

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 26	May 19	May 12*	May 5*	May 26	May 26
Boston	- 5	+ 2	+20	-12	0	0
New York	0	+ 6	+18	- 5	+ 4	+ 2
Philadelphia	0	r+ 8	+13	+ 6	+ 7	+ 4
Cleveland	+ 4	+ 6	+20	- 6	+ 5	+ 4
Richmond	- 7	+12	+20	- 5	+ 4	+ 2
Atlanta	+ 4	+12	+25	- 6	+ 7	+ 5
Chicago	+ 4	+ 5	+13	- 9	+ 3	+ 3
St. Louis	+ 6	+ 6	+33	- 5	+ 9	+ 5
Minneapolis	+ 7	+ 5	+21	-11	+ 4	+ 3
Kansas City	+ 5	+ 7	r+22	-11	+ 4	+ 1
Dallas	+ 5	+ 3	+31	- 7	+ 7	+ 3
San Francisco	+ 2	r+ 3	+16	- 9	+ 2	+ 1
U. S. Total	+ 3	+ 6	+19	- 7	+ 5	+ 3

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

<u>1956</u>		<u>1955</u>		<u>1954</u>	
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
May 19	122	May 21	115	May 22	106
May 26	117	May 28	114	May 29	104

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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.