## BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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Department store sales advanced further in November. The seasonally adjusted index for the month is estimated at 145 per cent of the 1947-49 average, 1 per cent above the 144 level of October and 6 per cent above the 137 index of November 1958.

		1959	1958	
Index of department store sales $\underline{1}/$ 1947-49 = 100	Nov.	Oct.	Sept.	Nov.
Adjusted for seasonal variation	e145	144	143	137
Without seasonal adjustment	e177	150	145	166

Federal Reserve	Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago (Based on retail dollar amounts)						
District	One week ending Nov. 28 Nov. 21 Nov. 14 Nov. 7			Four weeks ending Nov. 28	Jan. 1 to Nov. 28		
Boston New York Philadelphia Cleveland	- 4 + 4 - 3	+ 9 + 8 + + 4 +	0 7 10	+ 3 + 3 -11 + 6	+ 2 + 5 0 + 8	+ 3 + 3 + 4 + 7	
Richmond Atlanta Chicago St. Louis	+ 7 + 1	+ 9 + +11 +	9	- 5 + 7 + 7 +17	- <u>1</u> + 8 + 7 +10	+ 4 + 7 + 9 + 7	
Minneapolis Kansas City Dallas San Francisco	+ 2	+ 5 + +10 +	8	- 1 + 3 +11 +10	- 3 + 3 + 7 + 3	+ 5 + 7 + 7 + 9	
U.S. Total	+ 3	+8 +	6.	+ 5	+ 5	+ 7	
U.S. weel	dy index,	without s	easonal	. ad.jus	tment, 1947-49	<u>=100 2/</u>	
1959   Oct. 31 145   Nov. 7 155   Nov. 14 167   Nov. 21 182   Nov. 28 176		Nov Nov Nov	. 1 . 8 . 15 . 22 . 29	136 148 157 169 171	<u>1957</u> Nov. Nov. Nov. Nov. Nov.	9 145 16 152 23 166	
Revised.		e	Estimat	ed.			

## WEEKLY DEPARTMENT STORE 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.

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