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## WELKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES

Federal Reserve	Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago (Based on retail dollar amounts)							
District		One week	Four weeks ending	Jan. 1				
	Aug. 16	Aug. 9	Aug. 2	July 26	Aug. 16	Aug. 16		
Boston New York Philadelphia Cleveland	+ 4 0 + 4 - 2	+ 1 r 0 + 3 - 2	+15 + 4 + 8 - 2	+ 7 + 3 + 5 - 2	+ 6 + 1 + 5 - 2	- 2 + 1 - 1 - 4		
Richmond Atlanta Chicago St. Louis	+ 4 + 1 - 3 + 1	+ 3 r+ 9 - 5 + 2	+ 6 +11 - 2 + 5	+ 7 + 6 - 4 + 3	+ 5 + 6 - 3 + 3	- 2 - 1 - 5 - 3		
Minneapolis Kansas City Dallas San Francisco	- 2 + 5 + 1 + 2	- 5 + 7 + 3 + 3	- 1 + 1 - 4 + 1	- 6 +10 +11 + 3	- 3 + 6 + 2 + 2	- 2 + 1 - 2 - 1		
JU. S. Total	+ 2	r+ 2 '	+ 3	+ 3	+ 2	- 1		

## U. S. weekly index, without seasonal adjustment, $1947-49 = 100^{1/3}$

1958		1957		1956	
July 19	110	July 20	. 108	July 21	105
July 26	111	July 27	108	July 28	105
Aug. 2	114	Aug. 3	111	Aug. 4	113
Aug. 9	r120	Aug. 10	118	Aug. 11	117
Aug. 16	124	Aug. 17	122	Aug. 18	121

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<sup>1/</sup> For description and weekly indexes for the period January 1937 to March 1958 see Federal Reserve Bulletin for April 1958, pp. 412-421.

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