

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

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

LIFO; price indexes; department stores. The May 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, May 31, 2002.

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The following Department Store Inventory Price Indexes for May 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, May 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	May 2001	May 2002	Percent Change from May 2001 to May 2002 ¹
1. Piece Goods -----	491.2	490.1	-0.2
2. Domestic and Draperies -----	598.8	586.9	-2.0
3. Women's and Children's Shoes -----	653.9	647.5	-1.0
4. Men's Shoes -----	889.7	924.6	3.9
5. Infants' Wear -----	625.4	614.9	-1.7
6. Women's Underwear -----	570.4	542.9	-4.8
7. Women's Hosiery -----	352.0	345.4	-1.9
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories -----	553.1	558.0	0.9
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear -----	394.6	386.7	-2.0
10. Men's Clothing -----	595.5	597.7	0.4
11. Men's Furnishings -----	619.2	602.1	-2.8
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings -----	497.1	495.5	-0.3
13. Jewelry -----	934.7	901.3	-3.6
14. Notions -----	776.3	797.6	2.7
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs -----	947.8	975.0	2.9
16. Furniture and Bedding -----	641.8	626.4	-2.4
17. Floor Coverings -----	623.7	620.1	-0.6
18. Housewares -----	767.1	758.4	-1.1
19. Major Appliances -----	224.3	220.7	-1.6
20. Radio and Television -----	54.7	50.4	-7.9
21. Recreation and Education ² -----	90.2	86.9	-3.7
22. Home Improvements ² -----	125.7	125.4	-0.2
23. Auto Accessories ² -----	108.9	110.9	1.8
Groups 1 – 15: Soft Goods -----	594.0	586.0	-1.3
Groups 16 – 20: Durable Goods -----	423.0	413.1	-2.3
Groups 21 – 23: Misc. Goods ² -----	98.6	96.8	-1.8
Store Total ³ -----	530.8	522.3	-1.6

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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