

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 2, 1959.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 Dec. 27 | Jan. 1 to Dec. 27 |
| | Dec. 27* | Dec. 20 | Dec. 13 | Dec. 6 | | |
| Boston | +34 | + 3 | + 6 | - 1 | + 8 | + 2 |
| New York | +27 | - 3 | + 5 | + 9 | + 7 | + 3 |
| Philadelphia | +31 | + 2 | + 3 | r+19 | +10 | + 2 |
| Cleveland | +26 | r+ 3 | + 1 | + 3 | + 6 | - 2 |
| Richmond | +30 | + 2 | 0 | +16 | + 9 | + 2 |
| Atlanta | +28 | + 3 | + 2 | 0 | + 5 | + 1 |
| Chicago | +31 | r+ 8 | 0 | + 3 | + 8 | - 2 |
| St. Louis | +24 | r+ 6 | + 2 | + 9 | + 9 | 0 |
| Minneapolis | +26 | + 3 | + 2 | - 2 | + 5 | 0 |
| Kansas City | +29 | + 8 | + 4 | + 6 | +10 | + 4 |
| Dallas | +26 | + 1 | + 2 | + 2 | + 6 | 0 |
| San Francisco | +33 | + 1 | + 3 | + 5 | + 8 | + 1 |
| U. S. Total | +30 | + 3 | + 3 | + 6 | + 8 | + 1 |

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

| 1958 | | 1957 | | 1956 | |
|---------|-----|---------|-----|---------|-----|
| Nov. 29 | 171 | Nov. 30 | 170 | Dec. 1 | 214 |
| Dec. 6 | 244 | Dec. 7 | 230 | Dec. 8 | 246 |
| Dec. 13 | 293 | Dec. 14 | 285 | Dec. 15 | 283 |
| Dec. 20 | 304 | Dec. 21 | 294 | Dec. 22 | 289 |
| Dec. 27 | 205 | Dec. 28 | 158 | Dec. 29 | 121 |

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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.

* The large increases shown for this week reflect in part the fact that this year Christmas was on Thursday and the week therefore included 3 days of heavy pre-Christmas shopping; in the corresponding week last year Christmas was on Wednesday.