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DEPARTMENT STORE INVENTORY PRICE INDEXES— Apr. 2009

National basis, January 1941=100, unless otherwise noted

	Indexes			Percent change to Apr. 2009 from—	
	Apr. 2008	Oct. 2008	Apr. 2009	Apr. 2008	Oct. 2008
1. Piece Goods	402.5	382.7	460.5	14.4	20.3
2. Domestic and Draperies	438.5	429.9	413.2	-5.8	-3.9
3. Women's and Children's Shoes	682.7	682.4	679.0	-0.5	-0.5
4. Men's Shoes	887.2	907.7	915.7	3.2	0.9
5. Infants' Wear	566.5	576.4	579.8	2.3	0.6
6. Women's Underwear	558.9	546.1	599.1	7.2	9.7
7. Women's Hosiery	355.9	360.7	375.6	5.5	4.1
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories	550.9	531.5	563.0	2.2	5.9
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear	362.3	375.5	360.0	-0.6	-4.1
10. Men's Clothing	549.8	540.7	541.1	-1.6	0.1
11. Men's Furnishings	592.0	583.3	587.1	-0.8	0.7
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	417.2	400.2	416.0	-0.3	3.9
13. Jewelry	972.6	1002.6	1003.5	3.2	0.1
14. Notions	821.7	858.6	847.6	3.2	-1.3
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs	1016.1	1016.3	1041.3	2.5	2.5
16. Furniture and Bedding	591.9	608.8	594.6	0.5	-2.3
17. Floor Coverings	602.0	631.1	621.3	3.2	-1.6
18. Housewares	679.5	684.7	686.2	1.0	0.2
19. Major Appliances	207.9	211.1	214.5	3.2	1.6
20. Radio and Television	30.0	29.2	27.4	-8.7	-6.2
21. Recreation and Education ¹	76.5	77.4	77.0	0.7	-0.5
22. Home Improvements ¹	146.2	152.8	158.7	8.5	3.9
23. Automotive Accessories ¹	129.0	134.1	135.8	5.3	1.3
1-15. Soft Goods	563.9	566.3	567.8	0.7	0.3
16-20. Durable Goods	362.6	366.9	364.8	0.6	-0.6
21-23. Miscellaneous Goods ¹	96.1	98.6	99.3	3.3	0.7
Store Total ²	495.4	499.4	500.2	1.0	0.2

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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