

December 4, 1958.

Seasonally adjusted department store sales in November were little changed from the September and October level but were 2 per cent above November, 1957. The index for November is estimated at 136 per cent of the 1947-49 average compared with 135 in both September and October and 133 in November a year ago.

Index of department store sales 1/ 1947-49=100	1958			1957
	Nov.	Oct.	Sept.	Nov.
Adjusted for seasonal variation	e136	135	135	133
Without seasonal adjustment	e166	141	137	162

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. 1 to
	Nov. 29	Nov. 22	Nov. 15	Nov. 8	Nov. 29	Nov. 29
Boston	+ 4	- 2	+ 5	+ 5	+ 3	+ 1
New York	0	- 1	- 2	+ 2	0	+ 2
Philadelphia	+ 4	+ 5	+ 5	+ 2	+ 4	+ 1
Cleveland	-12	r- 5	- 3	0	- 5	- 3
Richmond	+ 3	- 1	+ 3	+10	+ 3	0
Atlanta	- 3	r+ 3	+ 5	+11	+ 4	0
Chicago	+ 1	0	+ 1	- 1	0	- 3
St. Louis	- 6	- 4	+ 6	- 4	- 2	-1
Minneapolis	+ 2	+ 6	+ 7	+ 3	+ 4	- 1
Kansas City	+ 5	+ 7	+ 5	+ 8	+ 6	+ 3
Dallas	0	+ 4	+ 1	+ 1	+ 1	0
San Francisco	+ 7	+10	+11	- 2	+ 7	0
U. S. Total	+ 1	+ 2	+ 3	+ 2	+ 2	0

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

1958		1957		1956	
Nov. 1	136	Nov. 2	130	Nov. 3	134
Nov. 8	148	Nov. 9	145	Nov. 10	149
Nov. 15	157	Nov. 16	152	Nov. 17	165
Nov. 22	169	Nov. 23	166	Nov. 24	162
Nov. 29	171	Nov. 30	170	Dec. 1	214

r--Revised.

e--Estimated.

1/ Monthly indexes refer to daily average sales in calendar month. November 1958 figures estimated from weekly sales. November this year had one less trading day than last.

2/ 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.