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DEPARTMENT STORE INVENTORY PRICE INDEXES— Sep. 2004

National basis, January 1941=100, unless otherwise noted

	Indexes			Percent change to Sep. 2004 from—	
	Sep. 2003	Mar. 2004	Sep. 2004	Sep. 2003	Mar. 2004
1. Piece Goods	482.6	491.8	488.9	1.3	-0.6
2. Domestic and Draperies	559.7	537.6	526.6	-5.9	-2.0
3. Women's and Children's Shoes	651.9	643.4	657.4	0.8	2.2
4. Men's Shoes	847.3	840.1	842.8	-0.5	0.3
5. Infants' Wear	611.8	593.2	582.8	-4.7	-1.8
6. Women's Underwear	517.8	493.6	509.6	-1.6	3.2
7. Women's Hosiery	355.5	334.6	336.6	-5.3	0.6
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories	584.6	561.7	576.2	-1.4	2.6
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear	377.3	379.7	371.0	-1.7	-2.3
10. Men's Clothing	542.3	539.2	531.2	-2.0	-1.5
11. Men's Furnishings	579.8	580.7	567.1	-2.2	-2.3
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	448.2	451.9	425.7	-5.0	-5.8
13. Jewelry	875.9	890.0	886.2	1.2	-0.4
14. Notions	788.2	798.5	797.8	1.2	-0.1
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs	980.4	982.7	993.2	1.3	1.1
16. Furniture and Bedding	620.7	620.3	608.0	-2.0	-2.0
17. Floor Coverings	588.6	596.8	584.0	-0.8	-2.1
18. Housewares	717.2	714.4	711.7	-0.8	-0.4
19. Major Appliances	210.3	205.2	197.4	-6.1	-3.8
20. Radio and Television	44.7	43.1	41.1	-8.1	-4.6
21. Recreation and Education ¹	81.9	81.6	79.9	-2.4	-2.1
22. Home Improvements ¹	123.9	127.8	128.9	4.0	0.9
23. Automotive Accessories ¹	111.7	112.3	113.0	1.2	0.6
1-15. Soft Goods	568.8	564.9	559.8	-1.6	-0.9
16-20. Durable Goods	391.4	387.2	379.8	-3.0	-1.9
21-23. Miscellaneous Goods ¹	93.5	93.8	93.0	-0.5	-0.9
Store Total ²	504.3	501.0	495.4	-1.8	-1.1

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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