



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, December 31, 1998.

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The following Department Store Inventory Price Indexes for December 1998 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, December 31, 1998.

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.

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

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

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

Groups	Dec 1997	Dec 1998	Percent Change from Dec.1997 to Dec 1998
1. Piece Goods	522.7	546.8	4.6
2. Domestic and Draperies	620.8	631.2	1.7
3. Women's and Children's Shoes	661.6	660.9	-0.1
4. Men's Shoes	894.5	905.3	1.2
5. Infants' Wear	620.2	628.7	1.4
6. Women's Underwear	548.7	559.6	2.0
7. Women's Hosiery	297.0	304.1	2.4
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories	541.1	536.4	-0.9
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear	406.4	401.0	-1.3
10. Men's Clothing	606.0	603.3	-0.4
11. Men's Furnishings	598.6	591.9	-1.1
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	505.4	493.7	-2.3

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

Groups	Dec 1997	Dec 1998	Percent Change from Dec.1997 to Dec 1998 ¹
13. Jewelry	948.3	953.0	0.5
14. Notions	797.8	771.9	-3.2
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs	922.4	939.4	1.8
16. Furniture and Bedding	662.6	691.1	4.3
17. Floor Coverings	581.1	602.5	3.7
18. Housewares	806.6	806.5	0.0
19. Major Appliances	241.7	236.0	-2.4
20. Radio and Television	73.9	69.6	-5.8
21. Recreation and Education ²	108.6	101.6	-6.4
22. Home Improvements ²	133.4	130.6	-2.1
23. Auto Accessories ²	108.0	107.7	-0.3
Groups 1 – 15: Soft Goods	594.5	595.0	0.1
Groups 16 – 20: Durable Goods	460.9	458.0	-0.6
Groups 21 – 23: Misc. Goods ²	111.7	106.6	-4.6
Store Total ³	548.2	544.8	-0.6

¹ Absence of a minus sign before percentage change in this column signifies 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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