

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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WEEKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES

Federal Reserve Board	Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago (Based on retail dollar amounts) <sup>1/</sup>					
	One week ending				Four weeks ending May 9	Jan. 1 to May 9
	May 9	May 2	Apr. 25	Apr. 18		
Boston	+ 6	+ 6	+ 6	- 3	+ 4	+ 5
New York	*	*	*	+ 8	*	*
Philadelphia	+ 7	- 1	- 1	- 2	+ 1	+ 7
Cleveland	+19	r+ 5	+ 1	+12	+ 9	+ 7
Richmond	+15	+ 1	+ 1	- 6	+ 3	+ 8
Atlanta	+17	r+ 3	+ 2	+ 7	+ 7	+ 7
Chicago	+20	+10	+ 7	+ 8	+11	+ 9
St. Louis	+23	r+ 8	+ 2	+ 6	+10	+10
Minneapolis	+14	+ 4	+ 3	+ 8	+ 7	+ 5
Kansas City	+14	+13	+ 9	+ 5	+11	+11
Dallas	+ 8	+14	+ 9	+ 7	+10	+ 9
San Francisco	+15	r+ 7	+ 4	+ 4	+ 7	+11
U. S. Total	+14	r+ 6	+ 4	+ 6	+ 8	+ 8

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

1959		1958		1957	
Apr. 11	130	Apr. 12	110	Apr. 13	131
Apr. 18	132	Apr. 19	125	Apr. 20	138
Apr. 25	r141	Apr. 26	136	Apr. 27	131
May 2	r140	May 3	132	May 4	143
May 9	158	May 10	138	May 11	143

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\*Data not available.

<sup>1/</sup> During April changes from a year ago reflect in part the fact that last year Easter was on April 6 while this year it was on March 29. For this reason it is estimated that in comparison with last year an allowance should be made for a decrease in sales of about 2 per cent for the month of April as a whole. This allowance applies to the figures for the United States.

<sup>2/</sup> 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.