

Seasonally adjusted department store sales increased in November from the reduced level of the preceding month. The seasonally adjusted index is estimated at 126 per cent of the 1947-49 average, compared with 120 for October and 131 for November last year

Index of department store sales 1/ 1947-49=100	1957			1956
	Nov.	Oct.	Sept.	Nov.
Adjusted for seasonal variation	e126	120	128	131
Without seasonal adjustment	e152	126	130	158

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 Nov. 30
	Nov. 30*	Nov. 23*	Nov. 16	Nov. 9	Nov. 30	
Boston	-21	+ 1	- 8	- 5	- 9	- 2
New York	-22	r+10	- 1	+ 1	- 5	+ 2
Philadelphia	-22	+ 2	- 5	+ 1	- 7	0
Cleveland	-21	r+ 7	- 5	- 3	- 7	- 2
Richmond	-22	- 3	- 3	- 5	- 9	+ 1
Atlanta	- 7	-10	- 6	- 7	- 8	+ 1
Chicago	-24	+ 1	-10	- 2	-10	+ 1
St. Louis	-21	+ 3	-14	- 6	-10	- 1
Minneapolis	-14	- 8	- 3	- 4	- 8	+ 1
Kansas City	-18	r+ 9	- 8	- 6	- 7	0
Dallas	-14	+16	- 7	- 6	- 4	+ 2
San Francisco	-18	+ 5	- 8	+ 3	- 5	0
U. S. Total	-20	+ 4	- 6	- 1	- 7	+ 1

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

1957		1956		1955	
Nov. 2	122	Nov. 3	124	Nov. 5	128
Nov. 9	135	Nov. 10	137	Nov. 12	141
Nov. 16	142	Nov. 17	151	Nov. 19	142
Nov. 23	155	Nov. 24	159	Nov. 26	146
Nov. 30	158	Dec. 1	197	Dec. 3	197

r--Revised.

e--Estimated.

1/ Monthly indexes refer to daily average sales in calendar month. November 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.

* Comparisons are affected by the fact that Thanksgiving Day is one week later this year than last.