

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

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

**LIFO; price indexes; department stores.** The January 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, January 31, 2003.

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The following Department Store Inventory Price Indexes for January 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, January 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.

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INVENTORY PRICE INDEXES BY DEPARTMENT GROUPS  
(January 1941 = 100, unless otherwise noted)

Groups	Jan. 2002	Jan. 2003	Percent Change from Jan. 2002 to Jan. 2003 <sup>1</sup>
1. Piece Goods .....	479.8	465.2	-3.0
2. Domestic and Draperies .....	588.3	566.8	-3.7
3. Women's and Children's Shoes .....	607.3	648.4	6.8
4. Men's Shoes .....	875.0	876.7	0.2
5. Infants' Wear .....	602.2	593.8	-1.4
6. Women's Underwear .....	556.8	524.0	-5.9
7. Women's Hosiery .....	350.3	339.8	-3.0
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories .....	559.0	549.7	-1.7
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear .....	350.2	338.3	-3.4
10. Men's Clothing .....	565.6	550.9	-2.6
11. Men's Furnishings .....	586.5	567.3	-3.3
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings .....	467.1	427.1	-8.6
13. Jewelry .....	918.2	866.4	-5.6
14. Notions .....	770.1	782.8	1.6
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs .....	969.1	971.1	0.2
16. Furniture and Bedding .....	625.9	626.3	0.1
17. Floor Coverings .....	630.4	593.0	-5.9
18. Housewares .....	757.8	736.4	-2.8
19. Major Appliances .....	227.0	220.0	-3.1
20. Radio and Television .....	51.9	47.1	-9.2
21. Recreation and Education <sup>2</sup> .....	88.1	84.2	-4.4
22. Home Improvements <sup>2</sup> .....	124.6	125.5	0.7
23. Auto Accessories <sup>2</sup> .....	110.5	112.0	1.4
Groups 1-15: Soft Goods .....	566.2	552.0	-2.5
Groups 16-20: Durable Goods .....	417.1	403.0	-3.4
Groups 21-23: Misc. Goods <sup>2</sup> .....	97.5	95.3	-2.3
Store Total <sup>3</sup> .....	511.5	497.8	-2.7

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

<sup>2</sup>Indexes on a January 1986 = 100 base

<sup>3</sup>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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