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DEPARTMENT STORE INVENTORY PRICE INDEXES— Jan. 2012

National basis, January 1941=100, unless otherwise noted

	Indexes			Percent change to Jan. 2012 from—	
	Jan. 2011	July 2011	Jan. 2012	Jan. 2011	July 2011
1. Piece Goods	446.7	491.4	467.6	4.7	-4.8
2. Domestic and Draperies	378.6	379.3	368.3	-2.7	-2.9
3. Women's and Children's Shoes	672.9	658.0	670.5	-0.4	1.9
4. Men's Shoes	925.7	950.1	939.0	1.4	-1.2
5. Infants' Wear	559.3	558.8	574.1	2.6	2.7
6. Women's Underwear	700.5	733.2	790.7	12.9	7.8
7. Women's Hosiery	372.8	392.2	416.1	11.6	6.1
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories	581.8	583.6	632.4	8.7	8.4
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear	322.5	327.5	331.1	2.7	1.1
10. Men's Clothing	504.6	539.7	548.8	8.8	1.7
11. Men's Furnishings	561.9	572.8	604.8	7.6	5.6
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	410.8	402.2	417.9	1.7	3.9
13. Jewelry	1046.6	1075.8	1076.7	2.9	0.1
14. Notions	887.1	873.5	926.6	4.5	6.1
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs	1047.4	1048.8	1060.3	1.2	1.1
16. Furniture and Bedding	550.7	552.5	549.6	-0.2	-0.5
17. Floor Coverings	597.2	614.9	599.3	0.4	-2.5
18. Housewares	659.5	658.4	655.2	-0.7	-0.5
19. Major Appliances	198.3	202.1	206.3	4.0	2.1
20. Radio and Television	22.6	22.0	21.1	-6.6	-4.1
21. Recreation and Education ¹	72.6	73.5	71.7	-1.2	-2.4
22. Home Improvements ¹	156.8	160.5	162.9	3.9	1.5
23. Automotive Accessories ¹	140.3	144.0	146.1	4.1	1.5
1-15. Soft Goods	553.8	563.4	576.0	4.0	2.2
16-20. Durable Goods	341.4	342.6	341.7	0.1	-0.3
21-23. Miscellaneous Goods ¹	97.2	99.0	98.5	1.3	-0.5
Store Total ²	484.4	491.7	499.0	3.0	1.5

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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