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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS  
(Based on retail dollar amounts)

MAY 1959

Seasonally adjusted department store stocks were unchanged in May with the index estimated at April level of 151 per cent of the 1947-49 average.

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Federal Reserve District	Index numbers (Average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change May 1959 from*	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1959		1958	1959		1958		
	May	Apr.	May	May	Apr.	May		
Boston	138	138	133	141	144	135	0	+ 4
New York	136	138	133	140	143	136	- 1	+ 3
Philadelphia	156	155	r149	160	166	r152	+ 1	+ 5
Cleveland	128	127	128	132	133	131	+ 1	0
Richmond	172	175	169	173	184	170	- 2	+ 1
Atlanta	p200	201	191	p202	211	193	- 1	+ 5
Chicago	140	142	133	145	150	137	- 1	+ 6
St. Louis	143	141	140	143	149	140	+ 2	+ 3
Minneapolis	136	r138	133	135	r140	132	- 1	+ 2
Kansas City	p154	r151	146	p155	158	148	+ 2	+ 5
Dallas	p177	174	164	p175	181	r162	+ 2	+ 8
San Francisco	p167	166	r153	p166	169	r152	+ 1	+ 9
United States	p151	151	144	p153	158	146	0	+ 5

\*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.