

Section 472.—Last-in, First-out Inventories

26 CFR 1.472-1: Last-in, first-out inventories.

LIFO; price indexes; department stores. The September 2001 Bureau of Labor Statistics price indexes are accepted for use by department stores em-

plying the retail inventory and last-in, first-out inventory methods for valuing inventories for tax years ended on, or with reference to, September 30, 2001.

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The following Department Store Inventory Price Indexes for September 2001 were issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The indexes are accepted by the

Internal Revenue Service, under § 1.472-1(k) of the Income Tax Regulations and Rev. Proc. 86-46 (1986-2 C.B. 739), for appropriate application to inventories of department stores employing the retail inventory and last-in, first-out inventory methods for tax years ended on, or with reference to, September 30, 2001.

The Department Store Inventory Price Indexes are prepared on a national basis

and include (a) 23 major groups of departments, (b) three special combinations of the major groups - soft goods, durable goods, and miscellaneous goods, and (c) a store total, which covers all departments, including some not listed separately, except for the following: candy, food, liquor, tobacco, and contract departments.

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS, DEPARTMENT STORE
INVENTORY PRICE INDEXES BY DEPARTMENT GROUPS
(January 1941 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Groups	Sep. 2000	Sep. 2001	Percent Change from Sep. 2000 to Sep. 2001 ¹
1. Piece Goods	496.1	509.9	2.8
2. Domestics and Draperies	609.3	589.1	-3.3
3. Women's and Children's Shoes	660.6	668.9	1.3
4. Men's Shoes	913.6	854.7	-6.4
5. Infants' Wear	633.7	625.4	-1.3
6. Women's Underwear	584.9	571.0	-2.4
7. Women's Hosiery	342.9	356.7	4.0
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories	540.0	557.9	3.3
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear	400.2	392.0	-2.0
10. Men's Clothing	606.3	578.4	-4.6
11. Men's Furnishings	624.8	603.1	-3.5
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	481.7	477.1	-1.0
13. Jewelry	933.7	899.0	-3.7
14. Notions	788.0	795.0	0.9
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs	969.9	979.9	1.0
16. Furniture and Bedding	707.2	632.8	-10.5
17. Floor Coverings	614.8	622.9	1.3
18. Housewares	777.5	767.5	-1.3
19. Major Appliances	230.6	227.0	-1.6
20. Radio and Television	58.3	52.9	-9.3
21. Recreation and Education ²	92.3	89.3	-3.3
22. Home Improvements ²	128.3	125.6	-2.1
23. Auto Accessories ²	106.5	110.1	3.4
Groups 1 - 15: Soft Goods	600.3	588.6	-1.9
Groups 16 - 20: Durable Goods	438.9	421.2	-4.0
Groups 21 - 23: Misc. Goods ²	99.8	98.3	-1.5
Store Total ³	539.4	526.8	-2.3

¹ Absence of a minus sign before the percentage change in this column signifies a price increase.

² Indexes on a January 1986=100 base.

³ The store total index covers all departments, including some not listed separately, except for the following: candy, food, liquor, tobacco, and contract departments.

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