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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS
(Based on retail dollar amounts)

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Department store stocks in August remained at the July level, after allowance for the usual seasonal change. The seasonally adjusted index for August is estimated at 148 per cent of the 1947-49 average, 3 per cent below the 153 index level of August 1957.

Federal Reserve District	Index numbers (Average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change Aug.* 1958 from	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1958		1957	1958		1957		
	Aug.	July	Aug.	Aug.	July	Aug.		
Boston	137	140	136	133	126	132	- 2	+ 1
New York	135	135	138	132	122	r135	0	- 2
Philadelphia	155	r152	157	149	r137	151	+ 2	- 1
Cleveland	128	r131	137	123	r121	131	- 3	- 7
Richmond	172	171	180	167	156	175	0	- 4
Atlanta	192	192	203	188	179	199	0	- 6
Chicago	144	142	145	138	136	139	+ 1	- 1
St. Louis	143	r145	149	141	r135	148	- 2	- 4
Minneapolis	137	r135	145	134	129	142	+ 1	- 5
Kansas City	p152	149	r157	p150	142	156	+ 1	- 4
Dallas	163	163	r175	163	155	r175	0	- 7
San Francisco	p152	156	159	p153	150	160	- 2	- 4
United States	p148	148	153	p144	139	150	0	- 3

* 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.