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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS
(Based on retail dollar amounts)

JULY 1959

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Department store stocks continued to increase in July and the seasonally adjusted index for the month is estimated at 158 per cent of the 1947-49 average. This record level is 1 per cent above the previous high established in June and 7 per cent above July 1958.

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Federal Reserve District	Index numbers (Average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change July 1959 from*	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1959		1958	1959		1958		
	July	June	July	July	June	July		
Boston	147	142	140	132	134	126	+ 3	+ 5
New York	142	141	r134	129	132	r121	+ 1	+ 6
Philadelphia	164	164	r149	148	r152	r134	0	+10
Cleveland	138	131	131	127	125	121	+ 5	+ 5
Richmond	p184	183	r172	p168	169	r157	+ 1	+ 7
Atlanta	212	202	192	197	192	179	+ 5	+11
Chicago	152	149	142	146	145	136	+ 2	+ 7
St. Louis	151	147	145	140	136	135	+ 3	+ 4
Minneapolis	143	141	135	136	133	129	+ 1	+ 6
Kansas City	p157	157	149	p149	150	142	0	+ 5
Dallas	p180	181	163	p171	169	155	- 1	+11
San Francisco	p170	170	r157	p164	163	r152	0	+ 8
United States	p158	156	148	p148	148	139	+ 1	+ 7

* 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.