

DEPARTMENT STORE SALES, BY DEPARTMENTS

1943

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	7	8	8	8	8	6	7	8	9	11	14	100	100.0
MAIN STORE ONLY	6	8	8	8	7	8	6	7	8	9	11	14	100	85.0
WOMEN'S, MISSES', AND CHILDREN'S WEAR	6	8	8	9	7	7	6	7	9	10	10	13	100	38.2
Women's and Misses' Coats and Suits	8	12	11	10	7	3	4	7	10	12	10	8	100	4.3
Women's and Misses' Dresses	6	8	8	9	10	10	7	7	9	9	8	9	100	4.6
Blouses, Skirts, and Sportswear	6	8	7	7	7	9	7	8	10	9	9	13	100	3.1
Juniors' and Girls' Wear	5	7	8	10	7	7	5	9	10	10	10	12	100	3.3
Juniors' Coats, Suits, and Dresses	5	9	9	9	8	7	6	9	10	10	9	9	100	1.8
Girls' Wear	4	6	7	10	6	6	5	9	11	11	11	14	100	1.5
Aprons, Housedresses, and Uniforms	7	8	9	8	10	13	9	6	6	6	7	11	100	1.5
Underwear, Slips, Negligees, and Hobes	5	7	6	6	7	7	7	6	6	7	8	13	100	3.8
Knit Underwear	6	7	7	6	7	7	7	6	8	10	12	17	100	1.0
Silk and Muslin Underwear, Slips, Etc.	5	7	6	6	8	7	7	6	7	7	12	22	100	2.1
Negligees, Hobes, and Lounging Apparel	4	5	5	5	6	6	5	5	6	9	15	29	100	0.7
Infants' Wear (Including Infants' Furniture)	5	6	7	9	6	6	6	8	11	11	11	14	100	2.6
Women's and Children's Shoes	7	8	8	10	8	11	5	6	10	9	9	9	100	3.0
Pure	11	10	7	5	2	2	5	10	9	11	14	14	100	1.9
Neckwear and Scarfs	6	7	8	9	7	6	5	6	8	9	11	18	100	0.9
Handkerchiefs	5	5	5	6	6	5	5	5	6	8	13	31	100	0.7
Millinery	5	6	10	13	8	7	4	6	13	11	9	8	100	1.3
Women's and Children's Gloves	6	6	7	11	6	4	2	3	8	10	15	22	100	1.0
Corsets and Brassieres	8	9	9	9	9	9	8	7	8	8	8	8	100	1.2
Women's and Children's Hosiery	6	8	8	8	9	7	6	6	8	9	10	15	100	2.8
Handbags and Small Leather Goods	4	5	7	10	7	8	5	6	9	9	11	19	100	1.6
MEN'S AND BOYS' WEAR	6	7	7	8	7	9	5	5	8	9	11	18	100	9.1
Men's Clothing	8	9	8	8	7	10	6	5	7	10	10	11	100	2.6
Men's Furnishings, Hats, Caps, Etc.	5	6	6	6	6	10	5	5	6	8	13	24	100	4.3
Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	4	6	7	11	6	6	4	6	11	10	12	17	100	1.8
Men's and Boys' Shoes and Slippers	7	7	7	8	7	13	5	5	8	9	10	14	100	0.4
HOME FURNISHINGS	8	7	8	8	8	8	7	8	9	9	10	10	100	17.6
Furniture, Beds, Mattresses, and Springs	7	9	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	9	8	100	3.8
Domestic Floor Coverings (Including Pads, Linoleum)	6	7	8	9	10	8	7	8	9	11	10	7	100	2.2
Draperies, Curtains, Upholstery, Awnings, Etc.	6	6	7	9	10	8	7	7	9	11	11	9	100	2.6
Major Household Appliances	9	9	10	15	11	9	8	7	6	6	5	5	100	0.4
Linens, Towels, Domestic, and Blankets	12	7	6	6	7	7	7	8	9	9	10	12	100	3.8
Linens and Towels	11	6	6	6	7	7	7	8	7	8	11	16	100	1.5
Domestics - Muslins, Sheetings, Etc.	15	8	7	6	8	8	9	9	8	8	7	7	100	1.3
Blankets, Comforters, Spreads, Etc.	8	6	6	5	7	6	6	8	11	12	12	13	100	1.0
Lamps and Shades	6	7	7	7	8	7	6	7	9	10	12	14	100	0.6
China and Glassware	6	7	7	6	7	7	6	7	8	9	12	18	100	1.1
Houseware (Pots, Pans, Cutlery, Toasters, Etc.)	7	8	9	9	10	9	7	7	8	8	9	9	100	2.2
PIECE GOODS	7	12	10	8	8	8	6	7	9	9	9	7	100	2.5
Silks, Rayons, and Velvets (Including Linings)	7	11	10	8	9	8	6	7	8	9	9	8	100	1.0
Woolen Dress Goods	8	13	10	6	4	3	4	8	12	13	11	8	100	0.4
Cotton Wash Goods	6	11	10	9	10	11	8	8	7	7	7	6	100	0.6
SMALL WARES	6	6	7	7	7	7	6	6	8	9	12	19	100	9.8
Laces, Trimmings, Embroideries, and Ribbons	5	5	8	9	8	8	6	7	8	9	10	11	100	0.3
Notions	7	7	8	8	10	9	7	6	8	9	10	11	100	1.2
Toilet Articles, Drug Sundries, and Prescriptions	6	6	7	7	7	7	6	6	7	8	11	21	100	2.4
Jewelry and Silverware	5	6	6	7	7	7	6	6	8	9	12	21	100	2.1
Jewelry (Including Clocks and Watches)	4	5	6	7	7	7	6	6	7	9	13	23	100	1.6
Silverware	6	7	8	7	7	8	6	7	8	8	11	17	100	0.5
Art Needlework	8	8	8	6	6	6	5	7	8	11	14	14	100	0.7
Books, Magazines, and Stationery	5	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	8	9	15	23	100	1.8
MISCELLANEOUS	5	5	6	7	6	6	6	6	7	10	15	21	100	4.1
Sporting Goods, Cameras, and Toys	3	3	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	9	22	29	100	1.5
Luggage	6	6	7	8	8	10	9	8	6	7	10	15	100	0.6
BASEMENT STORE ONLY	7	8	8	9	8	8	6	7	8	9	10	12	100	12.8
Women's, Misses', and Children's Wear	6	8	9	9	8	8	6	7	8	9	10	12	100	7.2
Men's and Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	6	7	7	8	7	9	6	5	8	9	11	17	100	1.9
Piece Goods (Dress and Coat Yard Goods)	8	9	9	7	8	9	8	7	8	9	9	9	100	0.4
Shoes	8	7	8	10	8	12	7	6	8	8	8	10	100	0.9
Home Furnishings (Including Linens, Towels, Domestic, and Blankets)	8	7	8	8	9	8	7	7	9	9	10	10	100	1.9

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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	1.7	1.6	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.7	2.1	2.1	2.6	2.6	1.8	2.2
MAIN STORE ONLY	84.7	85.4	84.4	83.9	84.3	83.5	84.2	85.3	85.3	84.8	85.5	86.6	85.0
WOMEN'S, MISSES', AND CHILDREN'S WEAR	37.0	40.9	40.0	40.4	37.1	35.8	35.5	39.5	40.8	38.9	36.7	36.6	38.2
Women's and Misses' Coats and Suits	5.2	6.7	6.3	5.3	5.1	5.5	5.3	4.6	5.2	5.5	4.8	4.2	4.3
Women's and Misses' Dresses	4.2	5.2	4.9	5.0	5.9	6.0	5.1	4.7	4.8	4.3	3.6	3.0	4.6
Blouses, Skirts, and Sportswear	2.8	3.2	3.0	2.8	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.0	2.6	2.8	3.1
Juniors' and Girls' Wear	2.4	3.3	3.4	3.8	2.9	2.9	2.9	4.2	4.0	3.6	3.1	2.8	3.3
Juniors' Coats, Suits, and Dresses	1.5	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.7	2.3	2.0	1.9	1.5	1.2	1.8
Girls' Wear	0.9	1.2	1.4	1.8	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.9	2.0	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.5
Aprons, Housedresses, and Uniforms	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.5	2.1	2.4	2.1	1.4	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.5
Underwear, Slips, Negligees, and Robes	2.9	3.3	2.9	2.7	3.7	3.6	3.9	3.4	3.1	3.3	4.5	6.1	3.8
Knit Underwear	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.7	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.0
Silk and Mullin Underwear, Slips, Etc.	1.5	1.8	1.5	1.6	2.1	2.0	2.2	1.9	1.6	1.6	2.4	3.4	2.1
Negligees, Robes, and Lounging Apparel	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	1.0	1.5	0.7
Infants' Wear (Including Infants' Furniture)	2.2	2.1	2.5	2.7	2.2	2.1	2.5	3.0	3.3	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.6
Women's and Children's Shoes	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.7	3.2	4.5	2.6	2.8	3.4	2.9	2.5	2.0	3.0
Pure	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.7	3.2	4.5	2.6	2.8	3.4	2.9	2.5	2.0	3.0
Hockwear and Scarfs	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.2	0.9
Handkerchiefs	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.8	1.5	0.7
Millinery	1.0	1.1	1.6	2.0	1.4	1.1	0.8	1.2	1.9	1.5	1.1	0.7	1.3
Women's and Children's Gloves	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.3	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.9	1.1	1.4	1.7	1.0
Corsets and Brassieres	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.7	1.2
Women's and Children's Hosiery	2.7	2.9	3.0	3.2	2.9	2.5	2.8	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.6	3.1	2.8
Handbags and Small Leather Goods	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.7	1.5	1.6	2.2	1.4
MEN'S AND BOYS' WEAR	8.6	8.4	7.9	8.5	8.0	11.0	7.6	6.8	8.2	8.8	9.8	12.2	9.1
Men's Clothing	3.3	3.1	2.7	2.5	2.8	3.4	2.4	1.7	2.2	2.6	2.4	2.0	2.6
Men's Furnishings, Hats, Caps, Etc.	3.5	3.4	3.1	3.2	3.3	5.3	3.7	2.9	3.2	3.8	5.0	7.5	4.3
Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	1.2	1.4	1.6	2.4	1.5	1.5	1.2	1.7	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.2	1.8
Men's and Boys' Shoes and Slippers	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4
HOME FURNISHINGS	21.3	17.8	17.4	17.1	20.2	17.8	20.4	19.3	17.7	17.6	16.4	12.9	17.6
Furniture, Beds, Mattresses, and Springs	4.0	4.7	3.8	3.7	4.3	3.9	4.8	5.1	4.0	3.7	3.3	2.2	3.8
Domestic Floor Coverings (Including Pad, Linoleum)	2.2	2.1	2.4	2.4	2.9	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.6	2.1	1.2	2.2
Curtains, Carpets, Upholstery, Awnings, Etc.	2.1	2.1	2.5	2.9	3.5	2.8	2.8	2.5	2.7	3.0	2.7	1.7	2.6
Major Household Appliances	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.4
Linens, Towels, Domestics, and Blankets	6.8	3.6	3.2	2.7	3.6	3.7	4.6	4.6	3.9	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.8
Linens and Towels	2.5	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.7	1.6	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.7	1.5
Domestics - Mullins, Sheatings, Etc.	3.0	1.5	1.3	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.9	1.8	1.3	1.2	0.9	0.8	1.2
Blankets, Comforters, Spreads, Etc.	1.3	0.8	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.0
Lamps and Shades	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.6
China and Glassware	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.1	1.1
Houseware (Pots, Pans, Outlets, Toasters, Etc.)	2.5	2.2	2.6	2.5	2.8	2.5	2.6	2.3	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.5	2.2
PIECE GOODS	2.7	4.0	3.3	2.4	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.1	1.4	2.5
Silks, Rayons, and Velvets (Including Linings)	1.1	1.5	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.6	1.0
Woolen Dress Goods	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.5
Cotton Wash Goods	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.6
SMALL WARES	9.1	8.3	8.5	8.1	9.2	9.1	9.7	8.9	8.8	9.2	10.9	13.9	9.8
Laces, Trimmings, Embroideries, and Ribbons	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Notions	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.2
Toilet Articles, Drug Sundries, and Prescriptions	3.3	3.0	2.9	2.7	3.1	3.2	3.5	3.1	2.8	3.0	3.4	5.2	3.4
Jewelry and Silversware	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.4	3.2	2.1
Jewelry (Including Clocks and Watches)	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.9	2.6	1.6
Silversware	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.5
Art Bookwork	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.8
Books, Magazines, and Stationery	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.7	1.9	2.6	3.2	1.8
MISCELLANEOUS	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.4	3.3	3.5	4.2	3.6	3.4	4.1	5.7	6.1	4.1
Sporting Goods, Cameras, and Toys	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.4	3.2	3.3	1.5
Luggage	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6
SALES NOT ALLOCATED TO SPECIFIC DEPARTMENTS	2.9	3.0	4.2	4.0	3.8	3.7	4.1	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.5	3.7
BASEMENT STORE ONLY	13.6	13.0	13.4	13.8	13.4	14.0	13.1	12.6	12.6	12.6	11.9	11.6	12.8
Women's, Misses', and Children's Wear	7.0	7.6	7.9	8.1	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.1	7.1	6.7	6.4	7.2
Men's and Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	2.3	1.7	1.5	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.3	1.9
Piece Goods (Dress and Coat Yard Goods)	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4
Shoes	1.1	0.8	0.9	1.1	0.9	1.4	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.9
Home Furnishings (Including Linens, Towels, Domestic, and Blankets)	2.3	1.8	1.9	1.9	2.4	2.0	2.2	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.4	1.9

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MAIN STORE ONLY													
Women's, Misses' and Children's Wear	109	141	143	153	127	127	99	124	159	169	180	234	117
Women's and Misses' Coats and Suits	150	228	220	192	101	54	70	142	198	243	199	153	162
Women's and Misses' Dresses	95	136	132	144	155	162	107	112	142	144	134	147	134
Blouses, Skirts, Sportswear	111	149	140	145	140	164	131	153	194	178	169	241	159
Junior's and Girls' Wear	107	147	140	149	159	134	109	171	203	168	198	234	159
Junior's Coats, Suits and Dresses	106	174	173	187	148	145	114	171	197	203	179	192	166
Girls' Wear	77	118	147	196	111	126	94	167	220	210	223	293	165
Aprons, House-dresses, and Uniforms	115	139	134	132	172	202	137	102	91	96	117	175	134
Underwear, Slips, Negligees and Robes	95	118	110	110	133	133	116	113	126	150	232	412	154
Knit Underwear	116	127	120	112	159	195	116	113	139	172	211	304	149
Silk and Manilla Underwear, Slips, Etc.	90	121	114	117	144	157	120	116	123	160	227	423	156
Negligees, Robes and Lounging Apparel	74	89	89	92	120	110	94	97	119	156	271	548	155
Infants' wear (Including Infants' Furniture)	119	133	159	183	135	135	125	168	232	226	242	294	179
Women's and Children's Shoes	109	125	131	156	131	181	83	96	152	142	138	146	133
Furs	183	167	126	78	39	36	90	191	152	202	237	248	146
Hosiery and Socks	125	158	177	208	160	132	114	133	197	207	299	403	189
Handkerchiefs	78	97	87	111	101	96	81	92	108	135	237	563	149
Millinery	72	99	143	195	119	98	59	100	187	168	138	113	124
Women's and Children's Gloves	99	100	119	175	95	99	140	94	125	172	240	374	137
Corsets and Brassieres	129	141	129	134	134	136	113	110	127	138	121	126	128
Women's and Children's Hosiery	94	114	123	134	115	100	89	86	113	127	147	227	122
Handbags and Small Leather Goods	71	103	124	177	133	136	97	110	157	160	196	339	150
MEN'S AND BOYS' WEAR													
Men's Clothing	107	118	104	102	103	130	72	60	91	122	125	144	106
Men's Furnishings, Hats, Caps, Etc.	76	87	82	90	88	142	78	68	94	122	183	399	122
Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	71	102	120	188	104	113	67	115	192	185	202	288	146
Men's and Boys' Shoes and Slippers	91	87	84	99	90	164	60	65	99	111	129	186	105
HOME FURNISHINGS													
Furniture, Beds, Mattresses, and Springs	77	103	87	90	97	89	87	104	100	104	104	93	95
Domestic Floor Coverings (Including Pads, Linoleum)	88	96	111	124	136	111	96	107	129	151	137	103	116
Draperies, Curtains, Upholstery, Awnings, Etc.	80	92	116	138	134	130	103	105	135	168	170	138	127
Major Household Appliances	30	30	33	48	35	30	27	24	19	20	17	15	27
Linens, Towels, Domestics, and Blankets	180	110	101	90	112	116	116	128	137	142	158	192	132
Linens and Towels	161	96	91	83	99	106	103	111	111	120	166	231	123
Domestics - Mullins, Sheetings, Etc.	253	143	124	105	131	143	118	157	147	137	129	145	145
Blankets, Comforters, Spreads, Etc.	132	93	84	80	102	102	91	116	170	182	179	199	127
Lamps and Shades	82	86	88	88	99	91	80	89	109	132	169	204	110
China and Glassware	84	92	96	94	102	97	81	88	99	107	144	194	106
Houseware (Pots, Pans, Cutlery, Toasters, Etc.)	86	87	102	105	110	97	81	82	94	97	99	111	96
FUR GOODS													
Silks, Rayons, and Velvets (Including Linings)	144	239	208	163	163	164	134	150	179	187	184	158	173
Woolen Dress Goods	137	219	191	156	150	142	142	169	180	182	159	163	
Woolen Suit Goods	179	279	219	127	77	74	95	192	275	283	234	169	184
Cotton Wash Goods	136	242	210	190	231	247	189	164	146	149	155	136	183
SMALL WARE													
Laces, Trimmings, Embroideries, and Ribbons	99	104	109	110	115	117	99	102	124	145	195	323	137
Notions	94	118	119	121	171	180	147	139	171	186	210	351	161
Toilet Articles, Drug Sundries, and Prescriptions	116	119	137	160	155	156	120	110	133	142	148	177	138
Jewelry Articles, Drug Sundries, and Prescriptions	102	104	105	104	110	117	101	99	114	131	176	343	136
Jewelry and Silverware	80	94	99	109	116	116	95	106	128	145	201	349	134
Jewelry (Including Clocks and Watches)	78	98	105	122	126	123	100	112	146	162	231	427	152
Silverware	80	86	89	80	89	95	69	77	91	98	129	186	97
Art Needlework	128	118	113	85	83	77	83	97	120	151	199	210	122
Books, Magazines, and Stationery	93	97	100	100	97	86	97	125	165	253	402	143	
MISCELLANEOUS													
Toys and Games	71	82	91	101	92	100	94	89	104	140	221	309	124
Sporting Goods, Cameras	20	29	35	55	44	49	51	63	119	388	513	118	
Luggage	105	113	125	126	157	176	166	144	119	122	152	243	116
BASEMENT STORE ONLY													
Women's and Misses' and Children's Wear	92	112	119	129	112	123	91	98	122	135	144	183	122
Women's and Misses' Coats and Suits	101	125	135	146	119	125	97	107	133	147	154	193	132
Men's and Boys' Dressing and Furnishings	82	94	96	110	89	128	74	76	108	127	148	232	141
Piece Goods (Dress and Coat Yard Goods)	132	189	173	144	152	165	154	150	161	175	176	161	161
Shoes	89	77	86	109	87	130	68	65	86	87	92	112	91
Home Furnishings (Including Linens, Towels, Domestic and Blankets)	109	101	108	110	125	110	95	102	120	131	133	134	115

^{1/} The 1941 average of monthly sales for each department is used as a base in computing the sales index for that department.
 Notes:—Based on reports from about 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. For description of indexes see page 536 of the August 1946 Federal Reserve Bulletin.

DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS, BY DEPARTMENTS
Index Numbers, Without Seasonal Adjustment
(1914 Average Monthly Sales = 100) $\sqrt{}$

1945

Department	Stocks at end of month												
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year
MAIN STORE ONLY	326	314	329	326	319	337	353	393	407	409	399	389	353
WOMEN'S, MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S WEAR	243	233	261	256	255	282	312	375	388	382	372	292	304
Women's and Misses' Coats and Suits	213	162	178	163	152	246	370	497	495	422	385	337	302
Women's and Misses' Dresses	131	122	160	176	153	118	130	186	207	203	192	161	166
Blouses, Skirts, Sportswear	217	208	250	271	296	334	362	416	410	398	389	325	323
Juniors' and Girls' Wear	188	183	223	201	204	241	303	370	381	365	354	276	274
Juniors' Coats, Suits and Dresses	163	144	187	182	176	219	278	357	375	345	317	269	251
Girls' Wear	230	240	279	238	249	280	354	422	418	414	417	395	321
Aprons, House Dresses, and Uniforms	198	181	206	237	220	200	193	222	299	292	331	283	235
Underwear, Slips, Negligees and Robes	262	223	244	262	251	276	290	379	387	431	422	343	301
Knit Underwear	293	250	269	267	233	271	277	316	346	357	351	295	290
Silk and Woolen Underwear, Slips, Etc.	262	220	245	262	237	261	276	319	364	416	398	212	287
Negligees, Robes and Lounging Apparel	163	172	196	219	241	296	349	439	513	575	583	296	337
Infants' wear (Including Infants' furniture)	282	283	297	280	269	310	347	387	376	383	390	346	329
Women's and Children's Shoes	430	441	472	455	433	399	435	405	401	485	484	467	455
Pure	285	252	285	260	165	528	610	622	635	595	509	402	440
Hosiery and Scarfs	230	217	246	225	252	305	309	423	465	505	511	341	315
Handkerchiefs	357	367	404	397	407	468	492	613	672	709	709	386	493
Millinery	82	108	155	119	102	89	95	163	153	151	126	104	124
Women's and Children's Gloves	342	356	379	321	311	349	387	401	527	520	457	266	391
Corsets and Brassieres	406	377	364	348	329	321	323	331	329	329	336	342	345
Women's and Children's Hosiery	292	285	306	296	267	290	294	330	336	332	333	252	301
Handbags and small Leather Goods	178	190	218	204	229	278	299	372	397	425	446	295	294
MEN'S AND BOYS' WEAR	1414	1396	1406	1398	1401	1384	1397	1462	1604	1604	1600	1627	1266
Men's Clothing	1494	1448	1454	1437	1409	1396	1476	1502	1535	1504	1476	1427	1445
Men's Furnishings, Hats, Caps, Etc.	1362	1407	1407	1394	1394	1374	1378	1422	1471	1500	1480	1461	1345
Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	363	370	401	362	339	377	409	499	495	489	476	374	414
Men's and Boys' Shoes and Slippers	518	519	547	557	550	513	551	579	625	613	598	528	559
HOME UTILITIES	1253	1407	1401	1399	1365	1379	1381	1307	1386	1377	1364	1343	1384
Furniture, Beds, Mattresses, and Springs	398	364	355	342	316	337	345	342	346	350	346	356	350
Domestic Floor Coverings (Including Pads, Linoleum)	465	552	524	490	461	453	439	442	416	364	319	306	442
Draperies, Curtains, Upholstery, Lamps, Etc.	144	150	169	159	148	124	127	134	144	146	146	134	122
Major Household Appliances	160	143	125	99	88	77	72	68	66	60	57	54	89
Linens, Towels, Domestic, and Blankets	1412	1392	1393	1403	1391	1405	1399	1409	1413	1423	1411	1370	1402
Linens and Towels	1604	1427	1412	1402	1408	1430	1396	1406	1414	1463	1451	1377	1426
Domestic - Muslins, Sheetings, Etc.	374	323	318	336	322	322	300	293	294	300	306	325	318
Blankets, Comforters, Spreads, Etc.	300	364	372	382	366	405	423	441	410	392	368	311	386
Lamps and Shades	511	495	494	471	458	517	550	599	588	545	586	468	518
Ceiling and Chandeliers	587	554	635	637	596	597	587	576	576	565	497	391	566
Houseware (Pots, Pans, Cutlery, Toasters, Etc.)	419	467	398	387	360	374	398	388	400	413	422	407	395
PIECE GOODS	1604	1469	1498	1474	1447	1467	1475	1505	1498	1476	1468	1464	1470
Silks, Rayons, and Velvets (Including Linings)	1604	1469	1498	1474	1447	1467	1475	1505	1496	1476	1468	1464	1470
Woolen Dress Goods	527	432	464	434	417	404	415	450	453	433	431	438	419
Cotton Weave Goods	459	431	446	465	393	334	316	326	356	369	331	347	381
SMALL SALES	334	315	358	371	371	403	406	452	486	518	527	397	413
Laces, Trimmings, Embroideries, and Ribbons	393	440	456	434	454	472	476	397	447	468	633	594	513
Motions	378	380	388	393	369	412	427	482	516	521	543	480	441
Toilet Articles, Drug Sundries, and Prescriptions	313	308	336	349	353	376	376	395	420	457	488	397	376
Jewelry and Silversware	317	369	392	400	414	408	463	530	561	575	572	460	457
Jewelry (Including Clocks and Watches)	307	339	375	381	424	471	466	577	618	648	669	461	470
Silversware	406	420	413	391	416	401	398	405	414	419	391	323	400
Art Needlework	446	439	463	478	486	460	510	536	565	544	513	499	490
Books, Magazines, and Stationery	276	267	288	308	307	337	343	422	463	533	520	345	367
MISCELLANEOUS	295	267	292	297	311	329	356	377	405	420	404	294	334
Toys and Games	241	246	298	281	327	371	406	455	484	528	528	297	370
Sporting Goods, Cameras	311	332	339	343	304	272	269	343	362	409	464	362	371
Luggage	342	330	343	343	355	395	424	445	440	459	431	345	388
BASEMENT STORE ONLY	262	299	282	264	260	283	298	340	356	350	347	286	299
Women's and Misses' and Children's Wear	206	197	223	203	202	232	252	300	316	311	312	247	250
Men's and Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	339	338	354	334	338	352	339	420	445	436	341	275	290
Piece Goods (Dress and Coat Tard Goods)	1515	1403	1467	1462	1449	1484	1461	1497	1604	1447	1396	1300	1418
Shoes	326	354	398	399	384	370	380	421	434	462	433	390	393
Home Furnishings (Including Linens, Towels, Domestic and Blankets)	359	342	343	317	292	325	324	357	358	344	333	296	332

$\sqrt{}$ 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.

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