

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, March 31, 2005.

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The following Department Store Inventory Price Indexes for March 2005 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 ap-

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.

LIFO; price indexes; department stores. The March 2005 Bureau of Labor Statistics price indexes are accepted

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

Groups	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Percent Change from Mar 2004 to Mar 2005 ¹
1. Piece Goods	491.8	465.1	-5.4
2. Domestics and Draperies	537.6	536.8	-0.1
3. Women's and Children's Shoes	643.4	685.9	6.6
4. Men's Shoes	840.1	849.9	1.2
5. Infants' Wear	593.2	571.0	-3.7
6. Women's Underwear	493.6	547.7	11.0
7. Women's Hosiery	334.6	349.7	4.5
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories	561.7	607.0	8.1
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear	379.7	375.9	-1.0
10. Men's Clothing	539.2	564.8	4.7
11. Men's Furnishings	580.7	587.0	1.1
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	451.9	445.9	-1.3
13. Jewelry	890.0	882.1	-0.9
14. Notions	798.5	777.7	-2.6
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs	982.7	991.4	0.9
16. Furniture and Bedding	620.3	604.2	-2.6
17. Floor Coverings	596.8	602.4	0.9
18. Housewares	714.4	712.2	-0.3
19. Major Appliances	205.2	205.0	-0.1
20. Radio and Television	43.1	39.5	-8.4
21. Recreation and Education ²	81.6	79.6	-2.5
22. Home Improvements ²	127.8	137.3	7.4
23. Automotive Accessories ²	112.3	114.4	1.9
Groups 1-15: Soft Goods	564.9	572.2	1.3
Groups 16-20: Durable Goods	387.2	381.1	-1.6
Groups 21-23: Misc. Goods ²	93.8	94.0	0.2
Store Total ³	501.0	504.0	0.6

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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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