

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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March 21, 1957WEEKLY 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
	Mar. 16	Mar. 9	Mar. 2	Feb. 23	Mar. 16	Mar. 16
Boston	+19	- 4	-12	+ 5	+1	+1
New York	+ 8	r-17	0	+14	0	+3
Philadelphia	+11	r-19	-16	+ 4	-6	-2
Cleveland	+ 2	r-18	- 5	+ 1	-5	-2
Richmond	+ 1	- 6	- 5	+ 3	-2	+2
Atlanta	- 3	-19	- 9	+ 1	-8	0
Chicago	- 3	- 5	- 2	+ 5	-2	+1
St. Louis	- 6	-14	- 7	- 3	-8	-3
Minneapolis	-12	- 1	+ 5	- 2	-3	+1
Kansas City	- 2	r- 6	- 5	- 8	-5	-1
Dallas	+ 2	r-11	- 6	- 9	-6	-1
San Francisco	- 3	- 1	- 4	+ 3	-1	+1
U. S. Total	+ 2	-10	- 5	+ 3	-3	+1

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

1957		1956		1955	
Feb. 16	102	Feb. 18	95	Feb. 19	90
Feb. 23	100	Feb. 25	97	Feb. 26	93
Mar. 2	99	Mar. 3	104	Mar. 5	98
Mar. 9	98	Mar. 10	109	Mar. 12	102
Mar. 16	107	Mar. 17	105	Mar. 19	108

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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.