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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		Year 1956
	Jan. 26	Jan. 19	Jan. 12	Jan. 5	Jan. 26	
Boston	- 1	- 4	- 3	- 1	+ 2	+ 3
New York	+ 6	r- 1	+ 9	- 1	+ 4	+ 6
Philadelphia	- 3	r+ 4	+ 4	+ 1	+ 2	+ 3
Cleveland	+ 3	- 3	+ 1	- 4	- 1	+ 3
Richmond	- 6	+ 1	+ 13	+ 3	+ 3	+ 3
Atlanta	+ 9	r+ 3	+ 5	+ 2	+ 4	+ 6
Chicago	+ 3	+ 3	- 3	- 5	0	+ 4
St. Louis	+ 1	+ 11	- 2	- 8	0	+ 4
Minneapolis	+ 1	+ 7	+ 1	- 1	+ 2	+ 5
Kansas City	- 3	+ 5	c- 4	+ 3	0	+ 2
Dallas	- 7	+ 7	0	+ 3	+ 1	+ 3
San Francisco	+ 10	+ 3	+ 2	0	+ 4	+ 2
U. S. Total	+ 2	+ 2	+ 3	- 1	+ 2	+ 4

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

<u>1956</u>		<u>1955</u>		<u>1955</u>	
Dec. 29	112	Dec. 31	88	Jan. 1	80
<u>1957</u>		<u>1956</u>			
Jan. 5	93	Jan. 7	94	Jan. 8	106
Jan. 12	107	Jan. 14	104	Jan. 15	99
Jan. 19	100	Jan. 21	98	Jan. 22	95
Jan. 26	96	Jan. 28	94	Jan. 29	87

r--Revised.

c--Corrected.

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.