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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS
(Based on retail dollar amounts)

JULY 1957

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Department store stocks in July remained at the June level after allowance for the usual seasonal change. The adjusted index for both June and July is 143 per cent of the 1947-49 average, compared with 138 for July a year ago.

Federal Reserve District	Index numbers (Average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change July 1957 from	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1957		1956	1957		1956		
	July	June	July	July	June	July		
Boston	127	128	132	115	119	118	- 4	- 3
New York	136	134	127	124	126	116	- 2	+ 7
Philadelphia	139	r140	132	125	r131	119	- 5	+ 5
Cleveland	127	128	125	117	121	115	- 3	+ 2
Richmond	p171	175	159	p167	170	155	- 2	+ 8
Atlanta	171	169	161	160	159	151	+ 1	+ 6
Chicago	138	139	132	130	130	124	0	+ 5
St. Louis	141	139	139	129	128	128	+ 1	+ 1
Minneapolis	130	134	127	126	127	124	- 1	+ 2
Kansas City	p141	142	144	p135	136	138	- 1	- 2
Dallas	p170	169	r160	p161	157	r152	+ 3	+ 6
San Francisco	p148	147	143	p147	148	142	- 1	+ 4
United States	p143	143	138	p135	137	130	- 1	+ 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.