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

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

<u>1959</u>		<u>1958</u>		<u>1957</u>	
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
Aug. 8	131	Aug. 9	120	Aug. 10	118
Aug. 15	132	Aug. 16	124	Aug. 17	122

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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.