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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF CHICAGO  
MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS  
(Based on retail dollar amounts)

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The value of department store stocks increased in October to a new high after allowance for the usual seasonal change. The adjusted index is estimated at 142 per cent of the 1947-49 average, compared with 139 for September and 130 for October a year ago.

Federal Reserve District	Index Numbers (Average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change Oct. 1956 from	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1956		1955	1956		1955		
	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.		
Boston	131	132	123	148	136	139	+ 9	+ 7
New York	129	123	117	144	130	r131	+11	+10
Philadelphia	133	135	126	153	r142	r145	+ 8	+ 6
Cleveland	129	126	119	144	132	133	+ 9	+ 8
Richmond	p174	169	r154	p192	175	r170	+10	+13
Atlanta	p174	167	156	p189	174	170	+ 9	+11
Chicago	134	131	120	153	138	137	+11	+11
St. Louis	137	134	130	153	145	145	+ 6	+ 6
Minneapolis	139	128	125	151	134	136	+12	+11
Kansas City	p150	148	r140	p162	153	r151	+ 6	+ 7
Dallas	p158	156	r151	p174	166	r167	+ 5	+ 4
San Francisco	p147	148	r136	p167	154	r155	+ 9	+ 8
United States	p142	139	r130	p159	145	145	+ 9	+ 9

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.