

Seasonally adjusted department store sales increased slightly in May. The adjusted index is estimated at 124 per cent of the 1947-49 average, compared with 122 for April and 122 for May last year. In the first five months of 1957, total dollar sales were 2 per cent greater than in the corresponding period a year ago.

Index of department store sales 1/ 1947-49=100	1957			1956
	May	Apr.	Mar.	May
Adjusted for seasonal variation	e 124	122	127	122
Without seasonal adjustment	e 123	122	106	121

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
	June 1	May 25	May 18	May 11	June 1	June 1
Boston	- 1	- 4	+ 4	+ 5	+ 1	+ 2
New York	+ 4	+ 1	+ 3	+ 7	+ 4	+ 4
Philadelphia	+ 5	- 1	- 2	+ 3	+ 1	+ 2
Cleveland	- 4	- 5	- 4	- 1	- 3	- 1
Richmond	+ 5	+ 4	- 2	+ 6	+ 3	+ 5
Atlanta	+ 7	+ 2	+ 1	+ 6	+ 4	+ 1
Chicago	- 2	- 1	- 3	+ 7	0	+ 3
St. Louis	- 9	- 5	- 2	- 4	- 5	- 1
Minneapolis	- 5	+ 1	- 3	+ 7	0	+ 2
Kansas City	0	- 1	- 6	+ 3	- 1	0
Dallas	0	0	- 2	- 7	- 2	- 2
San Francisco	+ 4	- 5	- 3	+ 1	- 1	0
U. S. Total	+ 1	- 1	- 2	+ 3	0	+ 2

U. S. weekly index, without seasonal adjustment, 1947-49=100 2/

1957	1956	1955
May 4 133	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
June 1 110	June 2 109	June 4 102

r--Revised.

e--Estimated.

1/ Monthly indexes refer to daily average sales in calendar month. May 1957 figures estimated from weekly sales.

2/ 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.