

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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January 22, 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 Jan. 17	Year 1958
	Jan. 17	Jan. 10	Jan. 3	Dec. 27*		
Boston	+ 9	+ 3	- 6	+34	+13	+ 2
New York	+ 4	r 0	- 1	+28	+ 9	+ 3
Philadelphia	+12	+ 8	r+ 6	+31	+16	+ 2
Cleveland	- 3	r- 6	+ 8	+25	+ 8	- 2
Richmond	+ 8	r+ 4	+ 2	+29	+13	+ 2
Atlanta	+ 7	+ 6	+ 7	+27	+14	+ 1
Chicago	+ 3	r+ 4	0	+30	+11	- 2
St. Louis	+ 4	+ 5	r+ 1	+23	+10	0
Minneapolis	- 1	r+ 2	- 2	+26	+ 9	0
Kansas City	+11	+ 9	- 9	+29	+13	+ 4
Dallas	+ 2	+ 8	0	+26	+11	0
San Francisco	+11	r+13	+ 8	+23	+18	+ 2
U. S. Total	+ 5	+ 4	r+ 2	+30	+12	+ 1

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

<u>1958</u>			<u>1957</u>		<u>1956</u>	
Dec. 20	304		Dec. 21	294	Dec. 22	289
Dec. 27	205		Dec. 28	158	Dec. 29	121
<u>1959</u>			<u>1958</u>		<u>1957</u>	
Jan. 3	r104		Jan. 4	102	Jan. 5	100
Jan. 10	121		Jan. 11	116	Jan. 12	114
Jan. 17	116		Jan. 18	110	Jan. 17	107

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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.

* This year there were three shopping days before Christmas compared with two last year.