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## MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS (Based on retail dollar amounts)

## SEPTEMBER 1955

Department store stocks at the end of September were unchanged from the level of the preceding month after allowance for the usual seasonal change. The seasonally adjusted index is estimated at 129 per cent of the 1947-49 average, compared with 129 for August and 123 for September a year ago.

Index Numbers (average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change Sept. 1955 from	
Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month	Year
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Sept.	Aug.	Sept.	Sept.	Aug.	Sept.	ago	ago
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118	118	114	123	114	120	+ 8	+ 3
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						+ 8	+10
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						+ 6	+ 8
122	r123	118	128	120	124	+ 7	+ 3
		r127	140	134	r132	+ 5	+ 6
						+ 8	+ 8
						+ 7	+ 7
		120					•
p129	129	r123	p135	126	128	+ 7	+ 5
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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.