

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

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

**LIFO; price indexes; department stores.** The July 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, July 31, 1999.

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The following Department Store Inventory Price Indexes for July 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, July 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	July 1998	July 1999	Percent Change from July 1998 to July 1999 <sup>1</sup>
1. Piece Goods	547.7	551.4	0.7
2. Domestics and Draperies	626.7	632.6	0.9
3. Women's and Children's Shoes	642.3	635.4	-1.1
4. Men's Shoes	906.5	874.8	-3.5
5. Infants' Wear	606.8	615.1	1.4
6. Women's Underwear	573.1	560.8	-2.1
7. Women's Hosiery	307.6	321.3	4.5
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories	539.3	532.8	-1.2
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear	389.3	367.0	-5.7
10. Men's Clothing	613.4	616.1	0.4
11. Men's Furnishings	589.3	618.8	5.0
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	489.4	470.9	-3.8
13. Jewelry	981.5	962.1	-2.0
14. Notions	767.3	794.3	3.5
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs	947.6	967.1	2.1
16. Furniture and Bedding	683.7	685.0	0.2
17. Floor Coverings	602.1	602.2	0.0
18. Housewares	825.5	792.6	-4.0
19. Major Appliances	238.3	235.0	-1.4
20. Radio and Television	71.6	65.7	-8.2
21. Recreation and Education <sup>2</sup>	104.3	98.1	-5.9
22. Home Improvements <sup>2</sup>	131.2	128.1	-2.4
23. Auto Accessories <sup>2</sup>	107.5	106.5	-0.9
Groups 1 - 15: Soft Goods	592.1	588.1	-0.7
Groups 16 - 20: Durable Goods	464.9	449.3	-3.4
Groups 21 - 23: Misc. Goods <sup>2</sup>	108.4	103.7	-4.3
Store Total <sup>3</sup>	545.9	536.7	-1.7

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