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February 26, 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 Feb. 21	Jan. 1 to Feb. 21 ^{1/}
	Feb. 21*	Feb. 14	Feb. 7	Jan. 31		
Boston	+30	- 8	+ 7	+ 2	+ 6	+ 6
New York	+45	+ 1	+ 6	+ 4	+11	+ 7
Philadelphia	+46	+ 8	r+ 5	+ 3	+13	+11
Cleveland	+19	r+11	+11	+ 4	+11	+ 3
Richmond	+30	r+ 4	+ 8	+11	+13	+10
Atlanta	+26	r+ 5	+ 5	+ 9	+10	+ 9
Chicago	+19	+ 6	+ 6	+ 6	+ 9	+ 6
St. Louis	+12	+11	+ 8	+22	+13	+ 8
Minneapolis	+ 9	+ 9	+ 4	- 2	+ 4	+ 3
Kansas City	+11	+13	r+ 9	+ 8	+10	+11
Dallas	+ 8	+16	+ 7	+ 7	+ 9	+ 9
San Francisco	+20	r+11	+14	+13	+14	+13
U. S. Total	+24	+ 8	+ 9	+ 8	+12	+ 9

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

<u>1959</u>		<u>1958</u>		<u>1957</u>	
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
Feb. 21	109	Feb. 22	88	Feb. 23	107

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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.

* Comparisons are affected by store closings in some cities in observance of Washington's birthday, which occurred one week later this year.