

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.

Federal Reserve District	Index Numbers (average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change Sept. 1955 from	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1955		1954	1955		1954		
	Sept.	Aug.	Sept.	Sept.	Aug.	Sept.		
Boston	124	122	118	127	118	121	+ 8	+ 5
New York	116	117	r116	123	114	r122	+ 7	0
Philadelphia	126	122	r116	132	117	121	+13	+ 9
Cleveland	118	118	114	123	114	120	+ 8	+ 3
Richmond	p150	145	r142	p155	148	146	+ 4	+ 6
Atlanta	157	154	142	163	r150	148	+ 8	+10
Chicago	121	123	118	127	120	123	+ 6	+ 3
St. Louis	123	126	114	133	126	123	+ 6	+ 8
Minneapolis	122	r123	118	128	120	124	+ 7	+ 3
Kansas City	135	136	r127	140	134	r132	+ 5	+ 6
Dallas	p146	145	134	p155	144	142	+ 8	+ 8
San Francisco	137	138	128	142	133	133	+ 7	+ 7
United States	p129	129	r123	p135	126	128	+ 7	+ 5

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.