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DEPARTMENT STORE INVENTORY PRICE INDEXES— May 2011

National basis, January 1941=100, unless otherwise noted

	Indexes			Percent change to May 2011 from—	
	May 2010	Nov. 2010	May 2011	May 2010	Nov. 2010
1. Piece Goods	467.2	455.5	460.5	-1.4	1.1
2. Domestic and Draperies	384.9	380.7	379.4	-1.4	-0.3
3. Women's and Children's Shoes	697.1	701.1	689.0	-1.2	-1.7
4. Men's Shoes	930.0	933.0	935.6	0.6	0.3
5. Infants' Wear	567.2	571.4	556.9	-1.8	-2.5
6. Women's Underwear	639.3	678.4	718.7	12.4	5.9
7. Women's Hosiery	389.8	399.8	382.5	-1.9	-4.3
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories	615.6	618.8	582.8	-5.3	-5.8
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear	352.8	355.1	358.6	1.6	1.0
10. Men's Clothing	532.1	519.7	540.2	1.5	3.9
11. Men's Furnishings	579.3	574.4	581.9	0.4	1.3
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	392.2	405.3	413.2	5.4	1.9
13. Jewelry	1010.1	1016.0	1074.1	6.3	5.7
14. Notions	870.1	859.5	882.9	1.5	2.7
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs	1039.2	1052.5	1034.3	-0.5	-1.7
16. Furniture and Bedding	557.5	540.6	549.5	-1.4	1.6
17. Floor Coverings	605.7	606.8	608.5	0.5	0.3
18. Housewares	663.8	654.0	666.8	0.5	2.0
19. Major Appliances	205.6	200.4	201.0	-2.2	0.3
20. Radio and Television	24.0	22.9	22.3	-7.1	-2.6
21. Recreation and Education ¹	73.5	73.3	73.6	0.1	0.4
22. Home Improvements ¹	155.0	155.6	158.8	2.5	2.1
23. Automotive Accessories ¹	138.1	139.1	142.9	3.5	2.7
1-15. Soft Goods	565.6	568.9	574.4	1.6	1.0
16-20. Durable Goods	347.7	340.3	344.1	-1.0	1.1
21-23. Miscellaneous Goods ¹	97.1	97.3	98.6	1.5	1.3
Store Total ²	493.2	493.5	498.6	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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