

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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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 Feb. 7	Jan. 1 to Feb. 7 ^{1/}
	Feb. 7	Jan. 31	Jan. 24	Jan. 17		
Boston	+ 7	+ 2	+ 3	+ 9	+ 5	+ 5
New York	+ 5	+ 4	+ 1	+ 4	+ 3	+ 3
Philadelphia	+ 5	+ 3	+ 5	+12	+ 6	+ 6
Cleveland	+12	r+ 5	- 8	- 4	+ 1	- 1
Richmond	+ 8	r+11	+11	+ 8	+ 9	+ 8
Atlanta	+ 7	+ 9	+10	+ 7	+ 8	+ 8
Chicago	+ 6	+ 6	- 1	+ 3	+ 4	+ 4
St. Louis	+ 8	r+22	- 1	+ 3	+ 8	+ 7
Minneapolis	+ 7	- 2	+ 4	- 1	+ 2	+ 2
Kansas City	+ 9	+ 8	+16	+11	+11	+10
Dallas	+ 7	+ 7	+13	+ 2	+ 7	+ 7
San Francisco	+13	+13	+15	+11	+13	+13
U. S. Total	+ 9	+ 8	+ 5	+ 5	+ 7	+ 6

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

1959		1958		1957	
Jan. 10	121	Jan. 11	116	Jan. 12	114
Jan. 17	116	Jan. 18	110	Jan. 19	107
Jan. 24	105	Jan. 25	100	Jan. 26	103
Jan. 31	106	Feb. 1	98	Feb. 2	100
Feb. 7	106	Feb. 8	99	Feb. 9	108

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^{1/} Comparison period begins with January 5-10 week in 1959 and with January 6-11 week in 1958.

^{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.