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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS (Based on retail dollar amounts)

JANUARY 1962

Seasonally adjusted department store stocks decreased slightly in January. The index for the month is estimated at 171 per cent of the 1947-49 average compared with 172 for December and 162 for January 1961.

Federal Reserve District	Index numbers (Average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change Jan. 1962 from *	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1962		1961	1962		1961		
	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.		
Boston	154	158	147	137	147	131	- 3	+ 5
New York	153	153	r149	138	143	r135	0	+ 2
Philadelphia	172	r172	r160	151	r155	141	0	+ 7
Cleveland	151	151	r142	133	138	r125	0	+ 6
Richmond	p196	193	r185	p173	178	r164	+ 1	+ 6
Atlanta	p243	244	224	p223	215	207	0	+ 8
Chicago	159	166	149	143	144	134	- 4	+ 6
St. Louis	149	157	148	133	141	132	- 5	0
Minneapolis	153	160	148	140	149	136	- 4	+ 3
Kansas City	p178	176	169	p161	158	152	+ 1	+ 6
Dallas	p197	188	r182	p173	175	160	+ 4	+ 8
San Francisco	p192	185	178	p170	170	r159	+ 3	+ 7
United States	p171	172	162	p153	156	145	- 1	+ 6

*--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.