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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. 18	Year 1957
	Jan. 18	Jan. 11	Jan. 4	Dec. 28*		
Boston	+ 2	+11	+ 3	+30	+12	- 1
New York	+ 4	+ 1	+ 3	+37	+11	+ 2
Philadelphia	- 3	r- 5	- 2	+31	+ 6	+ 1
Cleveland	+ 6	r+ 3	+ 4	+31	+12	- 1
Richmond	+ 9	- 1	- 1	+35	+11	+ 2
Atlanta	0	r+ 1	+ 4	+30	+10	+ 2
Chicago	+ 4	+ 3	- 2	+31	+10	+ 1
St. Louis	+ 1	- 2	- 1	+29	+ 8	- 1
Minneapolis	- 3	- 1	- 3	r+32	+ 7	+ 2
Kansas City	+ 2	+ 4	r-1	+26	+ 9	0
Dallas	+ 1	- 3	+ 2	+29	+ 8	+ 2
San Francisco	- 4	- 3	+ 3	+34	+ 8	0
U. S. Total	+ 3	+ 1	+ 2	+32	+10	+ 1

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

1957		1956		1955	
Dec. 21	274	Dec. 22	265	Dec. 24	231
Dec. 28	148	Dec. 29	112	Dec. 31	88
1958		1957		1956	
Jan. 4	95	Jan. 5	93	Jan. 7	94
Jan. 11	108	Jan. 12	107	Jan. 14	104
Jan. 18	103	Jan. 19	100	Jan. 21	98

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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.

* This year there were two shopping days before Christmas while last year there was one.

Weekly indexes at the district and city levels are published by several of the Federal Reserve Banks.