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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS (Based on retail dollar amounts)

OCTOBER 1963

Department store inventories advanced to an all time record high in October. After adjusting for the usual seasonal influences, the index for the month is estimated at 128 (1957-59=100), up 4 points from last month and up 8 points over October a year earlier.

Federal Reserve District	Index numbers (Average end-of-month stocks 1957-59=100)						Percentage change Oct. 1963 from*	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1963		1962	1963		1962		
	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.		
Boston	123	119	116	143	129	134	+ 3	+ 6
New York	124	120	118	141	126	134	+ 4	+ 5
Philadelphia	116	r114	r113	134	r121	131	+ 1	+ 2
Cleveland	129	126	118	148	135	135	+ 2	+ 9
Richmond	124	118	119	140	127	r134	+ 5	+ 4
Atlanta	p130	126	r124	p145	133	r139	+ 3	+ 4
Chicago	132	129	124	144	137	135	+ 3	+ 7
St. Louis	122	121	117	139	129	133	+ 1	+ 4
Minneapolis	p122	122	115	p139	129	130	0	+ 6
Kansas City	p124	120	111	p137	125	123	+ 3	+11
Dallas	p119	115	113	p135	122	127	+ 4	+ 6
San Francisco	p139	133	129	p154	139	143	+ 4	+ 8
United States	p128	124	120	p144	131	135	+ 3	+ 7

*--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.