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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS
(Based on retail dollar amounts)

November 1956

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Department store stocks increased slightly in November to a new high after allowance for the usual seasonal change. The adjusted index is estimated at 143 per cent of the 1947-49 average, compared with 142 for October and 132 for November a year earlier.

Federal Reserve District	Index Numbers (Average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change Nov. 1956 from	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1956		1955	1956		1955		
	Nov.	Oct.	Nov.	Nov.	Oct.	Nov.		
Boston	p131	131	123	p153	148	144	+ 4	+ 6
New York	131	129	119	150	r145	136	+ 3	+10
Philadelphia	137	r135	128	157	r156	147	+ 1	+ 7
Cleveland	p130	129	119	p147	144	135	+ 2	+ 9
Richmond	175	174	r155	188	192	r168	- 2	+12
Atlanta	p173	174	159	p195	190	180	+ 3	+ 9
Chicago	135	134	123	157	153	r143	+ 3	+ 9
St. Louis	138	137	130	156	153	147	+ 2	+ 6
Minneapolis	137	139	128	153	151	142	+ 1	+ 7
Kansas City	p148	150	142	p164	162	r158	+ 1	+ 4
Dallas	p157	158	r153	p175	174	r170	+ 1	+ 3
San Francisco	p149	147	r140	p163	167	r153	- 2	+ 6
United States	p143	142	r132	p161	159	r149	+ 1	+ 8

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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.