

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 | Jan. 1 to Feb. 14 ^{1/} |
| | Feb. 14 | Feb. 7 | Jan. 31 | Jan. 24 | Feb. 14 | Feb. 14 ^{1/} |
| Boston | - 8 | + 7 | + 2 | + 3 | + 1 | + 3 |
| New York | + 1 | r+ 6 | + 4 | + 1 | + 3 | + 3 |
| Philadelphia | + 8 | r+ 4 | + 3 | + 5 | + 5 | + 7 |
| Cleveland | +12 | r+11 | r+ 4 | - 8 | + 5 | + 1 |
| Richmond | + 3 | + 8 | +11 | +11 | + 8 | + 7 |
| Atlanta | + 6 | r+ 5 | + 9 | +10 | + 7 | + 7 |
| Chicago | + 6 | + 6 | + 6 | - 1 | + 5 | + 4 |
| St. Louis | +11 | + 8 | +22 | - 1 | +10 | + 8 |
| Minneapolis | + 9 | r+ 4 | - 2 | + 4 | + 4 | + 3 |
| Kansas City | +13 | r+ 8 | + 8 | +16 | +11 | +11 |
| Dallas | +16 | + 7 | + 7 | +13 | +11 | + 9 |
| San Francisco | +10 | r+14 | +13 | +15 | +13 | +13 |
| U. S. Total | + 8 | + 9 | + 8 | + 5 | + 8 | + 7 |

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

| 1959 | | 1958 | | 1957 | |
|---------|-----|---------|-----|---------|-----|
| 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 | 108 | Feb. 8 | 99 | Feb. 9 | 108 |
| Feb. 14 | 111 | Feb. 15 | 103 | Feb. 16 | 109 |

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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.