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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS (Based on retail dollar amounts)

MARCH 1962

Seasonally adjusted department store inventories increased to 174 per cent of the 1947-49 average during March. This was a 1 per cent gain from the 172 level which prevailed from November through February and was 8 per cent above March a year ago.

Federal Reserve District	Index numbers (Average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change Mar. 1962 from *	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1962		1961	1962		1961		
	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.		
Boston	155	154	145	157	145	147	+ 1	+ 7
New York	153	155	r145	156	144	r148	- 1	+ 5
Philadelphia	171	r168	158	176	r161	r163	+ 2	+ 8
Cleveland	150	150	142	155	144	146	0	+ 6
Richmond	p197	197	r183	p203	184	r188	0	+ 8
Atlanta	p242	235	221	p254	235	232	+ 3	+ 9
Chicago	166	160	151	166	152	151	+ 4	+10
St. Louis	152	r148	150	154	r140	151	+ 3	+ 2
Minneapolis	151	156	144	155	r149	147	- 3	+ 5
Kansas City	p175	173	r165	p178	166	169	+ 1	+ 6
Dallas	p198	196	r174	p208	190	183	+ 1	+13
San Francisco	p196	196	r180	p194	180	r179	0	+ 9
United States	p174	172	161	p176	163	164	+ 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 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.

