

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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December 18, 1958.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
	Dec. 13	Dec. 6	Nov. 29	Nov. 22	Dec. 13	Dec. 13
Boston	+ 6	- 1	+ 4	- 2	+ 2	+ 1
New York	+ 5	+ 9	+ 1	- 1	+ 4	+ 2
Philadelphia	+ 3	r+18	+ 4	+ 5	+ 8	+ 2
Cleveland	+ 1	r+ 3	-13	- 5	- 2	- 3
Richmond	0	+16	+ 3	- 1	+ 5	+ 1
Atlanta	+ 1	r 0	0	+ 3	+ 1	0
Chicago	0	+ 3	+ 1	0	+ 1	- 3
St. Louis	+ 2	+ 9	- 5	- 4	+ 1	- 1
Minneapolis	+ 2	- 2	+ 2	+ 6	+ 1	0
Kansas City	+ 4	+ 6	r+ 5	+ 7	+ 5	+ 3
Dallas	+ 2	+ 2	0	+ 4	+ 2	0
San Francisco	+ 2	r+ 5	+ 6	+10	+ 6	+ 1
U. S. Total	+ 3	r+ 6	+ 1	+ 2	+ 3	0

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

1958		1957		1956	
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
Dec. 6	r244	Dec. 7	230	Dec. 8	246
Dec. 13	293	Dec. 14	265	Dec. 15	283

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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.