

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

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

LIFO; price indexes; department stores. The January 2002 Bureau of Labor Statistics price indexes are accepted for use by department stores employing the retail inventory and last-in, first-out inventory methods for valuing inventories for tax years ended on, or with reference to, January 31, 2002.

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The following Department Store Inventory Price Indexes for January 2002 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, January 31, 2002.

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	Jan. 2001	Jan. 2002	Percent Change from Jan. 2001 to Jan. 2002 ¹
1. Piece Goods -----	490.8	479.8	-2.2
2. Domestic and Draperies -----	614.6	588.3	-4.3
3. Women's and Children's Shoes -----	628.8	607.3	-3.4
4. Men's Shoes -----	886.8	875.0	-1.3
5. Infants' Wear -----	609.2	602.2	-1.1
6. Women's Underwear -----	556.3	556.8	0.1
7. Women's Hosiery -----	343.8	350.3	1.9
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories -----	526.9	559.0	6.1
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear -----	369.7	350.2	-5.3
10. Men's Clothing -----	586.1	565.6	-3.5
11. Men's Furnishings -----	603.2	586.5	-2.8
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings -----	484.6	467.1	-3.6
13. Jewelry -----	956.1	918.2	-4.0
14. Notions -----	784.3	770.1	-1.8
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs -----	987.1	969.1	-1.8
16. Furniture and Bedding -----	685.2	625.9	-8.7
17. Floor Coverings -----	630.1	630.4	0.0
18. Housewares -----	769.4	757.8	-1.5
19. Major Appliances -----	229.9	227.0	-1.3
20. Radio and Television -----	56.8	51.9	-8.6

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

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 INVENTORY PRICE INDEXES BY DEPARTMENT GROUPS—CONTINUED
 (January 1941 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Groups	Jan. 2001	Jan. 2002	Percent Change from Jan 2001 to Jan. 2002 ¹
21. Recreation and Education ² -----	91.0	88.1	-3.2
22. Home Improvements ² -----	127.7	124.6	-2.4
23. Auto Accessories ² -----	108.7	110.5	1.7
Groups 1 — 15: Soft Goods -----	583.7	566.2	-3.0
Groups 16 — 20: Durable Goods -----	432.9	417.1	-3.6
Groups 21 — 23: Misc. Goods ² -----	99.4	97.5	-1.9
Store Total ³ -----	527.4	511.5	-3.0

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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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