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DEPARTMENT STORE INVENTORY PRICE INDEXES— July 2012

National basis, January 1941=100, unless otherwise noted

	Indexes			Percent change to July 2012 from—	
	July 2011	Jan. 2012	July 2012	July 2011	Jan. 2012
1. Piece Goods	491.4	467.6	504.3	2.6	7.8
2. Domestic and Draperies	379.3	368.3	358.1	-5.6	-2.8
3. Women's and Children's Shoes	658.0	670.5	689.5	4.8	2.8
4. Men's Shoes	950.1	939.0	971.3	2.2	3.4
5. Infants' Wear	558.8	574.1	581.9	4.1	1.4
6. Women's Underwear	733.2	790.7	798.4	8.9	1.0
7. Women's Hosiery	392.2	416.1	450.4	14.8	8.2
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories	583.6	632.4	614.4	5.3	-2.8
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear	327.5	331.1	335.0	2.3	1.2
10. Men's Clothing	539.7	548.8	563.3	4.4	2.6
11. Men's Furnishings	572.8	604.8	603.2	5.3	-0.3
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	402.2	417.9	429.4	6.8	2.8
13. Jewelry	1075.8	1076.7	1052.4	-2.2	-2.3
14. Notions	873.5	926.6	863.6	-1.1	-6.8
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs	1048.8	1060.3	1053.9	0.5	-0.6
16. Furniture and Bedding	552.5	549.6	557.3	0.9	1.4
17. Floor Coverings	614.9	599.3	600.4	-2.4	0.2
18. Housewares	658.4	655.2	648.0	-1.6	-1.1
19. Major Appliances	202.1	206.3	209.7	3.8	1.6
20. Radio and Television	22.0	21.1	20.2	-8.2	-4.3
21. Recreation and Education ¹	73.5	71.7	71.5	-2.7	-0.3
22. Home Improvements ¹	160.5	162.9	164.5	2.5	1.0
23. Automotive Accessories ¹	144.0	146.1	147.7	2.6	1.1
1-15. Soft Goods	563.4	576.0	579.6	2.9	0.6
16-20. Durable Goods	342.6	341.7	341.1	-0.4	-0.2
21-23. Miscellaneous Goods ¹	99.0	98.5	98.9	-0.1	0.4
Store Total ²	491.7	499.0	501.3	2.0	0.5

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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