

Department store sales in August increased sharply over the July level and the Board's seasonally adjusted index is estimated at 148 per cent of the 1947-49 average, a record level. The previous high was reached in August 1957, when the index was 144.

Index of department store sales $\frac{1}{1947-49=100}$	1958			1957
	Aug.	July	June	Aug.
Adjusted for seasonal variation	e148	140	133	144
Without seasonal adjustment	e130	113	126	127

## 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	Jan. 1 to
	Aug. 30	Aug. 23	Aug. 16	Aug. 9	Aug. 30	Aug. 30
Boston	+ 7	+ 7	+ 4	+ 1	+ 5	- 1
New York	+ 4	r+ 4	0	0	+ 2	+ 1
Philadelphia	+ 1	+ 9	+ 4	+ 3	+ 4	- 1
Cleveland	+ 3	r- 2	- 2	- 2	- 1	- 4
Richmond	+ 6	r+ 1	+ 4	+ 3	+ 4	- 2
Atlanta	+11	r+ 5	+ 1	+ 9	+ 6	- 1
Chicago	- 2	- 1	- 2	- 5	- 2	- 5
St. Louis	+ 6	+ 6	+ 1	+ 2	+ 4	- 3
Minneapolis	+ 1	0	r 0	- 5	- 1	- 1
Kansas City	+10	+ 8	r+ 7	+ 7	+ 8	+ 2
Dallas	+ 3	+ 4	+ 1	+ 3	+ 3	- 2
San Francisco	+ 2	+ 4	+ 2	+ 3	+ 3	- 1
U. S. Total	+ 3	+ 3	+ 2	+ 2	+ 3	- 1

U. S. weekly index, without seasonal adjustment, 1947-49 = 100<sup>2/</sup>

1958		1957		1956	
Aug. 2	114	Aug. 3	111	Aug. 4	113
Aug. 9	120	Aug. 10	118	Aug. 11	117
Aug. 16	124	Aug. 17	122	Aug. 18	121
Aug. 23	134	Aug. 24	130	Aug. 25	130
Aug. 30	149	Aug. 31	144	Sept. 1	139

r--Revised.

e--Estimated.

1/ Monthly indexes refer to daily average sales in calendar month. August 1958 figures estimated from weekly sales. August this year had one less trading day than last.

2/ For description and weekly indexes for the period January 1937 to March 1958 see Federal Reserve Bulletin for April 1958, pp. 412-421.

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