

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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February 16, 1956WEEKLY 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 Feb. 11 <sup>1/</sup>
	Feb. 11	Feb. 4	Jan. 28	Jan. 21	Feb. 11	Feb. 11 <sup>1/</sup>
Boston	- 1	+ 6	+ 9	- 1	+ 3	- 3
New York	+ 1	+ 8	+ 8	+ 8	+ 6	+ 2
Philadelphia	+ 8	r+4	+15	+ 4	+10	+ 4
Cleveland	+12	+12	+20	- 3	+10	+ 6
Richmond	+ 9	- 2	+ 8	- 2	+ 3	0
Atlanta	+ 4	- 2	0	+ 7	+ 2	+ 2
Chicago	+ 7	+ 3	+15	+ 3	+ 7	+ 3
St. Louis	+10	- 1	+ 4	- 3	+ 3	+ 2
Minneapolis	+ 7	r+ 5	+ 9	0	+ 5	+ 4
Kansas City	+ 2	- 3	r- 3	+ 4	0	- 1
Dallas	+ 7	r- 2	+ 3	- 3	+ 1	0
San Francisco	+ 2	+ 6	- 5	+ 3	+ 2	- 2
U. S. Total	+ 5	+ 5	+ 8	+ 3	+ 5	+ 2

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

<u>1956</u>		<u>1955</u>		<u>1954</u>	
Jan. 14	104	Jan. 15	99	Jan. 16	85
Jan. 21	98	Jan. 22	95	Jan. 23	86
Jan. 28	94	Jan. 29	87	Jan. 30	85
Feb. 4	90	Feb. 5	86	Feb. 6	86
Feb. 11	97	Feb. 12	92	Feb. 13	91

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<sup>1/</sup> Comparison period begins with the January 2-7 week in 1956 and with the January 3-8 week in 1955.<sup>2/</sup> For description and weekly indexes for the period January 1937 to March 1952 see Federal Reserve Bulletin for April 1952, pp. 359-362. Indexes for the period April 1952 to date may be obtained upon request from the Division of Research and Statistics.

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