

Department store sales advanced 1 per cent in October and were 7 per cent above the corresponding month a year ago. The seasonally adjusted index for October is estimated at 144 per cent of the 1947-49 average compared with 143 in September and 135 in October 1958.

Index of department store sales 1/ 1947-49 = 100	1959			1958
	Oct.	Sept.	Aug.	Oct.
Adjusted for seasonal variation	e144	143	149	135
Without seasonal adjustment	e151	144	132	141

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
	Oct. 31	Oct. 24	Oct. 17	Oct. 10	Oct. 31	Oct. 31
Boston	+ 7	+ 4	+ 7	- 5	+ 3	+ 3
New York	+ 6	+ 8	+ 6	- 3	+ 4	+ 3
Philadelphia	0	+ 7	- 2	0	+ 1	+ 5
Cleveland	+ 9	r+10	+13	0	+ 8	+ 7
Richmond	+11	+13	+ 9	-11	+ 5	+ 4
Atlanta	+11	r+10	+ 8	- 2	+ 7	+ 7
Chicago	+ 7	+12	+17	+ 5	+10	+ 9
St. Louis	+ 1	+ 2	+11	+ 6	+ 5	+ 6
Minneapolis	+ 8	- 5	+22	r+ 5	+ 6	+ 6
Kansas City	- 1	+ 4	+ 7	+15	+ 6	+ 7
Dallas	+ 1	+ 1	+ 5	+17	+ 6	+ 7
San Francisco	+ 5	r+ 2	+ 6	+ 2	+ 4	+10
U. S. Total	+ 7	r+ 7	+10	+ 3	+ 7	+ 7

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

1959		1958		1957	
Oct. 3	143	Oct. 4	145	Oct. 5	136
Oct. 10	151	Oct. 11	147	Oct. 12	142
Oct. 17	160	Oct. 18	146	Oct. 19	138
Oct. 24	r150	Oct. 25	140	Oct. 26	136
Oct. 31	145	Nov. 1	136	Nov. 2	130

r--Revised.

e--Estimated.

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