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DEPARTMENT STORE INVENTORY PRICE INDEXES— Mar. 2011

National basis, January 1941=100, unless otherwise noted

	Indexes			Percent change to Mar. 2011 from—	
	Mar. 2010	Sep. 2010	Mar. 2011	Mar. 2010	Sep. 2010
1. Piece Goods	512.5	460.0	461.9	-9.9	0.4
2. Domestic and Draperies	403.1	382.3	375.6	-6.8	-1.8
3. Women's and Children's Shoes	698.7	701.9	691.5	-1.0	-1.5
4. Men's Shoes	925.6	918.1	937.5	1.3	2.1
5. Infants' Wear	580.9	566.5	557.6	-4.0	-1.6
6. Women's Underwear	640.5	678.2	700.1	9.3	3.2
7. Women's Hosiery	394.9	406.2	389.2	-1.4	-4.2
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories	653.0	630.8	591.0	-9.5	-6.3
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear	360.3	360.2	363.0	0.7	0.8
10. Men's Clothing	535.7	525.9	530.4	-1.0	0.9
11. Men's Furnishings	576.7	564.5	571.8	-0.8	1.3
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	387.6	405.9	408.2	5.3	0.6
13. Jewelry	993.4	1025.2	1047.7	5.5	2.2
14. Notions	872.4	899.7	861.1	-1.3	-4.3
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs	1046.0	1044.6	1058.1	1.2	1.3
16. Furniture and Bedding	559.4	543.5	544.4	-2.7	0.2
17. Floor Coverings	608.2	601.7	595.4	-2.1	-1.0
18. Housewares	667.2	659.9	663.5	-0.6	0.5
19. Major Appliances	206.6	203.7	197.8	-4.3	-2.9
20. Radio and Television	24.5	23.2	22.5	-8.2	-3.0
21. Recreation and Education ¹	74.1	73.6	73.0	-1.5	-0.8
22. Home Improvements ¹	155.3	155.3	157.4	1.4	1.4
23. Automotive Accessories ¹	137.2	138.8	140.9	2.7	1.5
1-15. Soft Goods	571.0	569.9	572.7	0.3	0.5
16-20. Durable Goods	349.7	343.5	341.4	-2.4	-0.6
21-23. Miscellaneous Goods ¹	97.3	97.4	97.6	0.3	0.2
Store Total ²	497.2	495.0	496.4	-0.2	0.3

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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