

Department store sales in July increased 2 per cent from June and were 5 per cent above July 1958, after seasonal adjustment. The July index is estimated at 147 per cent of the 1947-49 average, equalling the previous high established in August of last year.

Index of department store sales 1/ 1947-49 = 100	1959			1958
	July	June	May	July
Adjusted for seasonal variation	e147	144	144	140
Without seasonal adjustment	e119	136	141	112

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
	Aug. 1	July 25	July 18	July 11	Aug. 1	Aug. 1
Boston	+ 4	- 1	+ 3	+ 2	+ 2	+ 5
New York	+ 2	r+ 5	+ 7	+ 1	+ 4	+ 4
Philadelphia	+ 5	+ 3	+ 2	+ 6	+ 4	+ 7
Cleveland	+ 7	+ 7	+ 5	+ 9	+ 7	+ 8
Richmond	+ 1	+ 3	+ 3	+ 1	+ 2	+ 7
Atlanta	+ 4	+ 3	+ 3	+15	+ 6	+ 7
Chicago	+ 7	+ 9	+ 9	+11	+ 9	+10
St. Louis	+ 4	+ 1	+ 5	+13	+ 6	+ 8
Minneapolis	+ 6	r+ 2	+ 7	+ 3	+ 4	+ 6
Kansas City	+ 4	r- 1	+ 5	+10	+ 5	+ 9
Dallas	+ 8	0	+ 6	+14	+ 7	+ 8
San Francisco	+ 9	+ 8	+15	+11	+11	+11
U. S. Total	+ 6	+ 5	+ 7	+ 9	+ 7	+ 8

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

1959		1958		1957	
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
July 25	117	July 26	111	July 27	108
Aug. 1	121	Aug. 2	114	Aug. 3	111

r--Revised.

e--Estimated.

1/ Monthly indexes refer to daily average sales in calendar month. July figures estimated from weekly sales.

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.