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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS  
(Based on retail dollar amounts)

March 1957

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Department store stocks in March were little changed from the February level, after allowance for the seasonal change. The adjusted index is estimated at 140 per cent of the 1947-49 average, compared with 139 for February and 135 for March a year ago. On a seasonally adjusted basis stocks were about 2 per cent below the peak November-December level.

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Federal Reserve District	Index numbers (Average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change Mar. 1957 from	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1957		1956	1957		1956		
	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.		
Boston	127	128	127	130	121	129	+ 7	0
New York	132	r129	r121	135	r121	r124	+11	+ 9
Philadelphia	136	134	130	140	129	134	+ 9	+ 4
Cleveland	127	127	122	131	122	126	+ 7	+ 4
Richmond	173	171	159	178	159	164	+12	+ 8
Atlanta	166	165	162	174	163	169	+ 6	+ 3
Chicago	135	134	128	138	128	130	+ 8	+ 6
St. Louis	133	141	133	141	134	141	+ 5	0
Minneapolis	133	134	130	137	129	134	+ 6	+ 2
Kansas City	p143	142	148	p147	138	153	+ 7	- 4
Dallas	p155	156	156	p161	152	162	+ 6	- 1
San Francisco	p145	141	r141	p145	130	142	+11	+ 2
United States	p140	139	135	p144	132	139	+ 9	+ 4

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.