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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 19	May 12*	May 5*	Apr. 28	May 19	May 19
Boston	+ 2	+20	-12	+ 5	+ 3	+ 1
New York	+ 6	+18	- 5	+ 2	+ 5	+ 3
Philadelphia	+ 9	+13	+ 6	- 3	+ 6	+ 4
Cleveland	+ 6	+20	- 6	- 6	+ 3	+ 4
Richmond	+12	+20	- 5	- 3	+ 5	+ 2
Atlanta	+12	+25	- 6	- 2	+ 5	+ 5
Chicago	+ 5	+13	- 9	- 3	+ 1	+ 2
St. Louis	+ 6	+33	- 5	+ 2	+ 8	+ 5
Minneapolis	+ 5	+21	-11	+ 5	+ 4	+ 3
Kansas City	+ 7	+23	-11	- 6	+ 2	+ 1
Dallas	+ 3	+31	- 7	- 7	+ 3	+ 3
San Francisco	+ 2	+16	- 9	+ 1	+ 2	+ 1
U. S. Total	+ 6	+19	- 7	- 1	+ 4	+ 3

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

1956

1955

1954

Apr. 21 113
Apr. 28 119
May 5 125
May 12 129
May 19 122

Apr. 23 112
Apr. 30 120
May 7 134
May 14 168
May 21 115

Apr. 24 101
May 1 112
May 8 123
May 15 97
May 22 106

r--Revised.

1/ For description and weekly indexes for the period January 1937 to March 1952 see Federal Reserve Bulletin for April 1952, 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.