

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 Dec. 28	Jan. 1 to Dec. 28
	Dec. 28*	Dec. 21	Dec. 14	Dec. 7		
Boston	+35	+ 2	+ 7	- 1	+ 7	- 1
New York	+34	+12	+ 4	- 7	+ 7	+ 2
Philadelphia	+30	+ 8	r+10	-14	+ 5	+ 1
Cleveland	+33	r+ 7	+ 5	- 7	+ 5	- 1
Richmond	+37	+ 6	+ 8	-10	+ 6	+ 2
Atlanta	+29	r- 3	+ 6	+ 2	+ 6	+ 2
Chicago	+30	+ 1	0	- 3	+ 3	+ 1
St. Louis	+26	r 0	- 1	r- 1	+ 3	- 1
Minneapolis	+33	+ 2	r+ 3	0	+ 6	+ 2
Kansas City	+26	- 2	- 1	- 2	+ 2	0
Dallas	+29	- 3	- 4	- 7	0	+ 2
San Francisco	+34	r- 2	- 4	- 8	0	0
U. S. Total	+31	r+ 3	+ 2	- 5	+ 5	+ 1

U. S. weekly index, without seasonal adjustment, 1947-49=100^{1/2}

1957		1956		1955	
Nov. 30	159	Dec. 1	197	Dec. 3	197
Dec. 7	215	Dec. 8	226	Dec. 10	235
Dec. 14	266	Dec. 15	260	Dec. 17	255
Dec. 21	r274	Dec. 22	265	Dec. 24	231
Dec. 28	147	Dec. 29	112	Dec. 31	88

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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.

* The large increases shown for this week reflect in part the fact that this year Christmas was on Wednesday and the week therefore included 2 days of heavy pre-Christmas shopping; in the corresponding week last year Christmas was on Tuesday.