

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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November 23, 1956WEEKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES

Federal Reserve District	Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago (Based on retail dollar amounts)					
	One week ending				Four weeks ending	Jan. 1 to
	Nov. 17	Nov. 10	Nov. 3	Oct. 27	Nov. 17	Nov. 17
Boston	+ 2	- 5	- 5	- 4	- 3	+ 2
New York	+10	r- 8	- 6	- 2	- 1	+ 4
Philadelphia	+ 7	r- 7	-10	- 4	- 3	+ 3
Cleveland	+ 5	r- 8	- 8	+ 1	- 2	+ 4
Richmond	+10	r- 5	- 6	+ 5	+ 1	+ 2
Atlanta	+ 4	r+ 5	- 4	+ 6	+ 3	+ 5
Chicago	+10	r+ 2	- 5	0	+ 2	+ 4
St. Louis	+ 5	- 2	- 2	0	+ 1	+ 4
Minneapolis	+ 5	- 4	0	+12	+ 4	+ 4
Kansas City	+ 1	0	0	+ 2	+ 1	+ 1
Dallas	+ 1	r- 1	0	+ 5	+ 1	+ 3
San Francisco	+ 2	r- 4	+ 5	+ 3	+ 1	+ 1
U. S. total	+ 7	- 3	- 3	+ 2	+ 1	+ 3

U. S. weekly index, without seasonal adjustment, 1947-49=100 1/

1956		1955		1954	
Oct. 20	129	Oct. 22	133	Oct. 23	123
Oct. 27	123	Oct. 29	126	Oct. 30	117
Nov. 3	124	Nov. 5	128	Nov. 6	127
Nov. 10	137	Nov. 12	141	Nov. 13	130
Nov. 17	152	Nov. 19	142	Nov. 20	134

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1/ For description and weekly indexes for the period January 1937 to March 1952 see Federal Reserve Bulletin for April 1952, pp. 359-362. Indexes for the period April 1952 to date may be obtained upon request from the Division of Research and Statistics.

Weekly indexes at the district and city levels are published by several of the Federal Reserve Banks.