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WEEKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES

	Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago (Based on retail dollar amounts)									
Federal Reserve District		One week	Four weeks ending	Jan. 1 to						
	Oct. 6	Sept. 29	Sept. 22	Sept. 15	Oct. 6	Oct. 6				
Boston New York Philadelphia Cleveland	+ 6 + 9 + 3 + 2	+ 6 +11 + 5 + 6	+10 +15 +12 +10	- 2 + 5 + 3 + 5	+ 5 +10 + 6 + 6	+ 3 + 5 + 4 + 5				
Richmond Atlanta Chicago St. Louis	- 2 0 + 1 - 1	- 2 +14 + 3 - 1	+ 9 +10 +11 +11	+ 1 + 7 + 1; - 2	+ 2 + 8 + 5 + 1	+ 2 + 6 + 4 + 5				
Minneapolis Kansas City Dallas San Francisco	- 4 - 3 -10 - 2	r- 6 r- 1 - 3 r- 5	+ 5 r- 4 - 3 - 3	+10 + 1 + 7 + 2	+ 1 - 2 - 3 - 2	+ 4 + 1 + 3 + 1				
U. S. Total	+ 2	+ 3	+ 8	+ 4	+ 4	+ 4				

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

1956						1955					1954		_
	Sept.		112				Sept.	10	108		Sept.	11	97
	Sept. 1						Sept.	17	125		Sept.	18	120
	Sept. 2		131				Sept.	24	-121		Sept.	25	118
	Sept. 2		130				Oct.	1	126		Oct.	2	110
	Oct.	6	127				Oct.	8	125		Oct.	9	118

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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 <u>Bulletin</u> 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.