

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
	Sept. 22	Sept. 15	Sept. 8	Sept. 1	Sept. 22	Sept. 22
Boston	+10	- 2	+ 3	- 1	+ 2	+ 3
New York	+15	r+ 5	- 3	0	+ 4	+ 4
Philadelphia	+12	r+ 3	- 6	- 9	0	+ 4
Cleveland	+11	+ 5	r+ 6	0	+ 5	+ 5
Richmond	+ 9	+ 1	- 5	- 5	0	+ 3
Atlanta	+11	+ 7	+ 5	+ 4	+ 6	+ 6
Chicago	+12	+ 4	+ 7	+ 2	+ 6	+ 4
St. Louis	+11	- 2	+14	r+ 5	+ 6	+ 5
Minneapolis	+ 5	+10	+ 5	+ 6	+ 6	+ 5
Kansas City	- 3	+ 1	+ 9	+ 1	+ 2	+ 2
Dallas	- 4	r+ 7	+15	+ 4	+ 5	+ 4
San Francisco	- 4	+ 2	+ 2	+11	+ 3	+ 2
U. S. Total	+ 8	+ 4	+ 4	+ 2	+ 5	+ 4

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

<u>1956</u>		<u>1955</u>		<u>1954</u>	
Aug. 25	120	Aug. 27	111	Aug. 28	102
Sept. 1	128	Sept. 3	125	Sept. 4	113
Sept. 8	112	Sept. 10	108	Sept. 11	97
Sept. 15	130	Sept. 17	125	Sept. 18	120
Sept. 22	131	Sept. 24	121	Sept. 25	118

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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.