

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

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

LIFO; price indexes; department stores. The March 2000 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, March 31, 2000.

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The following Department Store Inventory Price Indexes for March 2000 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, March 31, 2000.

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	Mar. 1999	Mar. 2000	Percent Change from Mar. 1999 to Mar. 2000 ¹
1. Piece Goods -----	555.8	511.5	-8.0
2. Domestic and Draperies -----	619.9	614.4	-0.9
3. Women's and Children's Shoes -----	651.0	638.9	-1.9
4. Men's Shoes -----	887.6	902.4	1.7
5. Infants' Wear -----	617.2	649.8	5.3
6. Women's Underwear -----	577.4	582.7	0.9
7. Women's Hosiery -----	321.4	337.5	5.0
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories -----	557.4	548.1	-1.7
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear -----	408.4	409.5	0.3
10. Men's Clothing -----	623.1	626.2	0.5
11. Men's Furnishings -----	611.1	623.2	2.0
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings -----	488.6	498.1	1.9
13. Jewelry -----	977.8	965.3	-1.3
14. Notions -----	785.7	746.6	-5.0
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs -----	957.3	968.0	1.1
16. Furniture and Bedding -----	690.9	693.1	0.3
17. Floor Coverings -----	602.4	606.8	0.7
18. Housewares -----	803.5	787.4	-2.0
19. Major Appliances -----	233.9	235.7	0.8
20. Radio and Television -----	67.9	61.0	-10.2
21. Recreation and Education ² -----	99.9	94.8	-5.1
22. Home Improvements ² -----	128.5	128.0	-0.4
23. Auto Accessories ² -----	107.4	107.6	0.2
Groups 1 - 15: Soft Goods -----	603.6	606.3	0.4
Groups 16 - 20: Durable Goods -----	454.6	444.3	-2.3
Groups 21 - 23: Misc. Goods ² -----	105.1	101.7	-3.2
Store Total ³ -----	548.5	545.5	-0.5

¹ Absence of a minus sign before the percentage change in this column signifies a price increase.

² Indexes on a January 1986=100 base.

³ 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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