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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
OF CHICAGOMONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS
(Based on retail dollar amounts)

AUGUST 1955

Department store stocks were slightly higher at the end of August, after allowance for the usual seasonal change. The adjusted index is estimated to be 129 per cent of the 1947-49 average, compared with 127 for July and an average of 125 for the first eight months of the year.

Federal Reserve District	Index Numbers (average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change August 1955 from	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1955		1954	1955		1954		
	Aug.	July	Aug.	Aug.	July	Aug.		
Boston	122	121	118	118	109	114	+ 8	+ 4
New York	117	116	115	114	105	r113	+ 8	+ 1
Philadelphia	122	r125	114	117	r112	r110	+ 4	+ 7
Cleveland	118	118	115	114	109	111	+ 5	+ 2
Richmond	p145	145	r137	p148	142	r140	+ 4	+ 6
Atlanta	154	148	140	151	139	137	+ 8	+10
Chicago	123	121	119	120	114	116	+ 5	+ 3
St. Louis	p126	126	113	p126	116	113	+ 9	+12
Minneapolis	124	119	117	120	115	114	+ 4	+ 5
Kansas City	136	r134	r126	134	129	r125	+ 4	+ 8
Dallas	p145	143	133	p144	136	132	+ 6	+ 9
San Francisco	138	131	127	133	130	122	+ 2	+ 9
United States	p129	127	122	p126	119	119	+ 5	+ 6

p--Preliminary.

r--Revised.

Note:--Indexes 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.