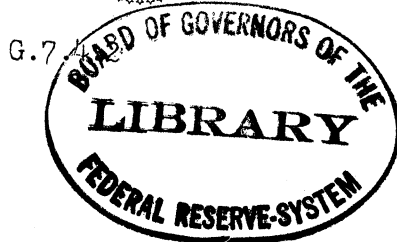




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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS (Based on retail dollar amounts)

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Seasonally adjusted department store stocks decreased slightly in February from the record high of the three previous months. The monthly index is estimated at 171 per cent of the 1947-49 average compared with 172 in January and 161 for February a year ago.

Federal Reserve District	Index numbers (Average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change Feb. 1962 from *	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1962		1961	1962		1961		
	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.		
Boston	154	154	146	145	137	137	0	+ 5
New York	155	153	r147	144	138	138	+ 1	+ 5
Philadelphia	169	r171	r156	162	r150	r150	- 1	+ 8
Cleveland	150	151	142	144	133	136	0	+ 6
Richmond	p196	195	181	p184	173	170	+ 1	+ 8
Atlanta	p234	242	221	p234	222	221	- 3	+ 6
Chicago	160	r163	148	152	r147	140	- 2	+ 8
St. Louis	145	r150	147	138	133	139	- 3	- 1
Minneapolis	156	153	r155	150	140	r148	+ 2	+ 1
Kansas City	p173	175	164	p166	158	r157	- 1	+ 6
Dallas	p196	197	r179	p190	173	r173	0	+10
San Francisco	p195	192	r184	p180	170	r169	+ 2	+ 6
United States	p171	172	161	p163	154	153	0	+ 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.