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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS  
(Based on retail dollar amounts)

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Department store stocks in April were down from the year-earlier level, but little changed from March, after allowance for the usual seasonal change. The seasonally adjusted index for April is estimated at 143 per cent of the 1947-49 average compared with 142 for March and 152 for April last year.

Federal Reserve District	Index numbers (Average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change April* 1958 from	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1958		1957	1958		1957		
	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.		
Boston	131	129	138	136	131	144	+ 2	- 5
New York	134	r133	r138	139	r137	r144	0	- 3
Philadelphia	150	149	149	161	r153	r160	+ 1	+ 1
Cleveland	124	126	136	130	130	142	- 2	- 8
Richmond	167	163	181	175	173	190	+ 2	- 8
Atlanta	p190	193	203	p199	202	213	- 2	- 7
Chicago	131	131	140	139	132	149	0	- 7
St. Louis	141	140	147	149	146	156	0	- 5
Minneapolis	129	132	150	131	136	153	- 3	-14
Kansas City	p145	148	r160	p153	153	r168	- 1	- 9
Dallas	p164	160	r173	p170	168	r180	+ 2	- 6
San Francisco	p151	149	161	p154	150	164	+ 1	- 6
United States	p143	142	152	p149	147	159	0	- 6

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.

\*In previous reports, the percentage change figures were based on the unadjusted indexes. Beginning with this report, however, these two columns will reflect changes in the seasonally adjusted index.