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BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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December 10, 1959.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 Dec. 5	Jan. 1 to Dec. 5
	Dec. 5	Nov. 28	Nov. 21	Nov. 14		
Boston	+ 4	- 4	+ 9	0	+ 2	+ 3
New York	+ 4	+ 4	+ 8	+ 7	+ 5	+ 3
Philadelphia	0	r- 4	+ 4	+10	+ 2	+ 4
Cleveland	+ 4	+13	+ 8	+ 6	+ 7	+ 7
Richmond	- 4	- 4	+ 3	+ 1	- 1	+ 3
Atlanta	+ 7	r+ 6	+ 9	+11	+ 8	+ 7
Chicago	0	+ 1	+11	+ 9	+ 5	+ 8
St. Louis	- 2	+11	+ 7	+ 7	+ 5	+ 6
Minneapolis	0	- 4	0	- 7	- 2	+ 5
Kansas City	- 3	+ 1	+ 5	+ 3	+ 1	+ 6
Dallas	+ 3	+ 2	+10	+ 8	+ 5	+ 7
San Francisco	0	r- 1	+ 2	+ 2	+ 1	+ 9
U. S. Total	+ 2	+ 3	+ 8	+ 6	+ 4	+ 7

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

<u>1959</u>		<u>1958</u>		<u>1957</u>	
Nov. 7	155	Nov. 8	148	Nov. 9	145
Nov. 14	167	Nov. 15	157	Nov. 16	152
Nov. 21	182	Nov. 22	169	Nov. 23	166
Nov. 28	176	Nov. 29	171	Nov. 30	170
Dec. 5	249	Dec. 6	244	Dec. 7	230

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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.