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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS  
(Based on retail dollar amount)

JUNE 1955

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Department store stocks at the end of June were at their highest level since October 1953 after allowance for the usual seasonal change. The adjusted index is estimated at 128 per cent of the 1947-49 average, compared with 124 for May and 122 for June last year. The seasonally adjusted stocks index has been above year ago levels throughout the first half of 1955, averaging 124.

Federal Reserve District	Index numbers (average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change June 1955 from	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1955		1954	1955		1954		
	June	May	June	June	May	June		
Boston	124	122	117	116	123	110	- 6	+ 5
New York	112	110	r112	105	113	r105	- 8	0
Philadelphia	123	119	117	115	123	109	- 7	+ 5
Cleveland	117	115	115	110	117	109	- 6	+ 2
Richmond	p145	138	r140	p138	146	133	- 5	+ 4
Atlanta	148	147	135	140	149	128	- 6	+10
Chicago	125	123	r121	118	125	r115	- 5	+ 3
St. Louis	130	121	119	130	127	119	+ 2	+ 9
Minneapolis	p121	116	112	p115	118	107	- 2	+ 8
Kansas City	150	140	r134	145	148	129	- 2	+12
Dallas	145	137	r132	133	139	r122	- 4	+ 9
San Francisco	130	124	122	131	135	122	- 3	+ 7
United States	p128	124	122	p122	128	r116	- 5	+ 5

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.