	2.7	0.7
23. Automotive Accessories ¹	141.5	144.8	146.2	3.3	1.0
1-15. Soft Goods	575.1	592.7	600.1	4.3	1.2
16-20. Durable Goods	342.6	340.1	342.9	0.1	0.8
21-23. Miscellaneous Goods ¹	97.9	98.0	98.8	0.9	0.8
Store Total ²	498.3	508.6	514.3	3.2	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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