

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

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

**LIFO; price indexes; department stores.** The June 2002 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, June 30, 2002.

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The following Department Store Inventory Price Indexes for June, 2002 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 June 30, 2002.

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	June 2001	June 2002	Percent Change from June 2001 to June 2002 <sup>1</sup>
1. Piece Goods-----	478.7	494.9	3.4
2. Domestic and Draperies -----	603.2	577.6	-4.2
3. Women's and Children's Shoes -----	644.8	634.3	-1.6
4. Men's Shoes -----	888.8	905.7	1.9
5. Infants' Wear -----	605.2	603.3	-0.3
6. Women's Underwear -----	562.2	525.1	-6.6
7. Women's Hosiery -----	354.0	346.5	-2.1
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories -----	547.3	537.2	-1.8
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear -----	378.1	369.7	-2.2
10. Men's Clothing-----	582.1	580.7	-0.2
11. Men's Furnishings -----	599.6	581.7	-3.0
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings -----	488.5	475.7	-2.6
13. Jewelry -----	936.8	897.0	-4.2
14. Notions -----	780.7	805.4	3.2
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs -----	963.4	981.0	1.8
16. Furniture and Bedding -----	639.9	626.2	-2.1
17. Floor Coverings -----	615.4	616.6	0.2
18. Housewares -----	767.7	756.2	-1.5
19. Major Appliances -----	225.9	221.0	-2.2
20. Radio and Television -----	53.9	49.4	-8.3
21. Recreation and Education <sup>2</sup> -----	90.1	86.2	-4.3
22. Home Improvements <sup>2</sup> -----	124.7	125.5	0.6
23. Auto Accessories <sup>2</sup> -----	109.1	110.9	1.6
Groups 1 - 15: Soft Goods-----	584.1	571.9	-2.1
Groups 16 - 20: Durable Goods-----	422.5	411.5	-2.6
Groups 21 - 23: Misc. Goods <sup>2</sup> -----	98.5	96.4	-2.1
Store Total <sup>3</sup> -----	524.5	512.9	-2.2

<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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