

Department store sales declined about 4 per cent in January after allowance for the usual seasonal change. The adjusted index is estimated at 132 per cent of the 1947-49 average, compared with 138 for December and 133 for January last year.

Index of department store sales 1/ 1947-49=100	1958	1957		
	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Jan.
Adjusted for seasonal variation	e132	138	133	133
Without seasonal adjustment	e102	241	162	102

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 Feb. 1 ✓	Jan. 1 to Feb. 1 ^{2/}
	Feb. 1	Jan. 25	Jan. 18	Jan. 11		
Boston	+ 6	- 7	+ 2	+11	+ 3	+ 3
New York	+ 9	+ 2	+ 4	+ 1	+ 4	+ 4
Philadelphia	+ 5	r+ 2	- 4	- 5	- 1	- 1
Cleveland	0	- 7	+ 5	+ 3	0	+ 1
Richmond	- 5	0	+ 8	- 1	0	0
Atlanta	- 6	r- 2	0	+ 1	- 1	0
Chicago	-10	r-11	+ 4	+ 3	- 3	- 3
St. Louis	- 6	- 6	+ 1	- 2	- 3	- 3
Minneapolis	+ 4	+ 2	- 3	- 1	+ 1	0
Kansas City	- 3	- 3	+ 2	+ 4	0	0
Dallas	- 5	- 1	+ 1	- 3	- 2	- 1
San Francisco	- 6	r- 3	- 5	- 3	- 4	- 3
✓ U. S. total	- 2	- 3	+ 2	+ 1	- 1	0

U. S. weekly index, without seasonal adjustment, 1947-49=100^{3/}

1958		1957		1956	
Jan. 4	95	Jan. 5	93	Jan. 7	94
Jan. 11	108	Jan. 12	107	Jan. 14	104
Jan. 18	102	Jan. 19	100	Jan. 21	98
Jan. 25	93	Jan. 26	96	Jan. 28	94
Feb. 1	92	Feb. 2	94	Feb. 4	90

r--Revised.

e--Estimated

1/ Monthly indexes refer to daily average sales in calendar month. January 1958 figures estimated from weekly sales.

2/ Comparison period begins with December 30 - January 4 week in 1958 and with December 31 - January 5 week in 1957.

3/ 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.