

Seasonally adjusted department store sales advanced to a new high in August. The index for the month is estimated at 150 per cent of the 1947-49 average, a rise of 1 per cent from the previous high of 149 established in July.

Index of department store sales 1/ 1947-49 = 100	1959			1958
	August	July	June	August
Adjusted for seasonal variation	e150	149	144	147
Without seasonal adjustment	e132	121	136	129

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. 29	Aug. 22	Aug. 15	Aug. 8	Aug. 29	Aug. 29
Boston	-14	-14	0	+9	-6	+3
New York	-14	r-11	0	+9	-5	+3
Philadelphia	-13	-12	+3	+8	-5	+6
Cleveland	-11	-2	+4	+10	-1	+7
Richmond	-15	-8	+1	+4	-5	+5
Atlanta	-1	r+4	+9	+7	+5	+7
Chicago	-5	-4	+6	+11	+2	+9
St. Louis	-6	-2	+4	+4	0	+7
Minneapolis	-15	-2	+11	+15	+1	+5
Kansas City	-5	-1	+8	+9	+3	+8
Dallas	+1	+5	+7	+10	+5	+8
San Francisco	0	r+11	+11	+8	+7	+10
U. S. Total	-7	-1	+6	+9	+1	+7

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

1959		1958		1957	
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
Aug. 22	132	Aug. 23	134	Aug. 24	130
Aug. 29	138	Aug. 30	149	Aug. 31	144

r--Revised. e--Estimated.

1/ Monthly indexes refer to daily average sales in calendar month. August 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.