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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS
(Based on retail dollar amounts)

MAY 1958

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Department store stocks in May were little changed from the April level, after allowance for the usual seasonal change. The seasonally adjusted index for May is 144 per cent of the 1947-49 average, compared with 143 for April.

| Federal Reserve District | Index numbers (Average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100) | | | | | | Percentage change May* 1958 from | |
|-----------------------------|--|-------|------|------------|-------|------|--|-------------|
| | Seasonally adjusted | | | Unadjusted | | | Month ago | Year ago |
| | 1958 | | 1957 | 1958 | | 1957 | | |
| | May | April | May | May | April | May | | |
| Boston | 133 | 131 | 140 | 135 | 136 | 143 | + 1 | - 5 |
| New York | 133 | 134 | 137 | 136 | 139 | r141 | 0 | - 3 |
| Philadelphia | 153 | r149 | 153 | 156 | r160 | 156 | + 2 | 0 |
| Cleveland | 125 | 124 | 135 | 129 | 130 | 139 | + 1 | - 7 |
| Richmond | 169 | 167 | 182 | 170 | 175 | r184 | + 1 | - 7 |
| Atlanta | p190 | 190 | 198 | p192 | 200 | 200 | 0 | - 4 |
| Chicago | 133 | 131 | 142 | 137 | 139 | 147 | + 1 | - 6 |
| St. Louis | 140 | 141 | 151 | 140 | 149 | 151 | - 1 | - 7 |
| Minneapolis | 127 | 129 | 148 | 126 | r132 | 147 | - 2 | -14 |
| Kansas City | p146 | 145 | 161 | p148 | 153 | r162 | + 1 | - 9 |
| Dallas | 164 | 163 | 175 | 163 | 169 | 173 | + 1 | - 6 |
| San Francisco | p152 | 151 | r159 | p151 | 154 | r158 | + 1 | - 4 |
| United States | p144 | 143 | 152 | p146 | 149 | 155 | + 1 | - 6 |

* Based on seasonally adjusted indexes.

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.