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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS
(Based on retail dollar amounts)

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Department store stocks increased further in August and the seasonally adjusted index is estimated to have reached a new high at 160 per cent of the 1947-49 average. This is 1 per cent above the 159 index of July and 8 per cent above the 148 recorded in August a year ago.

Federal Reserve District	Index numbers (Average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change Aug. 1959 from*	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1959		1958	1959		1958		
	Aug.	July	Aug.	Aug.	July	Aug.		
Boston	147	147	137	143	132	133	0	+ 8
New York	145	142	135	142	129	132	+ 2	+ 8
Philadelphia	162	r163	r150	156	r147	r144	- 1	+ 8
Cleveland	136	138	128	130	127	123	- 2	+ 6
Richmond	186	184	r173	181	167	r168	+ 1	+ 8
Atlanta	p216	212	192	p212	197	188	+ 2	+13
Chicago	159	152	144	152	146	138	+ 4	+10
St. Louis	147	151	143	145	140	141	- 2	+ 3
Minneapolis	148	143	137	145	136	134	+ 4	+ 8
Kansas City	p157	158	r153	p155	150	151	- 1	+ 2
Dallas	p182	180	163	p182	171	163	+ 1	+12
San Francisco	p164	170	r154	p165	165	r154	- 4	+ 7
United States	p160	159	148	p156	148	144	+ 1	+ 8

* 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.