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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. 12*	Sept. 5*	Aug. 29	Aug. 22	Sept. 12	Sept. 12
Boston	-14	+12	-14	-14	- 8	+ 3
New York	-17	r+10	-14	-11	- 9	+ 2
Philadelphia	-18	+19	-13	-12	- 7	+ 5
Cleveland	-11	+25	-11	- 2	- 1	+ 6
Richmond	-15	+12	-15	- 8	- 7	+ 5
Atlanta	+ 5	+20	r- 1	+ 4	+ 6	+ 7
Chicago	-10	+24	- 5	- 4	+ 1	+ 8
St. Louis	- 9	r+20	- 6	- 2	0	+ 7
Minneapolis	- 6	+20	c-13	- 2	- 1	+ 5
Kansas City	- 3	+18	- 5	- 1	+ 2	+ 8
Dallas	- 7	+25	+ 1	+ 5	+ 5	+ 8
San Francisco	- 1	r+27	+ 1	+11	+ 9	+11
U. S. Total	- 9	+20	- 7	- 1	0	+ 7

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

1959

Aug. 15	132
Aug. 22	132
Aug. 29	139
Sept. 5	148
Sept. 12	132

1958

Aug. 16	124
Aug. 23	134
Aug. 30	149
Sept. 6	123
Sept. 13	145

1957

Aug. 17	122
Aug. 24	130
Aug. 31	144
Sept. 7	121
Sept. 14	140

r--Revised.

c--Corrected.

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, while the week ending September 12, 1959 had one less trading day than the week ending September 13 last year.