

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
	May 12*	May 5*	Apr. 28	Apr. 21	May 12	May 12
Boston	+20	-12	+ 5	+ 1	+ 3	+ 1
New York	+19	- 5	+ 2	+ 7	+ 5	+ 2
Philadelphia	+12	r+ 6	- 3	0	+ 4	+ 4
Cleveland	+20	- 6	- 6	- 2	+ 1	+ 4
Richmond	+20	r- 5	- 3	- 4	+ 2	+ 2
Atlanta	+24	- 6	- 2	- 6	+ 1	+ 4
Chicago	+13	- 9	- 3	- 1	- 1	+ 2
St. Louis	+33	- 5	+ 2	- 9	+ 4	+ 4
Minneapolis	+21	-11	+ 5	+ 2	+ 3	+ 2
Kansas City	+23	-11	- 6	- 1	- 1	0
Dallas	+31	- 7	- 7	- 3	+ 2	+ 3
San Francisco	+16	- 9	+ 1	+ 6	+ 2	+ 1
U. S. Total	+19	- 7	- 1	+ 1	+ 3	+ 3

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

<u>1956</u>		<u>1955</u>		<u>1954</u>	
Apr. 14	114	Apr. 16	103	Apr. 17	118
Apr. 21	113	Apr. 23	112	Apr. 24	101
Apr. 28	119	Apr. 30	120	May 1	112
May 5	125	May 7	134	May 8	123
May 12	129	May 14	108	May 15	97

r--Revised.

1/ 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.

*--Comparisons are affected by the fact that Mother's Day is one week later this year than last.

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