

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

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

LIFO; price indexes; department stores. The February 2001 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, February 28, 2001.

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The following Department Store Inventory Price Indexes for February 2001 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, February 28, 2001.

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	Feb. 2000	Feb. 2001	Percent Change from Feb. 2000 to Feb. 2001 ¹
1. Piece Goods	502.6	507.2	0.9
2. Domestics and Draperies	611.8	606.8	-0.8
3. Women's and Children's Shoes	612.7	642.9	4.9
4. Men's Shoes	893.0	881.9	-1.2
5. Infants' Wear	648.8	620.5	-4.4
6. Women's Underwear	577.0	563.4	-2.4
7. Women's Hosiery	330.8	351.5	6.3
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories	542.1	550.1	1.5
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear	381.7	388.0	1.7
10. Men's Clothing	622.6	594.4	-4.5
11. Men's Furnishings	619.2	608.1	-1.8
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	496.2	484.7	-2.3
13. Jewelry	973.4	943.6	-3.1
14. Notions	763.6	794.5	4.0
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs	967.0	986.1	2.0
16. Furniture and Bedding	700.0	685.9	-2.0
17. Floor Coverings	604.0	630.2	4.3
18. Housewares	787.3	774.9	-1.6
19. Major Appliances	233.9	227.8	-2.6
20. Radio and Television	61.5	56.3	-8.5
21. Recreation and Education ²	94.2	90.7	-3.7
22. Home Improvements ²	128.1	128.0	-0.1
23. Auto Accessories ²	107.3	108.8	1.4
Groups 1 - 15: Soft Goods	593.9	592.0	-0.3
Groups 16 - 20: Durable Goods	444.9	433.1	-2.7
Groups 21 - 23: Misc. Goods ²	101.3	99.2	-2.1
Store Total ³	537.7	532.4	-1.0

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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