

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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WEEKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES

| Federal Reserve<br>District | Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago<br>(Based on retail dollar amounts) |         |        |          |                      |              |
|-----------------------------|--|---------|--------|----------|----------------------|--------------|
|                             | One week ending  |         |        |          | Four weeks<br>ending | Jan. 1<br>to |
|                             | Oct. 18  | Oct. 11 | Oct. 4 | Sept. 27 | Oct. 18              | Oct. 18      |
| Boston                      | + 9  | +16     | + 9    | 0        | + 8                  | + 1          |
| New York                    | +14  | + 5     | +15    | - 1      | + 8                  | + 2          |
| Philadelphia                | +16  | - 2     | +15    | - 6      | + 6                  | 0            |
| Cleveland                   | + 8  | r+ 2    | - 1    | - 6      | + 1                  | - 3          |
| Richmond                    | +11  | + 2     | + 9    | - 7      | + 4                  | 0            |
| Atlanta                     | + 6  | r+ 8    | + 7    | - 2      | + 5                  | - 1          |
| Chicago                     | 0  | + 2     | + 4    | - 6      | 0                    | - 4          |
| St. Louis                   | + 7  | + 2     | +10    | - 1      | + 5                  | - 2          |
| Minneapolis                 | - 1  | + 2     | + 7    | - 3      | + 1                  | - 1          |
| Kansas City                 | + 1  | + 5     | +12    | + 3      | + 5                  | + 2          |
| Dallas                      | 0  | + 3     | +20    | + 1      | + 6                  | - 1          |
| San Francisco               | 0  | + 3     | - 6    | + 1      | 0                    | - 1          |
| U. S. Total                 | + 6  | + 4     | + 7    | - 2      | + 3                  | 0            |

U. S. weekly index, without seasonal adjustment, 1947-49 = 100<sup>1/</sup>

| 1958     |     | 1957     |     | 1956     |     |
|----------|-----|----------|-----|----------|-----|
| Sept. 20 | 136 | Sept. 21 | 135 | Sept. 22 | 143 |
| Sept. 27 | 136 | Sept. 28 | 139 | Sept. 29 | 141 |
| Oct. 4   | 145 | Oct. 5   | 136 | Oct. 6   | 138 |
| Oct. 11  | 147 | Oct. 12  | 142 | Oct. 13  | 146 |
| Oct. 18  | 146 | Oct. 19  | 138 | Oct. 20  | 140 |

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1/ 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.