

**LIFO; price indexes; department stores.** The August 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, August 31, 2002.

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The following Department Store Inventory Price Indexes for August 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 August 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	August 2001	August 2002	Percent Change from August 2001 to August 2002 <sup>1</sup>
1. Piece Goods-----	485.7	481.8	-0.8
2. Domestic and Draperies -----	591.8	577.9	-2.3
3. Women's and Children's Shoes-----	655.4	634.4	-3.2
4. Men's Shoes -----	856.4	892.1	4.2
5. Infant's Wear-----	609.5	600.1	-1.5
6. Women's Underwear -----	567.5	532.7	-6.1
7. Women's Hosiery -----	354.8	342.7	-3.4
8. Women's and Girl's Accessories -----	547.2	523.9	-4.3
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear-----	361.6	361.5	0.0

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Groups	August 2001	August 2002	Percent Change from August 2001 to August 2002 <sup>1</sup>
10. Men's Clothing -----	579.2	563.8	-2.7
11. Men's Furnishings -----	583.9	589.4	0.9
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings -----	469.2	439.2	-6.4
13. Jewelry -----	936.3	887.0	-5.3
14. Notions -----	793.0	793.2	0.0
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs -----	969.9	969.2	-0.1
16. Furniture and Bedding -----	633.9	623.9	-1.6
17. Floor Coverings -----	623.8	621.3	-0.4
18. Housewares -----	767.6	749.4	-2.4
19. Major Appliances -----	226.9	221.8	-2.2
20. Radio and Television -----	53.4	47.9	-10.3
21. Recreation and Education <sup>2</sup> -----	89.3	85.7	-4.0
22. Home Improvements <sup>2</sup> -----	125.8	125.4	-0.3
23. Auto Accessories <sup>2</sup> -----	109.4	111.8	2.2
Groups 1 – 15: Soft Goods -----	575.5	565.9	-1.7
Groups 16 – 20: Durable Goods -----	421.8	408.4	-3.2
Groups 21 – 23: Misc. Goods <sup>2</sup> -----	98.2	96.2	-2.0
Store Total <sup>3</sup> -----	518.8	508.3	-2.0

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

<sup>2</sup>Indexes on a January 1986=100 base.

<sup>3</sup>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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