



DEPARTMENT STORE SALES AND INVENTORIES
BY SELECTED DEPARTMENTS

April, 1947 and April, 1948

These figures are derived from a sample of reporting companies and are not to be interpreted as totals for all department stores.

DEPARTMENT	SALES			INVENTORY(*)
	April, 1947	April, 1948	% Change, 1948/1947	% Change, Mar. 31, 1948 Mar. 31, 1947
TOTAL, ALL DEPARTMENTS	\$ 43,475,111	\$ 52,155,997	+20.0	+21.4
1. Women's dresses, coats and suits .	5,129,775	6,709,295	+30.8	+ 8.9
2. Girls' and infants' wear	1,681,569	2,010,800	+19.6	+ 2.2
3. Hosiery and gloves	1,518,013	1,661,364	+ 9.4	+23.4
4. Lingerie and corsets	1,536,328	1,839,461	+19.7	+22.4
5. Millinery	646,536	681,776	+ 5.5	-25.1
6. Women's and children's apparel - (Total, 1-5)	10,512,221	12,902,696	+22.7	+10.0
7. Men's and boys' clothing and furnishings	4,689,389	5,535,534	+18.0	+34.2
8. Drugs and toilet articles and preparations	953,348	1,051,027	+10.2	- 7.1
9. Piece goods	3,103,711	3,843,132	+23.8	+46.2
10. Smallwares	1,448,190	1,476,364	+ 1.9	+19.6
11. Food and kindred products	3,340,742	4,222,089	+26.4	+32.8
12. Furniture (including mattresses and springs)	3,091,073	3,326,854	+ 7.6	+10.5
13. Home furnishings	3,504,314	4,423,161	+26.2	+36.4
14. Household appliances and electrical supplies	1,471,383	2,092,957	+42.2	+41.1
15. Hardware and kitchen utensils	2,316,509	2,931,722	+26.6	+10.3
16. Radios, musical instruments and supplies	707,858	627,573	-11.3	+13.9
17. Shoes and other footwear	3,017,751	3,665,769	+21.5	+25.5
18. Stationery, books and magazines ..	742,843	595,846	-19.8	+ 2.4
19. All other departments, total	4,575,779	5,471,273	+19.6	+15.9

(*) Comparisons are based on inventories at the beginning of April in the two years.

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