

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, September 30, 1997.

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, September 30, 1997.

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The following Department Store Inventory Price Indexes for September 1997 were issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on October 16, 1997. The indexes are accepted by the Internal Revenue Service, under § 1.472–1(k) of the Income Tax Regulations and Rev. Proc. 86–46,

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, foods, 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	Sept. 1996	Sept. 1997	Percent Change from Sept. 1996 to Sept. 1997 ¹
1. Piece Goods	534.8	521.1	–2.6
2. Domestic and Draperie	644.1	646.6	0.4
3. Women’s and Children’s Shoes	647.9	652.0	0.6
4. Men’s Shoes	916.1	902.9	–1.4
5. Infants’ Wear	631.9	623.3	–1.4
6. Women’s Underwear	536.0	557.8	4.1
7. Women’s Hosiery	289.0	304.3	5.3
8. Women’s and Girls’ Accessories	557.1	544.1	–2.3
9. Women’s Outerwear and Girls’ Wear	407.2	422.2	3.7
10. Men’s Clothing	612.0	620.2	1.3
11. Men’s Furnishings	573.6	603.1	5.1
12. Boys’ Clothing and Furnishings	489.8	498.7	1.8
13. Jewelry	1040.3	1009.5	–3.0
14. Notions	795.2	842.0	5.9
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs	895.9	904.6	1.0
16. Furniture and Bedding	675.6	662.7	–1.9
17. Floor Coverings	589.9	583.2	–1.1
18. Housewares	810.0	816.8	0.8
19. Major Appliances	247.1	243.4	–1.5
20. Radio and Television	77.2	74.9	–3.0
21. Recreation and Education ²	111.4	108.9	–2.2
22. Home Improvements ²	125.9	131.7	4.6
23. Auto Accessories ²	107.0	108.3	1.2
Groups 1 – 15: Soft Goods	596.8	606.4	1.6
Groups 16 – 20: Durable Goods	469.0	465.3	–0.8
Groups 21 – 23: Misc. Goods ²	112.6	111.8	–0.7
Store Total ³	552.2	556.7	0.8

¹Absence of a minus sign before percentage change in this column signifies 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, foods, liquor, tobacco, and contract departments.

DRAFTING INFORMATION

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