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DEPARTMENT STORE INVENTORY PRICE INDEXES— Aug. 2004

National basis, January 1941=100, unless otherwise noted

	Indexes			Percent change to Aug. 2004 from—	
	Aug. 2003	Feb. 2004	Aug. 2004	Aug. 2003	Feb. 2004
1. Piece Goods	488.9	469.3	513.2	5.0	9.4
2. Domestic and Draperies	568.7	536.5	525.7	-7.6	-2.0
3. Women's and Children's Shoes	631.4	609.9	623.7	-1.2	2.3
4. Men's Shoes	838.8	850.4	838.6	0.0	-1.4
5. Infants' Wear	589.1	583.8	561.1	-4.8	-3.9
6. Women's Underwear	510.7	506.7	502.4	-1.6	-0.8
7. Women's Hosiery	347.8	354.3	337.5	-3.0	-4.7
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories	551.0	556.6	557.2	1.1	0.1
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear	350.2	341.9	341.4	-2.5	-0.1
10. Men's Clothing	528.7	534.0	524.4	-0.8	-1.8
11. Men's Furnishings	565.6	572.3	564.3	-0.2	-1.4
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	423.3	436.6	414.5	-2.1	-5.1
13. Jewelry	880.6	895.7	902.5	2.5	0.8
14. Notions	787.1	793.9	794.8	1.0	0.1
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs	979.8	984.6	992.7	1.3	0.8
16. Furniture and Bedding	619.8	624.2	607.8	-1.9	-2.6
17. Floor Coverings	588.7	592.6	581.5	-1.2	-1.9
18. Housewares	720.4	715.2	709.6	-1.5	-0.8
19. Major Appliances	209.7	206.8	196.9	-6.1	-4.8
20. Radio and Television	45.0	43.3	41.2	-8.4	-4.8
21. Recreation and Education ¹	82.3	81.6	80.1	-2.7	-1.8
22. Home Improvements ¹	124.2	128.9	129.2	4.0	0.2
23. Automotive Accessories ¹	111.7	112.1	112.8	1.0	0.6
1-15. Soft Goods	553.5	549.5	546.4	-1.3	-0.6
16-20. Durable Goods	392.1	388.6	379.2	-3.3	-2.4
21-23. Miscellaneous Goods ¹	93.8	93.9	93.1	-0.7	-0.9
Store Total ²	495.2	491.9	487.1	-1.6	-1.0

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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