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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS (Based on retail dollar amounts)

August 1963

Department store inventories in August remained at the record high level reached during July, after seasonal adjustment. The August index is estimated at 123 per cent of the 1957-59 average unchanged from July, but 4 per cent above the 118 index of August 1962.

Federal Reserve District	Index numbers (Average end-of-month stocks 1957-59=100)						Percentage change Aug. 1963 from*	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1963		1962	1963		1962		
	Aug.	July	Aug.	Aug.	July	Aug.		
Boston	119	121	r116	118	111	r115	- 2	+ 3
New York	118	119	116	115	107	113	- 1	+ 2
Philadelphia	114	r112	r114	110	r102	r110	- 2	0
Cleveland	p127	125	116	p125	119	115	+ 2	+ 9
Richmond	p117	119	117	p118	112	r118	- 2	0
Atlanta	p124	r128	116	p124	118	116	- 4	+ 7
Chicago	125	126	123	124	123	122	0	+ 2
St. Louis	120	122	116	121	117	117	- 1	+ 4
Minneapolis	p119	115	115	p119	r112	115	+ 3	+ 3
Kansas City	p120	121	115	p118	115	112	- 1	+ 5
Dallas	p116	120	112	p119	115	r114	- 3	+ 4
San Francisco	p130	131	r125	p131	127	126	- 1	+ 4
United States	p123	123	118	p122	117	118	- 1	+ 4

*--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 July 1962, pp. 803-808. 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.

