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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	Jan. 1 to May 25
	May 25	May 18	May 11	May 4	May 25	
Poston	- 4	+ 4	+ 5	- 2	+ 1	+ 2
New York	+ 1	+ 3	+ 7	+ 6	+ 4	+ 4
Philadelphia	- 1	- 2	+ 3	+ 6	+ 2	+ 2
Cleveland	- 4	r- 4	- 1	+ 6	- 1	0
Richmond	+ 3	- 2	+ 6	+ 5	+ 3	+ 5
Atlanta	+ 2	+ 1	+ 6	+ 2	+ 3	+ 1
Chicago	- 1	- 3	+ 7	+13	+ 4	+ 3
St. Louis	- 5	- 2	- 4	+ 7	- 1	0
Minneapolis	+ 1	- 3	+ 7	+12	+ 4	+ 3
Kansas City	- 1	- 6	+ 3	+ 8	+ 1	0
Dallas	0	- 2	- 7	- 3	- 3	- 2
San Francisco	- 5	r- 3	+ 1	r+ 2	- 1	0
U. S. Total	- 1	- 2	+ 3	+ 6	+ 2	+ 2

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

1957		1956		1955	
Apr. 27	123	Apr. 28	119	Apr. 30	120
May 4	r133	May 5	125	May 7	134
May 11	133	May 12	129	May 14	108
May 18	120	May 19	122	May 21	115
May 25	116	May 26	117	May 28	114

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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.