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WELKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES

Federal Keserve	Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago (Based on retail dollar amounts)							
District		One wee	Four weeks ending	Jan. 1 to				
	June 16	June 9	June 2	May 26	June 16	June 16		
Foston New York Philadelphia Cleveland	+ 9 +13 +15 +14	+15 +11 r+11 + 4	+ 1 + 6 + 6 + 8	- 5 - 1 0 + 4	+ 5 + 8 + 8 + 8	+ 2 + 3 + 5 + 5		
kichwond ktlanta Chicago St. Louis	+17 + 5 +13 +12	+11 + 9 + 8 +13	+ 1 + 1 + 9 + 9	- 7 + 4 + 5 + 6	+ 5 + 5 + 9 +10	+ 3 + 5 + 4 + 5		
Minneapolis Kansas City Dallas San Francisco	+19 +10 + 5 + 3	+11 + 9 r+ 6 r+ 3	÷31 + 8 + 9 + 5	+10 + 5 + 5 + 1	+16 + 8 + 6 + 3	+ 5 + 2 + 3 + 1		
U. S. Total	+12	+ 9	+ 7	+ 3	+ 8	+ 4		

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

1956		1955		1954	
May 19 May 26 June 2 June 9 June 16	122 117 109 124 131	May Hay June June June	26 114 24 102 211 114		

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

^{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.