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DEPARTMENT STORE INVENTORY PRICE INDEXES— Nov. 2008

National basis, January 1941=100, unless otherwise noted

	Indexes			Percent change to Nov. 2008 from—	
	Nov. 2007	May 2008	Nov. 2008	Nov. 2007	May 2008
1. Piece Goods	396.2	409.5	474.9	19.9	16.0
2. Domestic and Draperies	456.0	445.1	422.4	-7.4	-5.1
3. Women's and Children's Shoes	666.4	677.9	670.6	0.6	-1.1
4. Men's Shoes	869.1	894.1	918.3	5.7	2.7
5. Infants' Wear	580.9	562.5	573.9	-1.2	2.0
6. Women's Underwear	543.6	561.7	570.9	5.0	1.6
7. Women's Hosiery	335.1	390.0	377.4	12.6	-3.2
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories	580.9	546.3	556.7	-4.2	1.9
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear	371.2	348.2	363.9	-2.0	4.5
10. Men's Clothing	539.7	546.9	530.1	-1.8	-3.1
11. Men's Furnishings	566.8	591.7	576.9	1.8	-2.5
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	410.6	410.2	422.2	2.8	2.9
13. Jewelry	916.4	979.4	975.8	6.5	-0.4
14. Notions	808.6	825.5	844.0	4.4	2.2
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs	1010.8	1010.5	1028.9	1.8	1.8
16. Furniture and Bedding	591.8	590.4	592.2	0.1	0.3
17. Floor Coverings	612.4	606.4	635.4	3.8	4.8
18. Housewares	682.0	680.1	680.2	-0.3	0.0
19. Major Appliances	208.2	209.7	212.7	2.2	1.4
20. Radio and Television	31.0	29.7	28.7	-7.4	-3.4
21. Recreation and Education ¹	74.8	76.3	77.0	2.9	0.9
22. Home Improvements ¹	143.3	146.5	151.3	5.6	3.3
23. Automotive Accessories ¹	126.2	129.5	135.4	7.3	4.6
1-15. Soft Goods	557.9	560.6	563.4	1.0	0.5
16-20. Durable Goods	364.7	363.0	364.0	-0.2	0.3
21-23. Miscellaneous Goods ¹	94.0	96.1	98.5	4.8	2.5
Store Total ²	491.0	493.5	496.8	1.2	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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