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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS  
(Based on retail dollar amounts)

DECEMBER 1957

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Seasonally adjusted department store stocks declined in December, and at the end of the year stocks were one per cent lower than a year earlier. The adjusted index is estimated at 150 per cent of the 1947 average compared with 154 for November and 151 for December a year ago.

Federal Reserve District	(Average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change Dec. 1957 from	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1957		1956	1957		1956		
	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.		
Boston	p136	137	141	p127	161	131	-21	- 3
New York	138	138	139	127	159	128	-20	- 1
Philadelphia	153	r158	151	138	r182	136	-24	+ 2
Cleveland	134	138	134	122	156	123	-22	- 1
Richmond	p171	175	181	p156	198	165	-21	- 6
Atlanta	p209	206	194	p182	233	169	-22	+ 8
Chicago	p140	141	r141	p124	161	r124	-23	0
St. Louis	141	151	148	127	169	134	-25	- 5
Minneapolis	143	150	144	133	170	134	-22	- 1
Kansas City	p159	165	162	p145	183	147	-21	- 2
Dallas	p171	179	r171	p159	197	r159	-19	0
San Francisco	152	162	155	p139	182	142	-24	- 2
United States	p150	154	151	p136	174	137	-22	- 1

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 1947 to October 1957 see Federal Reserve Bulletin for December 1957, pp. 1323-1352. Indexes prior to 1947 may be obtained from the Division of Research and Statistics. Indexes for the most recent thirteen-month period are shown regularly in the Bulletin. Percentage changes are based on unadjusted indexes.