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WEAKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES

| Federal Reserve District | Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago(Based on retail dollar amounts) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | One week ending |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Four weeks } \\ & \text { ending } \\ & \text { July } 18 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } 1 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { July } 18 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
|  | July | July | July | une 27 |  |  |
| Boston | $+3$ | $+2$ | $+3$ | - 0 | $+2$ | $+5$ |
| New York | $+7$ | r +1 | -1 | $+1$ | $+2$ | $+4$ |
| Philadelphia | + 3 | + 6 | +15 | $+7$ | $+8$ | $+7$ |
| Cleveland | $+6$ | $+9$ | $+11$ | $+7$ | $+8$ | $+8$ |
| Richmond | $+2$ | $+1$ | $+17$ | $+5$ | $+6$ | $+7$ |
| Atlanta | + 3 | $r+15$ | $+7$ | + 6 | $+8$ | + 7 |
| Chicago | +8 | $+11$ | $+4$ | +10 | $+8$ | $+10$ |
| St. Louis | + 5 | +13 | +14 | $+8$ | $+10$ | +9 |
| Minneapolis | $+8$ | r+3 | - 1 | $+4$ | $+4$ | $+6$ |
| Kansas City | + 5 | $+10$ | -2 | $+8$ | $+5$ | + 9 |
| Dallas | + 6 | +14 | $+3$ | $+3$ | $+7$ | $+9$ |
| San Francisco | +15 | $+11$ | +10 | +12 | $+12$ | +11 |
| U. S. Total | $+7$ | +9 | $+7$ | +7 | $+8$ | $+8$ |

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| 1959 |  | 1958 |  | 1957 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| June 20 | 143 | ${ }^{\text {June }} 21$ | 117 | June 22 | 128 |
| June 27 | 118 | June 28 | 110 | June 29 | 115 |
| July 4 | 109. | July 5 | 102 | July 6 | 101 |
| July 11 | 126 | July 12 | 116 | July 13 | 111 |
| July 18 | 118 | July 19 | 110 | July 20 | 108 |

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I/ 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.

