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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS
(Based on retail dollar amounts)

NOVEMBER 1955

The value of department store stocks increased in November, after allowance for the usual seasonal change. The adjusted index for the month is estimated at 132 per cent of the 1947-49 average, compared with 129 for October. Stocks at the end of November were 7 per cent greater than a year ago.

Federal Reserve District	Index Numbers (average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change November 1955 from	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1955		1954	1955		1954		
	Nov.	Oct.	Nov.	Nov.	Oct.	Nov.		
Boston	p123	123	118	p144	139	138	+ 4	+ 4
New York	119	117	r115	136	r132	131	+ 4	+ 4
Philadelphia	127	r126	117	146	144	134	+ 1	+ 9
Cleveland	p121	119	114	p137	133	129	+ 2	+ 6
Richmond	p154	152	r142	p167	168	r153	- 1	+ 9
Atlanta	p159	156	143	p180	170	162	+ 6	+11
Chicago	123	120	119	142	137	138	+ 4	+ 3
St. Louis	p131	129	114	p148	145	129	+ 2	+15
Minneapolis	128	125	119	142	136	133	+ 5	+ 7
Kansas City	p142	141	r127	p158	152	r141	+ 4	+12
Dallas	p151	147	133	p167	162	r148	+ 3	+13
San Francisco	p138	134	128	p152	153	141	- 1	+ 7
United States	p132	129	123	p148	145	r139	+ 2	+ 7

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.