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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS  
(Based on retail dollar amounts)

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OF CHICAGO

September 1956

FEDERAL RESERVE  
BANK OF CHICAGO

Seasonally adjusted department store stocks ~~rose~~ <sup>increased</sup> slightly in September from the record level of the preceding month. The adjusted index is estimated at 139 per cent of the 1947-49 average, compared with 141 for August and 129 for September a year ago.

Federal Reserve District	Index Numbers (Average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change, Sept. 1956 from	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1956		1955	1956		1955		
	Sept.	Aug.	Sept.	Sept.	Aug.	Sept.		
Boston	132	132	124	136	128	127	+ 6	+ 7
New York	123	127	116	130	124	123	+ 5	+ 6
Philadelphia	135	r135	126	141	r130	132	+ 9	+ 7
Cleveland	126	127	118	132	123	123	+ 7	+ 7
Richmond	169	164	150	175	167	155	+ 4	+12
Atlanta	p167	166	156	p174	163	163	+ 7	+ 7
Chicago	131	133	r122	138	129	r128	+ 6	+ 8
St. Louis	134	136	r124	145	136	133	+ 6	+ 8
Minneapolis	128	r132	122	134	r128	128	+ 4	+ 4
Kansas City	p147	149	135	p153	148	r141	+ 4	+ 9
Dallas	p154	159	r150	p163	158	r159	+ 4	+ 3
San Francisco	p150	154	r138	p156	148	r143	+ 5	+ 9
United States	p139	141	129	p146	138	135	+ 6	+ 8

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.