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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS
(Based on retail dollar amounts)

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Department store stocks increased slightly in March, after allowance for the usual seasonal change. The adjusted index for the month is estimated to be 123 per cent of the 1947-49 average, compared with 121 for February and 121 for March 1954.

Federal Reserve District	Index numbers (average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change March 1955 from	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1955		1954	1955		1954		
	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.		
Boston	119	117	118	122	111	120	+ 9	+ 2
New York	110	109	111	114	106	116	+ 9	- 1
Philadelphia	114	114	r113	122	112	r121	+ 9	+ 1
Cleveland	111	112	112	118	110	119	+ 7	- 1
Richmond	142	138	136	149	132	142	+12	+ 5
Atlanta	p148	146	141	p154	144	147	+ 7	+ 5
Chicago	119	118	r122	124	114	r127	+ 8	- 2
St. Louis	123	122	120	126	116	123	+ 9	+ 3
Minneapolis	p114	115	111	p119	111	115	+ 7	+ 3
Kansas City	140	r136	r131	144	r133	r135	+ 8	+ 7
Dallas	p132	132	127	p141	129	136	+ 9	+ 3
San Francisco	128	125	124	129	118	125	+ 9	+ 3
United States	p123	121	121	p128	117	126	+ 9	+ 1

p--Preliminary.

r--Revised.

Note:--Indexes and percentage changes are based on value of stocks at end of month. For description and monthly indexes for the period January 1919 to October 1951 see Federal Reserve Bulletin for December 1951, pp. 1463-1515. Indexes for the most recent thirteen-month period are shown regularly in the Bulletin. Percentage changes are based on unadjusted indexes.