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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 Sept. 7
	Sept. 7	Aug. 31	Aug. 24	Aug. 17	Sept. 7	
Boston	- 3	- 2	- 3	0	- 2	+ 1
New York	+ 5	+10	+ 2	+ 8	+ 6	+ 4
Philadelphia	- 2	+15	+ 1	+ 3	+ 4	+ 2
Cleveland	- 1	+ 5	- 4	+ 1	0	- 1
Richmond	- 2	+10	+ 2	+ 5	+ 4	+ 4
Atlanta	- 3	0	0	+ 4	0	+ 1
Chicago	+ 3	+ 5	+ 3	+ 2	+ 3	+ 3
St. Louis	- 1	- 1	- 1	+ 6	+ 1	0
Minneapolis	- 1	r+ 8	+ 6	+ 1	+ 4	+ 3
Kansas City	0	+ 1	+ 1	0	0	+ 1
Dallas	- 4	+ 6	+ 1	+ 2	+ 1	+ 3
San Francisco	- 2	r 0	+ 2	- 2	0	+ 1
U. S. Total	+ 1	+ 5	+ 1	+ 3	+ 2	+ 2

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

1957		1956		1955	
Aug. 10	110	Aug. 11	107	Aug. 13	100
Aug. 17	114	Aug. 18	111	Aug. 20	106
Aug. 24	121	Aug. 25	120	Aug. 27	111
Aug. 31	r134	Sept. 1	128	Sept. 3	125
Sept. 7	113	Sept. 8	112	Sept. 10	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.