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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS
(Based on retail dollar amounts)

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Department store stocks declined further in March and the seasonally adjusted index for the month is estimated at 148 per cent of the 1947-49 average, 1 per cent below the 150 index of February but 4 per cent above the 143 level of March 1958.

Federal Reserve District	Index numbers (Average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change Mar. 1959 from*	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1959		1958	1959		1958		
	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.		
Boston	p136	139	129	p138	131	131	- 3	+ 5
New York	137	138	133	141	130	137	- 1	+ 3
Philadelphia	153	153	149	158	147	153	0	+ 3
Cleveland	127	127	126	131	122	130	0	+ 1
Richmond	171	172	r164	182	166	r174	- 1	+ 4
Atlanta	p192	198	193	p201	196	202	- 3	- 1
Chicago	138	141	131	139	133	132	- 2	+ 5
St. Louis	138	138	140	143	134	146	0	- 2
Minneapolis	139	142	132	143	136	136	- 2	+ 5
Kansas City	p150	155	r147	p156	148	153	- 3	+ 2
Dallas	p168	168	r161	p177	163	r169	0	+ 5
San Francisco	p162	161	r150	p164	151	r151	+ 1	+ 8
United States	p148	150	r143	p152	143	147	- 1	+ 4

* 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.