

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 11-K

☒ ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For fiscal year ended December 31, 1998

☐ TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from January 1, 1998 to
December 31, 1998

Commission file number: 1-13536

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if
different from that of the issuer named below:

Executive Deferred Compensation Plan of
Federated Department Stores, Inc.

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the
plan and the address of its principal executive office:

Federated Department Stores, Inc.
151 West 34th Street
New York, New York 10001

and

7 West Seventh Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

EXECUTIVE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN OF
FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC.

Financial Statements

As of December 31, 1998 and 1997 and for
the Years Ended December 31, 1998, 1997 and 1996

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FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC.

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Pension and Profit Sharing Committee
Federated Department Stores, Inc.
Executive Deferred Compensation Plan of
Federated Department Stores, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying statements of assets available for Plan benefits of the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan of Federated Department Stores, Inc. (the "Plan") as of December 31, 1998 and 1997, and the related statements of changes in assets available for Plan benefits for the years ended December 31, 1998, 1997 and 1996. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets available for Plan benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 1998 and 1997, and the changes in assets available for Plan benefits for the years ended December 31, 1998, 1997 and 1996 in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Cincinnati, Ohio
March 29, 1999

KPMG LLP

EXECUTIVE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN OF FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC.

Statements of Assets Available for Plan Benefits

December 31, 1998 and 1997

1998 1997

Receivable from Federated Department Stores, Inc. -		
Cash Credits	\$ 8,994,166	\$ 6,863,883
Federated Department Stores, Inc. common stock -		
Stock Credits	16,454,445	14,145,388
Assets available for plan benefits	\$ 25,448,611	\$21,009,271

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

EXECUTIVE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN OF
FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC.

Statement of Changes in Assets Available for Plan Benefits

Year Ended December 31, 1998

	Cash Credits	Stock Credits	Total
Interest income	\$ 390,705	\$ -	\$ 390,705
Unrealized appreciation on Federated Department Stores, Inc. common stock	-	178,156	178,156
Participant contributions	2,132,791	3,157,954	5,290,745
Total additions	2,523,496	3,336,110	5,859,606
Distributions	393,213	1,027,053	1,420,266
Net additions to assets available for plan participants	2,130,283	2,309,057	4,439,340
Assets available for plan benefits:			
Beginning of year	6,863,883	14,145,388	21,009,271
End of year	\$ 8,994,166	\$ 16,454,445	\$ 25,448,611

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EXECUTIVE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN OF
FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC.

Statement of Changes in Assets Available for Plan Benefits

Year Ended December 31, 1997

	Cash Credits	Stock Credits	Total
Interest income	\$ 330,412	\$ -	\$ 330,412
Unrealized appreciation on Federated Department Stores, Inc. common stock	-	2,380,128	2,380,128
Participant contributions	2,031,956	3,449,954	5,481,910
Total additions	2,362,368	5,830,082	8,192,450

Distributions	291,866	863,126	1,154,992
Net additions to assets available for plan participants	2,070,502	4,966,956	7,037,458
Assets available for plan benefits:			
Beginning of year	4,793,381	9,178,432	13,971,813
End of year	\$ 6,863,883	\$14,145,388	\$21,009,271

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EXECUTIVE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN OF FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC.

Statement of Changes in Assets Available for Plan Benefits

Year Ended December 31, 1996

	Cash Credits	Stock Credits	Total
Interest income	\$ 226,050	\$ -	\$ 226,050
Unrealized appreciation on Federated Department Stores, Inc. common stock		-	1,806,492 1,806,492
Participant contributions	2,094,640	2,446,417	4,541,057
Total additions	2,320,690	4,252,909	6,573,599
Distributions	170,855	560,094	730,949
Net additions to assets available for plan participants	2,149,835	3,692,815	5,842,650
Assets available for plan benefits:			
Beginning of year	2,643,546	5,485,617	8,129,163
End of year	\$ 4,793,381	\$ 9,178,432	\$13,971,813

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EXECUTIVE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN OF FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC.

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 1998, 1997 and 1996

1. Description of the Plan

The following brief description of the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan of Federated Department Stores, Inc. (the "Plan") is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan document for more complete information.

General

The Plan is sponsored by Federated Department Stores, Inc.

(the "Company"). The Plan was established to enable key employees of the Company to defer compensation for personal income tax purposes. The nonqualified Plan was adopted in 1993 and is not subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). The Plan is not subject to income taxation.

Eligibility and Vesting

The Plan covers key employees, as designated by the Company. Participation is voluntary and participants can elect to make contributions to the Plan. Participants are 100% vested in the Plan at all times.

Participant Accounts

An account is maintained for each participant in the Plan which shows the participant's separate interest in the Cash Credit and Stock Credit portions of the Plan. If a Cash Credit is elected, the participant's account shall be credited, as of the end of each calendar quarter, with the dollar amount of deferred compensation. At the end of each calendar quarter, the Cash Credit account shall be credited with interest at a rate equal to one-quarter of the percent per annum on United States Five-Year Treasury Bills as of the last day of such calendar quarter. If a Stock Credit is elected, the participant's account shall be credited, as of the end of each calendar quarter, with a stock equivalent which shall be the number of full shares of common stock of the Company that is transferred to or purchased by the Grantor Trust (defined later) with the amount of deferred compensation and with the dollar amount of any part of such credit that is not convertible into a full share. At the end of each calendar quarter, the Stock Credit account shall be credited with a dividend equivalent as declared by the Company, if any, upon each share of common stock during such calendar quarter.

Participants are eligible for distribution of their benefits upon retirement, death, termination of service, in the event of a designated change of control of the Company and in the event of immediate unexpected financial needs of the participant, as the Plan is not subject to the hardship rules of Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code. Participants, prior to termination, may request to receive the balance of their cash and stock credit accounts in one to fifteen approximately equal installments. Such requests are subject to committee approval.

Grantor Trust

The Company established a Grantor (Rabbi) Trust, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, intended to meet the safe harbor provisions of RevProc 92-64, for the benefit of participants' Stock Credits under the Plan. The Trust shall be governed by and subject to the terms of a trust agreement entered into between the Company, as grantor, and the trustee.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

a) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements of the Plan have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

b) Investments

The Plan's investments consist of receivables from the Company and common stock of the Company. The Company maintains separate book accounts for the benefit of each Plan participant and periodically credits such accounts for deferred compensation, interest and dividend income and withdrawals. Stock holdings are recorded at their cost at the time of purchase and are presented at their fair market

values. The stock credits had a cost basis of \$11,906,563 and \$9,396,610 at December 31, 1998 and December 31, 1997, respectively.

3. Plan Termination

Although the Company has not expressed any intent to terminate the Plan, it may do so at any time. In the event the Plan is terminated, all sums credited to individual accounts would be distributed to participants.

4. Administrative Expenses

All administrative costs of the Plan are borne by the Plan sponsor.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the members of the Pension and Profit Sharing Committee (which is the administrative committee for the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan of Federated Department Stores, Inc.) have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Executive Deferred Compensation Plan of
FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC.

Dated March 31, 1999

By: /s/ Karen M. Hoguet
Karen M. Hoguet, Member
Pension and Profit Sharing Committee
Federated Department Stores, Inc.