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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS
(Based on retail dollar amounts)

APRIL 1957

Seasonally adjusted department store stocks were unchanged in April from the level of the preceding month. The adjusted index is estimated at 141 per cent of the 1947-49 average, compared with 141 for March and 136 for April a year ago.

Federal Reserve District	Index numbers (Average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change Apr. 1957 from	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1957		1956	1957		1956		
	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.		
Boston	128	r129	128	133	r132	133	+ 1	0
New York	131	r131	124	138	r134	130	+ 3	+ 6
Philadelphia	135	136	131	144	140	140	+ 3	+ 3
Cleveland	127	127	123	133	131	129	+ 2	+ 4
Richmond	p168	173	157	p180	178	168	+ 1	+ 7
Atlanta	173	r170	165	180	r179	172	+ 1	+ 5
Chicago	136	135	131	139	138	134	+ 1	+ 4
St. Louis	136	133	137	143	141	144	+ 1	0
Minneapolis	136	133	128	142	137	133	+ 4	+ 7
Kansas City	p144	143	145	p149	147	151	+ 1	- 1
Dallas	p156	156	154	p164	162	162	+ 1	+ 1
San Francisco	p147	145	143	p152	145	r148	+ 5	+ 3
United States	p141	141	136	p147	144	142	+ 2	+ 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.