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WEEKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES

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Federal Reserve	Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago (Based on retail dollar amounts)							
District		One week	Four weeks ending	Jan. 1 to				
· 	Oct. 26	Oct. 19	Oct. 12	Oct. 5	Oct. 26	0ct. 26		
Boston New York Philadelphia Cleveland	+ 1 + 1 - 1 - 7	- 5 r 0 r 3 r 7	-10 - 7 - 4 - 5	- 7 - 6 + 2 - 1	- 3 - 2 - 5	- 1 + 2 + 1 - 1		
Richmond Atlanta Chicago St. Louis	- 2 - 1 + 1 - 3	r- 7 r- 1 + 3 + 1	+ 1 r+ 5 - 2 - 1	+ 3 + 8 - 2 0	-1 +3 0 -1	+ 3 + 3 + 2 0		
Minneapolis Kansas City Dallas San Francisco	0 - 3 0 - 3	+ 2 + 2 - 3 r 0	+ 2 + 2 + 5 + 2	- 6 + 1 + 5 0	+ 1 + 1 + 1 0	+ 3 + 1 + 3 + 1		
U. S. Total	-1	r- 1	- 1	0	-1	+ 2		

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

1957		1956			1955	
Sept. 28	130	Sept	. 29	130	Oct. 1	126
Oct. 5	127	Oct.	6	127	Oct. 8	125
Oct. 12	132	Oct.		134	Oct. 15	128
Oct. 19	r128	Oct.	20	129	Oct. 22	133
Oct. 26	127	Oct.	27	128	Oct. 29	126

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

^{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.