

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

G.7.4.2

LIBRARY NOT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 2, 1956

AUG 3 1956

DATA FILE
REFERENCE LIBRARY
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
OF CHICAGO

MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS

(Based on retail dollar amounts)

FEDERAL RESERVE
BANK OF CHICAGO

JUNE 1956

Seasonally adjusted department store sales increased in June, nearly equaling the record level reached early this year. The adjusted index is estimated at 137 per cent of the 1947-49 average, compared with 134 for May and 128 a year ago.

Federal Reserve District	Index Numbers (average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change June 1956 from	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1956		1955	1956		1955		
	June	May	June	June	May	June		
Boston	131	128	124	122	132	115	- 8	+ 5
New York	126	123	115	118	127	108	- 7	+ 9
Philadelphia	134	r129	124	126	r134	116	- 6	+ 8
Cleveland	124	121	116	118	126	110	- 7	+ 7
Richmond	p162	156	r144	p157	165	r140	- 5	+13
Atlanta	p162	160	151	p152	161	142	- 6	+ 7
Chicago	131	130	r125	123	131	r117	- 7	+ 5
St. Louis	138	135	126	127	135	116	- 6	+ 9
Minneapolis	128	126	123	121	128	116	- 5	+ 5
Kansas City	p144	143	r137	p138	145	131	- 5	+ 5
Dallas	p156	154	r147	p145	155	r137	- 6	+ 6
San Francisco	p142	138	r131	p143	148	r132	- 4	+ 8
United States	p137	134	r128	p131	139	r122	- 6	+ 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.