

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 July 21
	July 21	July 14	July 7	June 30	July 21	
Boston	+ 4	+ 3	+ 4	+12	+ 6	+ 2
New York	+ 9	r+ 4	+ 5	+10	+ 7	+ 4
Philadelphia	- 3	+ 4	- 7	+13	+ 2	+ 5
Cleveland	- 3	+ 1	0	+ 9	+ 1	+ 5
Richmond	- 4	r+ 3	+11	+ 8	+ 5	+ 3
Atlanta	+ 1	+ 4	+11	+ 5	+ 5	+ 5
Chicago	+ 3	+ 2	- 1	+ 5	+ 2	+ 3
St. Louis	+ 4	0	- 3	+ 8	+ 2	+ 5
Minneapolis	- 2	0	+ 7	+ 9	+ 3	+ 5
Kansas City	+ 2	- 7	- 1	- 2	- 2	+ 1
Dallas	+ 8	- 1	+10	+ 6	+ 6	+ 4
San Francisco	+ 1	+ 4	+ 6	+ 3	+ 3	+ 2
U. S. Total	+ 2	+ 2	+ 3	+ 7	+ 3	+ 4

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

1956		1955		1954	
June 23	109	June 25	103	June 26	97
June 30	104	July 2	98	July 3	93
July 7	90	July 9	87	July 10	77
July 14	99	July 16	97	July 17	88
July 21	96	July 23	94	July 24	84

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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, 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.