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DEPARTMENT STORE INVENTORY PRICE INDEXES— Feb. 2009

National basis, January 1941=100, unless otherwise noted

	Indexes			Percent change to Feb. 2009 from—	
	Feb. 2008	Aug. 2008	Feb. 2009	Feb. 2008	Aug. 2008
1. Piece Goods	397.0	407.9	475.9	19.9	16.7
2. Domestic and Draperies	452.1	437.7	422.4	-6.6	-3.5
3. Women's and Children's Shoes	659.9	643.7	646.8	-2.0	0.5
4. Men's Shoes	885.8	889.2	916.1	3.4	3.0
5. Infants' Wear	570.6	546.4	559.8	-1.9	2.5
6. Women's Underwear	542.6	547.4	578.9	6.7	5.8
7. Women's Hosiery	356.9	364.2	374.7	5.0	2.9
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories	541.3	511.7	540.6	-0.1	5.6
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear	347.0	345.8	338.1	-2.6	-2.2
10. Men's Clothing	525.0	528.7	531.6	1.3	0.5
11. Men's Furnishings	557.2	557.2	572.4	2.7	2.7
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	405.5	377.5	408.0	0.6	8.1
13. Jewelry	947.5	1002.1	993.3	4.8	-0.9
14. Notions	833.1	861.1	868.0	4.2	0.8
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs	1010.3	1011.6	1043.9	3.3	3.2
16. Furniture and Bedding	590.2	604.1	589.8	-0.1	-2.4
17. Floor Coverings	617.4	622.3	619.1	0.3	-0.5
18. Housewares	682.0	680.6	686.9	0.7	0.9
19. Major Appliances	209.2	213.8	215.6	3.1	0.8
20. Radio and Television	30.5	29.2	27.8	-8.9	-4.8
21. Recreation and Education ¹	75.7	75.9	76.7	1.3	1.1
22. Home Improvements ¹	145.0	149.5	155.9	7.5	4.3
23. Automotive Accessories ¹	128.5	132.1	135.3	5.3	2.4
1-15. Soft Goods	548.6	547.7	553.8	0.9	1.1
16-20. Durable Goods	364.5	366.1	365.2	0.2	-0.2
21-23. Miscellaneous Goods ¹	95.4	96.7	98.7	3.5	2.1
Store Total ²	486.0	486.6	491.3	1.1	1.0

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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