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DEPARTMENT STORE INVENTORY PRICE INDEXES—July 2009

National basis, January 1941=100, unless otherwise noted

	Indexes			Percent change to July 2009 from—	
	July 2008	Jan. 2009	July 2009	July 2008	Jan. 2009
1. Piece Goods	415.0	478.9	481.8	16.1	0.6
2. Domestics and Draperies	440.8	427.5	414.2	-6.0	-3.1
3. Women's and Children's Shoes	637.9	625.7	655.4	2.7	4.7
4. Men's Shoes	881.6	906.7	914.1	3.7	0.8
5. Infants' Wear	541.7	560.1	555.8	2.6	-0.8
6. Women's Underwear	551.0	562.7	574.5	4.3	2.1
7. Women's Hosiery	377.5	369.9	379.3	0.5	2.5
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories	516.6	541.6	589.7	14.2	8.9
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear	314.7	316.4	317.7	1.0	0.4
10. Men's Clothing	520.9	516.5	494.4	-5.1	-4.3
11. Men's Furnishings	550.8	553.2	550.0	-0.1	-0.6
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	380.7	406.1	400.1	5.1	-1.5
13. Jewelry	994.3	969.5	1004.2	1.0	3.6
14. Notions	849.0	848.3	868.9	2.3	2.4
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs	1013.3	1038.9	1050.6	3.7	1.1
16. Furniture and Bedding	600.5	588.3	589.7	-1.8	0.2
17. Floor Coverings	611.7	632.2	618.9	1.2	-2.1
18. Housewares	685.6	683.2	681.5	-0.6	-0.2
19. Major Appliances	212.1	213.2	213.3	0.6	0.0
20. Radio and Television	29.2	28.0	26.5	-9.2	-5.4
21. Recreation and Education ¹	76.5	76.1	76.1	-0.5	0.0
22. Home Improvements ¹	147.7	155.9	159.7	8.1	2.4
23. Automotive Accessories ¹	130.8	134.9	135.6	3.7	0.5
1-15. Soft Goods	536.4	539.1	543.3	1.3	0.8
16-20. Durable Goods	366.1	363.8	361.6	-1.2	-0.6
21-23. Miscellaneous Goods ¹	96.7	98.2	98.8	2.2	0.6
Store Total ²	479.7	481.6	484.0	0.9	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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