

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

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

LIFO; price indexes; department stores. The November 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, November 30, 2002.

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The following Department Store Inventory Price Indexes for November 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 ap-

plication 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, November 30, 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	Nov. 2001	Nov. 2002	Percent Change from Nov. 2001 to Nov. 2002 ¹
1. Piece Goods	492.1	473.3	-3.8
2. Domestic and Draperies	597.2	571.3	-4.3
3. Women's and Children's Shoes	659.0	652.4	-1.0
4. Men's Shoes.....	877.2	899.2	2.5
5. Infants' Wear.....	641.4	622.7	-2.9
6. Women's Underwear.....	574.5	551.8	-4.0
7. Women's Hosiery.....	355.0	345.3	-2.7
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories.....	562.2	559.1	-0.6
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear	385.3	373.5	-3.1
10. Men's Clothing	582.7	572.1	-1.8
11. Men's Furnishings	625.4	603.6	-3.5
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings.....	490.1	461.3	-5.9
13. Jewelry	907.3	871.7	-3.9
14. Notions	806.5	793.1	-1.7
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs.....	979.8	972.5	-0.7
16. Furniture and Bedding	629.5	622.2	-1.2
17. Floor Coverings	627.3	600.6	-4.3
18. Housewares	762.5	738.6	-3.1
19. Major Appliances	226.5	221.6	-2.2
20. Radio and Television	52.3	47.5	-9.2
21. Recreation and Education ²	88.4	84.6	-4.3
22. Home Improvements ²	124.2	125.2	0.8
23. Auto Accessories ²	110.4	111.7	1.2
Groups 1 – 15: Soft Goods.....	592.1	575.9	-2.7
Groups 16 – 20: Durable Goods	418.8	404.5	-3.4
Groups 21 – 23: Misc. Goods ²	97.6	95.4	-2.3
Store Total ³	528.0	513.0	-2.8

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

²Indexes on a January 1986=100 base.

³The 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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