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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS
(Based on retail dollar amounts)

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Seasonally adjusted department store stocks increased 1 per cent in January from the level of the previous month. The index for January is estimated at 151 per cent of the 1947-49 average compared with 150 in December and 147 in January a year ago.

Federal Reserve District	Index numbers (Average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change Jan. 1959 from*	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1959	1958		1959	1958			
	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.		
Boston	p138	139	133	p124	130	119	- 1	+ 4
New York	142	141	137	126	130	122	+ 1	+ 3
Philadelphia	156	r157	154	137	r141	136	- 1	+ 1
Cleveland	p139	128	133	p123	117	117	+ 9	+ 4
Richmond	p178	172	167	p160	157	r150	+ 4	+ 7
Atlanta	p202	205	202	p184	178	184	- 1	0
Chicago	141	140	135	129	123	123	+ 1	+ 5
St. Louis	p143	134	143	p127	121	127	+ 6	0
Minneapolis	135	r137	138	124	r127	127	- 2	- 2
Kansas City	p159	159	r152	p143	144	137	0	+ 4
Dallas	p166	163	r169	p146	152	r148	+ 2	- 1
San Francisco	p161	157	152	p145	148	137	+ 3	+ 6
United States	p151	150	147	p136	136	132	+ 1	+ 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.