

DEPARTMENT STORE SALES, BY DEPARTMENTS

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Department	Percentage of year's sales made in each month												Percentage of year's sales by departments	
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.		Year
GRAND TOTAL - Entire store	6.0	6.2	7.9	8.3	8.0	8.0	6.4	7.9	8.1	8.9	10.5	13.8	100.0	100.0
MAIN STORE ONLY	6.0	6.3	7.9	8.3	8.0	7.9	6.3	7.9	8.2	8.8	10.5	13.9	100.0	86.3
WOMEN'S, MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S WEAR	6.2	6.4	8.9	8.9	7.9	7.7	6.1	8.3	8.6	9.1	9.6	12.2	100.0	36.2
Women's and Misses' Coats and Suits	7.4	8.0	13.1	10.0	6.5	4.0	3.9	9.0	10.1	11.4	9.6	7.0	100.0	4.0
Women's and Misses' Dresses	6.5	6.7	9.0	9.7	10.2	10.4	7.1	7.5	8.4	8.4	7.7	8.4	100.0	4.8
Blouses, Skirts, and Sportswear	6.2	6.2	8.0	8.1	8.5	9.6	7.5	9.0	9.1	8.4	8.2	11.2	100.0	3.1
Juniors' and Girls' Wear	5.5	6.0	10.5	9.7	7.2	7.5	5.5	10.1	9.2	8.7	9.5	10.8	100.0	5.2
Juniors' Coats, Suits and Dresses	6.5	6.5	10.9	9.8	8.1	8.2	5.9	9.5	9.1	8.6	8.2	8.7	100.0	1.7
Girls' Wear	4.5	5.3	9.5	9.8	6.2	6.7	5.0	10.3	9.8	9.0	10.9	13.0	100.0	1.5
Aprons, House-dresses, and Uniforms	7.5	6.8	8.6	9.1	11.2	12.4	9.3	6.3	5.8	5.9	6.9	10.2	100.0	1.4
Underwear, Slips, Negligees and Robes	5.4	5.8	6.6	6.9	8.0	7.6	6.7	7.1	6.9	8.2	11.5	19.3	100.0	3.7
Knit Underwear	6.0	6.0	6.6	7.1	7.9	8.0	7.2	7.5	7.6	9.0	11.4	15.7	100.0	0.9
Silk and Woolen Underwear, Slips, Etc.	5.5	6.1	7.0	7.2	8.3	7.5	6.6	7.0	6.8	7.8	11.2	19.0	100.0	2.1
Negligees, Robes and Lounging Apparel	4.6	4.9	5.7	6.1	7.6	7.0	6.1	6.2	6.4	8.1	12.5	24.8	100.0	0.7
Infants' Wear (Including Infants' Furniture)	5.5	5.8	8.2	8.4	6.5	6.4	5.9	8.9	9.5	10.1	11.2	13.6	100.0	2.5
Women's and Children's Shoes	6.2	6.4	8.7	9.3	8.6	8.6	5.9	8.5	9.1	9.1	8.9	10.7	100.0	3.1
Furs	9.3	7.3	5.6	5.4	8.3	1.8	5.6	15.8	9.9	11.8	13.8	13.4	100.0	1.2
Hosiery and Socks	5.8	6.4	8.3	9.1	6.8	5.7	4.4	6.4	6.2	8.8	11.0	19.1	100.0	0.8
Hankerychiefs	4.6	5.9	5.5	7.1	6.7	5.9	4.6	5.5	5.7	7.3	12.5	28.7	100.0	0.5
Millinery	5.6	6.5	11.0	12.7	7.1	6.0	3.7	8.1	12.0	11.3	9.0	7.0	100.0	1.2
Women's and Children's Gloves	5.6	6.1	7.7	9.5	6.4	4.8	3.1	4.7	7.2	9.3	13.0	22.6	100.0	0.9
Corsets and Brassieres	7.6	7.3	8.8	9.1	8.7	9.0	7.4	8.0	8.4	8.9	8.3	8.5	100.0	1.4
Women's and Children's Hosiery	5.1	5.8	7.8	8.8	8.3	8.4	7.6	7.9	8.0	9.1	9.8	13.4	100.0	2.3
Handbags and Small Leather Goods	4.4	5.4	8.3	10.3	8.4	8.1	5.1	6.7	8.0	8.1	9.9	17.3	100.0	1.3
MEN'S AND BOYS' WEAR	4.7	4.9	6.7	8.2	7.2	8.9	5.6	6.9	8.0	8.9	11.6	18.4	100.0	9.7
Men's Clothing	5.4	6.6	7.5	9.5	8.5	8.5	5.8	7.5	9.1	10.2	11.4	11.9	100.0	2.7
Men's Furnishings, Hats, Caps, Etc.	4.6	4.9	5.8	8.9	6.5	9.6	5.6	6.0	6.8	8.1	11.9	23.1	100.0	4.6
Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	4.4	4.7	7.9	10.2	6.2	6.6	4.6	9.0	9.5	9.4	11.5	15.6	100.0	1.7
Men's and Boys' Shoes and Slippers	5.5	5.6	6.8	7.8	7.2	8.3	5.7	7.2	8.1	8.9	10.3	17.6	100.0	0.5
HOME FURNISHINGS	6.0	6.4	7.4	7.9	8.7	8.2	7.1	8.4	8.3	9.1	10.7	11.8	100.0	20.8
Furniture, Beds, Mattresses, and Springs	6.3	7.5	8.6	9.1	9.4	8.8	7.4	9.3	7.8	8.1	9.4	8.3	100.0	4.3
Domestic Floor Coverings (Including Pads, Linoleum)	5.8	6.8	8.3	8.5	9.1	8.3	6.9	8.3	8.4	10.5	9.3	10.0	100.0	2.0
Draperies, Curtains, Upholstery, Linings, Etc.	5.6	6.6	8.7	9.1	9.3	8.3	6.8	7.5	8.3	10.8	11.6	12.6	100.0	2.6
Major Household Appliances	3.6	3.9	4.5	5.0	6.6	7.1	8.9	9.7	10.7	12.3	12.6	15.1	100.0	1.6
Linens, Towels, Domestic, and Blankets	8.2	6.9	6.6	7.1	8.3	7.9	6.6	8.5	8.2	9.0	11.1	11.6	100.0	3.7
Linens and Towels	8.6	6.8	6.7	7.0	8.1	7.1	8.5	7.9	8.1	8.5	10.4	13.8	100.0	1.5
Domestics - Shells, Sheetings, Etc.	9.5	7.7	7.2	7.7	8.5	7.7	6.3	8.1	7.4	8.6	11.9	9.4	100.0	1.1
Blankets, Comforters, Spreads, Etc.	7.4	6.2	6.0	6.2	8.1	7.9	5.7	8.4	10.0	10.3	11.6	12.2	100.0	1.1
Lamps and Shades	6.0	6.6	7.3	7.8	8.6	7.4	5.8	6.8	7.7	9.0	12.2	14.8	100.0	0.7
China and Glassware	6.4	6.6	6.7	7.1	7.8	8.3	6.5	7.5	7.5	8.0	11.5	16.1	100.0	1.1
Houseware (Pots, Pans, Utensils, Toasters, Etc.)	5.5	6.0	7.6	8.6	9.2	8.7	7.6	8.0	8.4	8.2	9.8	12.4	100.0	3.2
FUR GOODS	7.5	8.4	9.8	8.7	8.6	7.7	6.5	8.4	8.5	8.8	9.2	7.9	100.0	2.5
Silks, Rayons, and Velvets (Including Linings)	7.4	8.6	12.9	8.8	8.0	7.4	6.4	8.0	7.9	8.5	8.6	7.5	100.0	0.7
Woolen Dress Goods	8.0	8.0	9.4	5.8	4.3	4.4	5.4	11.4	12.6	12.7	10.2	7.9	100.0	0.2
Cotton Wash Goods	7.5	7.9	9.1	10.3	10.8	9.6	8.1	7.7	6.6	7.8	7.5	7.1	100.0	0.4
SMALL WARES	6.1	6.3	6.8	7.2	7.7	7.4	5.9	6.7	7.3	8.3	11.2	19.1	100.0	8.9
Laces, Trimmings, Embroideries, and Ribbons	6.4	6.2	9.0	11.4	9.2	8.3	6.0	6.6	7.8	8.8	9.8	11.5	100.0	0.3
Buttons	5.7	6.3	7.8	8.5	8.2	7.6	7.2	7.9	8.9	9.1	11.8	10.0	100.0	1.1
Toilet Articles, Drug Sundries, and Prescriptions	6.5	6.4	6.7	7.0	7.6	7.5	6.2	6.6	7.0	7.4	9.8	21.3	100.0	2.7
Jewelry and Silverware	4.8	5.9	6.6	7.2	7.9	7.4	5.5	6.9	7.4	8.5	11.6	20.3	100.0	2.2
Jewelry (Including Clocks and Watches)	4.7	6.0	6.3	7.0	7.9	6.8	5.0	6.6	7.5	8.4	11.6	22.2	100.0	1.5
Silverware	5.2	6.1	7.0	7.4	8.2	7.6	5.6	7.1	7.6	8.9	11.7	16.4	100.0	0.7
Art Needlework	8.4	8.3	7.6	6.7	6.0	5.9	7.6	8.2	10.4	12.2	12.0	10.0	100.0	0.6
Books, Magazines, and Stationery	6.1	6.4	6.0	6.2	6.4	6.4	5.1	6.0	6.7	8.5	15.9	22.3	100.0	1.7
Stationery	5.6	6.0	5.3	5.6	6.3	6.4	4.8	6.0	7.1	8.6	11.9	23.2	100.0	1.1
Books and Magazines	7.5	7.4	7.7	7.0	6.6	6.4	5.4	6.2	6.5	7.4	11.4	20.5	100.0	0.6
MISCELLANEOUS	1.6	5.0	5.9	7.1	7.1	7.4	6.3	6.5	6.2	7.6	11.4	21.9	100.0	4.4
Toys and Games	4.7	5.4	5.6	5.0	4.4	4.6	4.2	4.5	4.4	7.7	23.1	33.8	100.0	0.8
Sporting Goods, Cameras	2.7	3.4	4.7	5.9	6.1	7.4	6.4	6.3	6.3	8.0	17.0	25.8	100.0	1.4
Luggage	4.5	4.9	5.6	6.6	9.2	11.3	8.9	8.7	6.7	6.0	9.8	17.8	100.0	0.5
BASMENT STORE ONLY	6.0	6.0	8.1	8.7	8.0	8.5	6.7	7.7	8.0	9.0	10.3	13.0	100.0	11.7
Women's and Misses' and Children's Wear	6.0	6.2	8.9	9.3	7.9	8.3	6.8	7.8	8.0	8.9	9.7	12.2	100.0	6.3
Men's and Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	5.0	5.0	6.4	7.6	6.9	9.0	6.3	7.3	8.0	9.0	11.6	17.9	100.0	1.9
Piece Goods (Dress and Coat Yard Goods)	7.0	7.7	8.4	8.2	8.8	8.1	7.1	8.4	8.3	9.4	9.9	8.7	100.0	0.8
Shoes	5.3	5.3	7.4	9.0	8.1	8.6	5.6	7.1	8.5	8.4	11.1	13.2	100.0	0.2
Home Furnishings (Including Linens, Towels, Domestic and Blankets)	6.0	6.0	8.3	8.2	7.7	8.8	7.2	8.2	8.6	10.1	14.0	10.0	100.0	1.9

Notes:—Based on reports from 350 of the larger department stores located in various cities throughout the country. In 1945, sales by these stores accounted for about 50 per cent of estimated total department store sales. However, not all stores reported data for all of the departments shown; consequently, the sample for the individual departments is not so comprehensive as that for the total.

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Department	Percentage of month's sales made in each department												Percentage of year's sales by departments
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	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	
GRAND TOTAL - Entire Store	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Merchandise Departments	81.2	81.9	81.6	82.0	81.6	82.0	81.6	82.0	81.6	82.0	81.6	82.0	81.6
WARE STORE ONLY	86.2	86.7	86.1	86.1	86.2	85.6	86.5	86.5	86.6	85.6	85.7	86.0	87.3
WOMEN'S, MISSES', AND CHILDREN'S WEAR	37.6	37.4	40.6	38.7	35.7	35.0	34.6	38.1	38.4	36.8	32.9	32.0	36.2
Women's and Misses' Coats and Suits	1.9	5.1	6.0	2.4	4.5	4.9	2.5	4.5	5.1	4.0	2.0	4.0	4.0
Women's and Misses' Dresses	5.3	5.1	5.4	5.6	6.1	6.2	5.3	4.5	4.9	4.5	3.5	2.9	4.8
Blouses, Skirts, and Sportswear	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.3	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.4	2.9	2.4	2.6	3.1
Juniors' and Girls' Wear	3.0	3.1	4.2	3.7	2.9	3.0	2.8	4.1	3.7	3.1	2.9	2.5	3.2
Juniors' Coats, Suits, and Dresses	1.9	1.8	2.4	2.0	1.8	1.6	2.1	1.9	1.6	1.4	1.1	1.7	1.7
Girls' Wear	1.1	1.2	1.8	1.7	1.1	1.2	1.2	2.0	1.8	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.5
Aprons, House dresses, and Uniforms	1.8	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.9	2.2	2.0	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.4
Underwear, Slips, Negligees, and Robes	3.4	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.7	3.6	3.9	3.4	3.1	3.4	4.0	5.2	3.7
Knit Underwear	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.9
Silk and Woolen Underwear, Slips, Etc.	1.7	2.0	1.8	2.1	2.0	2.1	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.8	2.2	2.8	2.1
Negligees, Robes, and Lounging Apparel	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.8	1.3	0.7
Infants' Wear (Including Infants' Furniture)	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.0	2.0	2.3	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.5
Women's and Children's Shoes	3.2	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.3	2.9	3.3	3.5	3.1	2.6	2.4	3.1
Pure	1.8	1.3	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.3	1.0	2.3	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.1	1.2
Heckwear and Soar's	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.9	1.1	0.8
Handkerchiefs	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.7	1.1	0.5
Millinery	1.1	1.2	1.6	1.8	1.0	0.9	0.7	1.2	1.5	1.5	1.0	0.6	1.2
Women's and Children's Gloves	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.7	1.0	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.5	0.9
Corsets and Brassieres	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.2	1.7	1.4	1.1	0.9	1.4
Women's and Children's Hosiery	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.8	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.1	2.2	2.3
Handbags and Small Leather Goods	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.7	1.4	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.7	1.3
WOMEN'S AND BOYS' WEAR	7.7	7.6	8.2	9.6	8.8	10.9	8.6	8.6	9.6	9.7	10.7	13.0	9.7
Men's Clothing	2.3	2.0	2.6	3.1	3.1	3.1	2.5	2.5	3.1	3.1	3.0	2.3	2.7
Men's Furnishings, Hats, Caps, Etc.	3.5	3.7	3.4	3.8	3.7	5.5	4.2	3.5	3.8	4.2	5.2	7.8	4.6
Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	1.3	1.3	1.7	2.1	1.4	1.7	1.2	1.7	2.0	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.7
Men's and Boys' Shoes and Slippers	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5
HOME FURNISHINGS	21.0	21.5	19.5	19.8	22.7	21.5	23.3	22.1	21.3	21.2	21.2	17.6	20.8
Furniture, Beds, Mattresses, and Springs	5.2	4.8	4.7	4.7	5.2	4.4	4.7	3.3	4.1	4.2	4.1	2.6	4.4
Domestic Floor Coverings (Including Pads, Linoleum)	1.9	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.3	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.0	1.4	2.0
Draperies, Curtains, Upholstery, Awnings, Etc.	2.4	2.8	2.9	2.8	3.2	2.7	2.8	2.5	2.7	2.9	2.6	1.7	2.6
Major Household Appliances	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.4	1.5	2.3	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.0	1.8	1.6
Linens, Towels, Domestic, and Blankets	5.0	4.0	3.0	3.1	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.1	3.7
Linens and Towels	2.0	1.6	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.5
Domestics - Mullins, Sheetings, Etc.	1.7	1.4	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.8	1.1
Blankets, Comforters, Spreads, Etc.	1.3	1.0	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.2	0.9	1.1
Lamps and Shades	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7
China and Glassware	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.1
Houseware (Pots, Pans, Cutlery, Toasters, Etc.)	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.7	3.5	3.9	3.3	3.3	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.2
PIECE GOODS	3.1	3.3	3.0	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.1	1.4	2.5
Silks, Rayons, and Velvets (Including Linings)	0.9	1.0	1.2	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.7
Woolen Dress Goods	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2
Cotton Wash Goods	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4
SMALL WARES	9.2	9.1	7.7	7.7	8.6	8.3	8.3	7.6	8.0	8.3	9.5	12.4	8.9
Laces, Trimmings, Embroideries, and Ribbons	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3
Notions	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.9	1.1
Toilet Articles, Drug Sundries, and Prescriptions	2.9	2.8	2.3	2.3	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.5	3.2	2.7
Jewelry and Silverware	1.8	2.0	1.8	1.9	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.4	3.2	2.7
Jewelry (Including Clocks and Watches)	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	2.4	1.4
Silverware	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.7
Art Needlework	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6
Books, Magazines, and Stationery	1.8	1.8	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.7	1.7	2.8	1.7
Stationery	1.0	1.1	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.9	1.1
Books and Magazines	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.6
MISCELLANEOUS	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.7	3.9	4.1	4.3	3.6	3.3	3.8	6.0	6.9	4.4
Toys and Games	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.7	1.8	2.1	0.8
Sporting Goods, Cameras	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.1	1.0	1.2	2.2	2.6	1.4
Luggage	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.5
SALES NOT ALLOCATED TO SPECIFIC DEPARTMENTS	4.2	4.3	3.8	4.0	3.9	3.4	4.0	3.9	3.4	3.5	3.6	4.0	3.8
BASEMENT STORE ONLY	11.7	11.3	12.0	12.3	11.7	12.5	12.4	11.5	11.6	11.9	11.5	11.1	11.7
Women's, Misses', and Children's Wear	6.4	6.2	7.0	6.2	6.5	6.7	6.2	6.2	6.5	6.7	5.6	5.5	6.3
Men's and Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.3	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.5	1.9
Piece Goods (Dress and Coat Yard Goods)	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Shoes	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8
Home Furnishings (Including Linens, Towels, Domestic, and Blankets)	2.1	2.0	1.8	1.9	2.2	2.0	2.1	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.0	1.4	1.9

Notes:—Based on reports from 250 of the larger department stores located in various cities throughout the country. In 1935, sales by these stores accounted for about 50 per cent of estimated total department store sales. However, not all stores reported data for all of the departments shown; consequently, the sample for the individual departments is not so comprehensive as that for the total.

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DEPARTMENT STORE SALES, BY DEPARTMENTS
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1946

Department	Sales during month												
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year
MAIN STORE ONLY	147	154	194	205	196	194	155	194	201	218	258	343	205
WOMEN'S, MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S WEAR	160	166	230	231	234	199	157	211	223	234	248	316	215
Women's and Misses' Coats and Suits	202	219	299	275	171	110	107	216	277	313	364	193	229
Women's and Misses' Dresses	176	177	237	257	268	275	186	197	221	221	203	221	220
Blouses, Skirts, Sportswear	184	189	238	240	252	286	222	268	271	252	243	342	248
Junior's and Girls' Wear	166	181	213	233	219	222	167	206	200	204	208	328	253
Children's Coats, Suits and Dresses	201	203	339	305	250	254	183	296	282	266	254	275	299
Girls' Wear	139	162	292	301	192	205	153	317	303	278	336	403	257
Aprons, House-dresses, and Uniforms	176	160	202	213	260	290	217	118	135	138	160	235	194
Underwear, Slips, Negligees and Robes	152	163	185	194	223	211	189	199	193	229	321	339	193
Knit Underwear	158	158	173	188	209	212	190	197	201	237	300	441	220
Slips and Mullin Underwear, Slips, Etc.	159	175	200	206	239	217	189	201	195	225	321	345	239
Negligees, Robes and Lounging Apparel	0135	143	166	178	222	205	178	181	187	236	304	724	243
Infants' wear (Including Infants' Furniture)	178	187	264	269	210	206	189	286	301	323	360	433	267
Women's and Children's Shoes	155	160	219	234	214	216	118	213	239	227	224	367	209
Furs	152	124	93	56	38	30	92	299	162	194	225	221	137
Hosiery and Scarfs	181	201	262	284	214	178	199	202	298	276	345	598	232
Handkerchiefs	112	118	132	170	160	112	109	133	156	176	299	690	200
Millinery	121	138	235	272	152	127	79	173	257	242	192	152	178
Women's and Children's Gloves	125	137	172	214	143	118	71	143	201	208	253	586	187
Corsets and Brassiers	213	203	246	254	245	251	206	225	236	248	233	237	233
Women's and Children's Hosiery	97	110	116	164	155	159	143	119	151	171	182	251	156
Handbags and Small Leather Goods	103	127	194	241	197	189	119	156	188	191	232	410	156
WOMEN'S AND BOYS' WEAR	112	115	159	195	171	211	133	164	190	210	274	434	197
Men's Clothing	104	95	156	195	182	184	119	187	210	234	299	473	171
Men's Furnishings, Hats, Caps, Etc.	115	124	164	211	152	167	150	171	210	214	299	540	194
Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	115	122	205	264	171	171	118	232	247	243	299	403	216
Men's and Boys' Shoes and Slippers	118	122	116	168	156	200	124	156	174	192	223	379	180
HOME FURNISHINGS	137	146	169	181	198	187	166	190	189	207	244	266	190
Furniture, Beds, Mattresses, and Springs	128	152	173	183	190	177	119	188	158	164	189	169	168
Domestic Floor Coverings (Including Pads, Linoleum)	116	136	167	170	182	166	138	166	176	188	210	189	167
Draperies, Curtains, Upholstery, Aminals, Etc.	135	158	210	248	237	200	164	180	200	240	250	210	201
Major Household Appliances	82	90	104	115	152	163	205	223	245	281	289	345	191
LINEAS, TOWELS, DOMESTICS, AND BLANKETS	193	162	155	168	195	187	155	200	194	212	261	279	197
Linens and Towels	199	158	156	163	187	188	146	196	175	181	241	313	193
Domestics - Mullins, Sheetings, Etc.	220	178	166	179	197	179	145	188	172	199	274	218	193
Blankets, Comforters, Spreads, Etc.	177	147	144	149	194	189	137	201	240	246	279	290	199
LAMPS AND SHADES	138	154	169	182	200	172	134	199	180	210	283	344	194
China and Glassware	113	115	118	125	136	147	113	132	131	140	202	284	116
Roseware (Pots, Pans, Cutlery, Toasters, Etc.)	172	185	234	285	289	234	249	238	254	304	387	580	226
PIECE GOODS	232	261	304	268	267	240	201	299	262	273	284	282	298
Silks, Rayons, and Velvets (Including Linings)	249	257	311	261	271	219	189	238	234	252	255	285	247
Woolen Dress Goods	232	291	344	211	156	157	197	145	158	161	370	285	203
Cotton Wash Goods	214	225	262	295	309	276	231	250	190	223	216	202	239
SMALL WARES	113	118	159	168	179	173	138	157	169	193	251	447	195
Laces, Trimmings, Embroideries, and Ribbons	164	187	273	344	280	250	182	198	237	265	295	247	252
Notions	166	156	193	212	228	234	188	179	195	211	226	289	206
Toilet Articles, Drug Sundries, and Prescriptions	130	128	135	140	152	152	123	135	140	148	195	240	166
Jewelry and Silversware	127	155	173	189	208	195	145	182	196	225	305	535	220
Jewelry (Including Clocks and Watches)	128	163	171	190	211	186	137	179	203	230	314	605	227
Silversware	123	146	166	177	199	205	134	169	181	210	279	389	198
Art Sewdwork	175	164	189	199	199	183	122	157	170	217	253	324	173
Books, Magazines, and Stationery	151	159	150	154	160	159	127	150	166	211	345	556	207
Stationery	133	144	134	150	153	141	114	149	211	395	591	199	199
Books and Magazines	170	168	175	160	150	145	124	114	119	164	299	467	189
MISCELLANEOUS	118	126	151	181	180	189	160	166	158	194	368	527	212
Toys and Games	50	69	104	144	127	121	128	128	127	220	663	987	239
Sporting Goods, Cameras	65	61	113	159	148	154	153	153	153	182	412	659	203
Luggage	122	131	150	176	247	302	298	249	179	162	263	474	223
BAROMETR STORE ONLY	124	125	168	182	166	177	160	164	157	189	216	271	178
Women's and Misses' and Children's Wear	130	132	191	200	169	179	116	167	171	191	209	262	179
Men's and Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	108	107	135	161	146	190	135	156	169	191	247	380	177
Piece Goods (Dress and Coat Yard Goods)	212	234	286	290	266	245	216	254	253	284	301	364	253
Shoes	82	61	117	139	126	154	124	136	151	138	160	201	128
Home Furnishings (Including Linens, Towels, Domestic and Blankets)	140	139	160	173	194	173	115	163	170	203	232	214	176

1/ The 1941 average of monthly sales for each department is used as a base in computing the sales index for that department.
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DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS, BY DEPARTMENTS
Index Numbers, Without Seasonal Adjustment
(1914 Average Monthly Sales = 100) 1/2

1916

Department	Stocks at end of month												
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year
MAIN STORE ONLY	337	361	398	432	464	473	496	549	572	609	633	536	468
WOMEN'S, MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S WEAR	311	343	367	397	420	433	456	516	547	574	567	442	448
Women's and Misses' Coats and Suits	365	313	348	364	376	305	416	510	549	583	568	383	302
Women's and Misses' Dresses	322	382	393	316	319	314	344	384	397	389	383	383	381
Blouses, Skirts, Sportswear	442	515	596	684	734	723	697	725	715	725	705	554	621
Juniors' and Girls' Wear	479	484	500	510	552	573	634	695	737	747	679	486	584
Juniors' Coats, Suits and Dresses	372	431	434	458	458	484	487	555	605	548	543	438	467
Girls' Wear	444	571	605	610	684	713	825	900	965	931	873	588	728
Aprons, House-dresses, and Uniforms	247	262	272	320	317	297	279	328	378	430	461	421	377
Underwear, Slips, Negligees and Robes	204	228	236	344	373	394	421	472	524	584	605	642	437
Knit Underwear	211	232	275	317	343	358	380	379	403	463	535	465	363
Silk and Muslin Underwear, Slips, Etc.	192	214	262	312	335	349	372	415	447	524	565	403	501
Negligees, Robes and Lounging Apparel	650	269	347	430	467	536	604	737	812	959	1,009	462	501
Infants' wear (Including Infants' Furniture)	500	553	603	654	691	736	779	822	800	804	800	641	699
Women's and Children's Shoes	390	390	400	400	420	421	433	476	527	590	643	631	475
Furs	393	382	381	347	452	608	811	829	890	863	772	517	399
Bookwear and Scarfs	399	465	523	554	594	619	613	807	810	888	839	490	636
Handkerchiefs	469	544	657	708	728	722	750	878	909	1,006	1,075	607	757
Millinery	185	247	266	223	191	144	176	234	244	244	186	151	207
Women's and Children's Glove	338	385	444	479	545	618	693	834	935	993	986	666	699
Corsets and Trussers	373	384	407	433	477	498	524	550	570	659	649	632	599
Women's and Children's Hosiery	115	136	154	159	163	178	179	215	220	244	260	233	188
Handbags and Small Leather Goods	315	360	419	436	466	450	424	504	557	613	619	462	470
WOMEN'S AND BOYS' WEAR	230	250	298	347	403	400	428	507	555	608	618	487	430
Men's Clothing	139	131	147	195	200	206	234	302	301	302	326	280	233
Men's Furnishings, Hats, Caps, Etc.	210	235	300	362	437	444	445	535	608	713	775	509	462
Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	144	166	196	276	343	373	423	531	604	682	682	487	381
Men's and Boys' Shoes and Slippers	100	327	349	372	419	424	441	506	560	628	628	546	462
HOME FURNISHINGS	363	386	405	457	489	514	545	575	592	620	636	657	523
Furniture, Beds, Mattresses, and Springs	372	369	360	412	433	463	489	579	579	675	649	697	527
Domestic Floor-Coverings (Including Pads, Linoleum)	288	318	333	332	349	380	408	348	427	444	446	506	387
Draperies, Curtains, Upholstery, Amings, Etc.	445	479	509	508	563	607	665	759	776	764	801	790	639
Major Household Appliances	71	72	69	91	128	139	195	183	193	234	249	300	156
Linens, Towels, Domestic, and Blankets	300	315	361	422	461	479	506	545	544	582	640	644	483
Linens and Towels	383	395	428	493	541	577	608	648	680	730	731	731	569
Domestics - Muslins, Sheetings, Etc.	187	173	177	193	209	207	249	215	235	233	281	311	241
Blankets, Comforters, Spreads, Etc.	297	327	403	494	551	600	614	712	669	680	716	736	569
Lamps and Shades	510	548	633	703	733	752	755	799	826	844	870	736	785
China and Glassware	394	404	452	501	524	576	608	618	633	684	720	665	565
Houseware (Pots, Pans, Cutlery, Toasters, Etc.)	581	632	723	780	839	822	839	874	910	948	965	909	817
FIBRE GOODS	397	363	365	397	425	470	522	582	531	546	620	709	464
Silks, Rayons, and Velvets (Including Linings)	390	352	320	296	248	278	349	417	406	438	479	557	388
Woolen Tissues Goods	437	462	444	523	593	716	805	862	669	659	665	799	686
Cotton Weave Goods	302	279	270	304	309	328	328	362	401	444	501	617	375
SMALL WARES	465	521	589	652	651	656	619	671	703	785	857	648	650
Laces, Trimmings, Embroideries, and Ribbons	509	731	787	816	780	795	776	844	1,012	1,038	1,026	785	356
Notions	465	543	594	642	650	642	644	703	721	718	763	664	692
Toilet Articles, Drug Sundries, and Prescriptions	468	490	543	572	594	589	563	566	577	672	809	610	588
Jewelry and Silverware	483	548	659	719	734	742	690	807	842	929	968	717	734
Jewelry (Including Clocks and Watches)	152	617	746	802	823	779	746	908	915	944	1,053	744	804
Silverware	154	408	442	505	542	534	500	606	641	711	711	688	597
Art Booklets	154	546	638	719	752	766	783	744	740	765	756	699	699
Books, Magazines, and Stationery	480	546	537	584	624	624	624	728	875	875	879	620	620
Stationery	500	511	549	573	597	573	573	653	715	890	896	573	631
Books and Magazines	116	444	518	516	540	589	483	586	587	675	764	560	497
MISCELLANEOUS	320	329	398	444	469	509	537	570	607	660	691	513	506
Toys and Games	308	358	470	544	616	662	720	829	936	991	1,015	424	640
Sporting Goods, Cameras	250	307	388	478	443	449	517	627	722	846	1,361	944	619
Luggage	313	376	456	543	614	593	533	590	594	706	835	650	599
BASEMENT STORE ONLY	273	317	345	367	390	395	407	444	470	466	462	393	402
Women's and Misses' and Children's Wear	271	314	340	363	383	383	402	436	439	458	436	346	346
Men's and Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	253	288	340	383	449	453	471	516	536	595	599	444	442
Floor Goods (Dress and Coat Yard Goods)	339	398	353	388	407	434	465	545	546	551	574	444	467
Shoes	353	347	363	388	403	403	393	463	469	468	502	413	460
Home Furnishings (Including Linens, Towels, Domestic and Blankets)	301	339	370	403	449	449	483	513	528	546	554	532	453

1/2 The stocks index is derived by applying to the sales index for each month the corresponding stock-sales ratio. This, in effect, bases the stocks index on 1914 average monthly sales.

Notes—Based on reports from about 390 of the larger department stores located in various cities throughout the country. In 1915, stocks by these stores accounted for about 50 per cent of estimated total department store stocks. However, not all stores reported data for all the departments shown; consequently, the index for the individual departments is not so comprehensive as that for the total. For description of indexes see page 856 of the August 1916 Federal Reserve Bulletin.

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