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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	Jan. 1 to
	Sept. 5*	Aug. 29	Aug. 22	Aug. 15	Sept. 5	Sept. 5
Boston	+12	-14	-14	0	- 5	+ 4
New York	+ 9	-14	-11	0	- 5	+ 3
Philadelphia	+19	-13	-12	+ 3	- 2	+ 6
Cleveland	+25	-11	- 2	+ 4	+ 3	+ 7
Richmond	+12	-15	- 8	+ 1	- 3	+ 5
Atlanta	+20	r- 2	+ 4	+ 9	+ 7	+ 7
Chicago	+24	- 5	- 4	+ 6	+ 5	+ 9
St. Louis	+19	- 6	- 2	+ 4	+ 3	+ 7
Minneapolis	+20	r- 3	- 2	+11	+ 3	+ 6
Kansas City	+18	- 5	- 1	+ 8	+ 4	+ 8
Dallas	+25	+ 1	+ 5	+ 7	+ 9	+ 8
San Francisco	+28	r+ 1	+11	+11	+11	+11
U. S. Total	+20	- 7	- 1	+ 6	+ 4	+ 8

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

1959		1958		1957	
Aug. 8	131	Aug. 9	120	Aug. 10	118
Aug. 15	132	Aug. 16	124	Aug. 17	122
Aug. 22	132	Aug. 23	134	Aug. 24	130
Aug. 29	r139	Aug. 30	149	Aug. 31	144
Sept. 5	148	Sept. 6	123	Sept. 7	121

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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.

\* Labor Day in 1958 occurred in the week ending September 6, whereas this year it occurred one week later. Therefore, the week ending September 5, 1959, had one more trading day than the corresponding week last year.