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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 Aug. 11 |
| | Aug. 11 | Aug. 4 | July 28 | July 21 | Aug. 11 | |
| Boston | + 7 | +12 | - 4 | + 4 | + 4 | + 3 |
| New York | +10 | +12 | + 2 | + 9 | + 8 | + 4 |
| Philadelphia | +11 | r+13 | - 3 | - 4 | + 4 | + 5 |
| Cleveland | + 3 | + 6 | + 2 | - 3 | + 2 | + 4 |
| Richmond | +11 | + 6 | - 4 | - 3 | + 2 | + 3 |
| Atlanta | + 7 | r+ 5 | + 1 | 0 | + 3 | + 5 |
| Chicago | + 5 | + 5 | - 1 | + 3 | + 3 | + 3 |
| St. Louis | +14 | r- 1 | - 5 | + 4 | + 3 | + 5 |
| Minneapolis | + 1 | r+ 3 | - 2 | - 2 | 0 | + 5 |
| Kansas City | + 7 | + 3 | - 7 | + 2 | + 1 | + 1 |
| Dallas | + 6 | + 7 | - 4 | + 8 | + 4 | + 4 |
| San Francisco | + 3 | + 4 | - 4 | + 1 | + 1 | + 2 |
| U. S. Total | + 7 | + 7 | - 1 | + 2 | + 4 | + 4 |

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

| <u>1956</u> | | <u>1955</u> | | <u>1954</u> | |
|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|-------------|----|
| July 14 | 99 | July 16 | 97 | July 17 | 88 |
| July 21 | 96 | July 23 | 94 | July 24 | 84 |
| July 28 | 97 | July 30 | 98 | July 31 | 87 |
| Aug. 4 | 104 | Aug. 6 | 97 | Aug. 7 | 92 |
| Aug. 11 | 107 | Aug. 13 | 100 | Aug. 14 | 97 |

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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.