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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS
(Based on retail dollar amounts)

February 1957

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Department store stocks were reduced slightly in February after allowance for the usual seasonal change. The adjusted index is estimated at 140 per cent of the 1947-49 average, compared with 141 for January and 138 for February a year ago.

Federal Reserve District	Index numbers (Average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change Feb. 1957 from	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1957		1956	1957		1956		
	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.		
Boston	128	127	128	121	116	120	+ 4	0
New York	132	131	124	124	116	116	+ 7	+7
Philadelphia	134	r136	131	129	r118	126	+ 9	+2
Cleveland	127	128	124	122	114	119	+ 7	+3
Richmond	171	169	163	159	151	r151	+ 5	+5
Atlanta	p164	162	164	p162	149	162	+ 9	0
Chicago	134	137	131	128	123	124	+ 4	+3
St. Louis	141	141	138	134	123	131	+ 9	+2
Minneapolis	134	r134	132	129	r123	127	+ 5	+1
Kansas City	p143	144	148	p138	129	143	+ 7	-3
Dallas	p154	156	158	p153	139	153	+10	0
San Francisco	p141	144	146	p131	127	136	+ 3	-4
United States	p140	141	138	p133	126	131	+ 6	+2

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.