

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

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

LIFO; price indexes; department stores. The December 1999 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, December 31, 1999.

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The following Department Store Inventory Price Indexes for December 1999 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, 1999.

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	Dec. 1998	Dec. 1999	Percent Change from Dec. 1998 to Dec. 1999 ¹
1. Piece Goods -----	546.8	512.9	-6.2
2. Domestic and Draperies -----	631.2	619.5	-1.9
3. Women's and Children's Shoes -----	660.9	631.0	-4.5
4. Men's Shoes -----	905.3	887.4	-2.0
5. Infants' Wear -----	628.7	650.0	3.4
6. Women's Underwear -----	559.6	561.6	0.4
7. Women's Hosiery -----	304.1	325.0	6.9
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories -----	536.4	526.2	-1.9
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear -----	401.0	393.5	-1.9
10. Men's Clothing -----	603.3	610.1	1.1

11. Men's Furnishings -----	591.9	626.0	5.8
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings -----	493.7	506.4	2.6
13. Jewelry -----	953.0	924.8	-3.0
14. Notions -----	771.9	768.3	-0.5
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs -----	939.4	981.7	4.5
16. Furniture and Bedding -----	691.1	688.5	-0.4
17. Floor Coverings -----	602.5	602.7	0.0
18. Housewares -----	806.5	786.9	-2.4
19. Major Appliances -----	236.0	234.9	-0.5
20. Radio and Television -----	69.6	63.2	-9.2
21. Recreation and Education ² -----	101.6	95.3	-6.2
22. Home Improvements ² -----	130.6	129.3	-1.0
23. Auto Accessories ² -----	107.7	107.3	-0.4
Groups 1 - 15: Soft Goods -----	595.0	596.7	0.3
Groups 16 - 20: Durable Goods -----	458.0	445.6	-2.7
Groups 21 - 23: Misc. Goods ² -----	106.6	102.1	-4.2
Store Total ³ -----	544.8	540.2	-0.8

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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