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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS  
(Based on retail dollar amounts)

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Department store stocks declined slightly in February from the January level after allowance for seasonal adjustment. The February index is estimated at 150 per cent of the 1947-49 average compared with 152 in January and 146 in February a year ago.

Federal Reserve District	Index numbers (Average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change Feb. 1959 from*	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1959		1958	1959		1958		
	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.		
Boston	p139	137	134	p131	124	126	+ 1	+ 4
New York	p139	r141	135	p130	126	127	- 2	+ 3
Philadelphia	153	r155	151	147	137	145	- 1	+ 2
Cleveland	p128	139	130	p123	123	125	- 8	- 1
Richmond	p172	177	r167	p165	158	r160	- 3	+ 3
Atlanta	p199	200	199	p197	182	197	0	0
Chicago	p140	141	135	p131	129	127	- 1	+ 4
St. Louis	p138	144	142	p134	128	138	- 4	- 3
Minneapolis	p141	r136	138	p135	r126	132	+ 4	+ 2
Kansas City	p160	159	r150	p154	143	r144	+ 1	+ 7
Dallas	p166	168	163	p161	148	158	- 1	+ 2
San Francisco	p158	160	151	p149	144	142	- 1	+ 5
United States	p150	152	146	p143	136	139	- 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.