

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

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LIFO; price indexes; department stores. The December 2003 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, 2003.

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The following Department Store Inventory Price Indexes for December 2003

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, 2003.

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. 2002	Dec. 2003	Percent Change from Dec. 2002 to Dec. 2003 ¹
1. Piece Goods	465.6	473.7	1.7
2. Domestics and Draperies	561.8	543.9	-3.2
3. Women's and Children's Shoes	640.1	629.7	-1.6
4. Men's Shoes	888.0	847.8	-4.5
5. Infants' Wear	612.4	586.4	-4.2
6. Women's Underwear	536.7	509.6	-5.0
7. Women's Hosiery	345.3	344.1	-0.3
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories	540.3	551.3	2.0
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear	356.4	362.7	1.8
10. Men's Clothing	550.6	535.1	-2.8
11. Men's Furnishings	584.7	583.4	-0.2
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	446.2	429.0	-3.9
13. Jewelry	855.4	848.0	-0.9
14. Notions	793.2	799.6	0.8
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs	967.5	976.5	0.9
16. Furniture and Bedding	623.8	612.9	-1.7
17. Floor Coverings	596.3	595.1	-0.2
18. Housewares	734.4	710.6	-3.2
19. Major Appliances	219.4	206.8	-5.7
20. Radio and Television	47.3	43.8	-7.4
21. Recreation and Education ²	84.3	81.5	-3.3
22. Home Improvements ²	125.8	125.4	-0.3
23. Automotive Accessories ²	111.3	112.1	0.7
Groups 1-15: Soft Goods	560.7	555.8	-0.9
Groups 16-20: Durable Goods	402.4	386.8	-3.9
Groups 21-23: Misc. Goods ²	95.2	93.5	-1.8
Store Total ³	503.0	495.1	-1.6

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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