FEDERAL RESERVE



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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS (Eased on retail dollar amounts)

AUGUST 1961

Department store inventories continued to increase during August. The seasonally adjusted index is estimated at 169 per cent of the 1947-49 average compared with 166 in July and 169 in August 1960.

Federal Reserve	(Av	Index numbers (Average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change Aug.	
			adjusted	Unadjusted			1961 from *		
District	1961		1960	1961		1960	Month Year		
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Atlanta Chicago St. Louis	p240 160 154	227 159 151	232 158 154	p233 156 152	211 156 143	225 155 153	+ 6 + 1 + 2	+ 4 + 1 0	
Minneapolis Kansas City Dallas San Francisco	157 pl72 pl90 pl82	161 171 182 176	r165 165 192 r181	154 p170 p190 p130	152 164 173 173	r161 163 192 r180	- 2 + 1 + 4 + 3	- 5 + 4 - 1 0	
United States	p169	166	169	p165	157	r165	+ 2	0	

*--Based on seasonally adjusted indexes. p--Preliminary. r--Revised
Note:--Indexes are based on value of stocks at end of month. For description of
the series see Federal Reserve Bulletin for December 1957, pp. 1323-1336, Back
data may be obtained from the Division of Administrative Services. Indexes
for the most recent thirteen-month period are shown regularly in the Bulletin.

