

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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WEEKLY 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	Year 1956
	Jan. 19	Jan. 12	Jan. 5	Dec. 29*	Jan. 19	
Boston	- 4	- 3	- 1	+35	+ 6	+ 3
New York	- 2	r+ 9	- 1	+30	+ 8	+ 6
Philadelphia	+ 3	r+ 4	r+ 1	+23	+ 7	+ 3
Cleveland	- 3	r+ 1	- 4	+18	+ 3	+ 3
Richmond	+ 1	r+13	+ 3	+27	+11	+ 3
Atlanta	+ 4	r+ 5	+ 2	+29	+10	+ 5
Chicago	+ 3	r- 3	- 5	+37	+ 6	+ 4
St. Louis	+11	r- 2	- 8	+18	+ 4	+ 4
Minneapolis	+ 7	+ 1	- 1	+24	+ 7	+ 5
Kansas City	+ 5	r- 6	+ 3	+23	+ 7	+ 2
Dallas	+ 7	0	+ 3	+23	+ 8	+ 3
San Francisco	+ 3	+ 2	0	+18	+ 6	+ 2
U. S. Total	+ 2	+ 3	- 1	+27	+ 7	+ 4

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

<u>1956</u>			<u>1955</u>		<u>1954</u>	
Dec. 22	265		Dec. 24	231	Dec. 25	190
Dec. 29	112		Dec. 31	88	<u>1955</u> Jan. 1	80
<u>1957</u>			<u>1956</u>			
Jan. 5	93		Jan. 7	94	Jan. 8	106
Jan. 12	107		Jan. 14	104	Jan. 15	99
Jan. 19	100		Jan. 21	98	Jan. 22	95

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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.

\*--This year there was one shopping day before Christmas, while last year there was none.