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Department store sales increased slightly in June after allowance for the usual seasonal change. The adjusted index is estimated at 127 per cent of the 1947-49 average, compared with 125 for May and 124 for June a year ago. Total dollar sales were 2 per cent greater than a year ago in the first half of 1957.

Index of department store sales 1/ 1947-49=100	1957			1956
	June	May	Apr.	June
Adjusted for seasonal variation	e127	125	122	124
without seasonal adjustment	e122	123	122	119

## 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	
	June 29	June 22	June 15	June 8	June 29	Jan. 1 to June 29
Boston	+13	- 1	- 3	- 9	- 1	+ 1
New York	+ 5	r+11	- 1	- 2	+ 3	+ 4
Philadelphia	+ 5	+20	- 3	- 4	+ 4	+ 2
Cleveland	- 1	r+ 6	- 8	- 3	- 2	- 1
Richmond	- 1	+19	0	- 3	+ 3	+ 4
Atlanta	- 3	r+12	r+ 7	+ 7	+ 6	+ 2
Chicago	+ 2	+10	- 5	- 2	+ 1	+ 3
St. Louis	- 3	r+ 7	- 3	+ 2	+ 1	0
Minneapolis	+11	0	- 2	0	+ 2	+ 2
Kansas City	- 3	0	+ 3	+ 5	+ 1	0
Dallas	+ 2	+ 5	+16	+ 6	+ 8	+ 2
San Francisco	+ 1	r+ 8	- 1	+ 6	+ 4	+ 1
U. S. Total	+ 2	+ 9	- 2	+ 1	+ 2	+ 2

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

1957		1956		1955	
June 1	110	June 2	109	June 4	102
June 8	125	June 9	124	June 11	114
June 15	129	June 16	131	June 18	117
June 22	119	June 23	109	June 25	103
June 29	107	June 30	105	July 2	98

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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.