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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 Jan. 10	Year 1958
	Jan. 10	Jan. 3	Dec. 27*	Dec. 20		
Boston	+ 3	- 6	+34	+ 3	+ 9	+ 2
New York	+ 1	r- 1	+28	- 3	+ 4	+ 3
Philadelphia	+ 8	r+ 7	+31	+ 2	+10	+ 2
Cleveland	- 4	r+ 8	+25	+ 3	+ 8	- 2
Richmond	+ 6	r+ 2	+29	+ 2	+ 9	+ 2
Atlanta	+ 6	+ 7	+27	+ 3	+10	+ 1
Chicago	+ 3	r 0	r+30	r+ 7	+11	- 2
St. Louis	+ 5	r+ 2	+23	+ 6	+ 9	0
Minneapolis	+ 4	- 2	r+26	+ 3	+ 8	0
Kansas City	+ 9	r- 9	+29	+ 8	+11	+ 4
Dallas	+ 8	0	+26	+ 1	+ 8	0
San Francisco	+11	+ 8	+33	+ 1	+12	+ 2
U. S. Total	+ 4	+ 3	+30	+ 3	+10	+ 1

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

1958		1957		1956	
Dec. 13	293	Dec. 14	285	Dec. 15	283
Dec. 20	304	Dec. 21	294	Dec. 22	289
Dec. 27	205	Dec. 28	158	Dec. 29	121
1959		1958		1957	
Jan. 3	105	Jan. 4	102	Jan. 5	100
Jan. 10	121	Jan. 11	116	Jan. 12	114

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1/ 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.

* This year there were three shopping days before Christmas compared with two last year.