

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 May 23	Jan. 1 to May 23
	May 23	May 16	May 9	May 2		
Boston	+ 6	+10	+ 6	+ 6	+ 7	+ 5
New York	+10	+ 7	*	*	*	*
Philadelphia	+ 5	+ 8	+ 7	- 1	+ 5	+ 7
Cleveland	+13	r+10	+18	+ 5	+12	+ 7
Richmond	+ 6	+ 5	+15	+ 1	+ 7	+ 7
Atlanta	+ 9	r+ 4	+16	+ 3	+ 8	+ 7
Chicago	+12	+10	+21	+11	+14	+ 9
St. Louis	+ 7	r+ 5	+23	c+12	+12	+ 9
Minneapolis	+ 4	- 2	+15	+ 4	+ 5	+ 5
Kansas City	+ 6	+ 7	r+13	+13	+10	+10
Dallas	+ 8	+ 7	+ 8	+14	+ 9	+ 9
San Francisco	+ 9	+ 9	+14	+ 7	+10	+11
U. S. Total	+ 9	+ 9	+14	+ 7	+10	+ 8

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

1959		1958		1957	
Apr. 25	141	Apr. 26	136	Apr. 27	131
May 2	141	May 3	132	May 4	143
May 9	158	May 10	138	May 11	143
May 16	137	May 17	126	May 18	129
May 23	140	May 24	128	May 25	124

r--Revised. c--Corrected. *Data not available.
 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.