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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 Dec. 12	Jan. 1 to Dec. 12
	Dec. 12	Dec. 5	Nov. 28	Nov. 21		
Boston	+ 1	+ 4	- 4	+ 9	+ 2	+ 3
New York	+ 1	+ 4	+ 4	+ 8	+ 4	+ 3
Philadelphia	- 4	0	- 4	+ 4	- 1	+ 3
Cleveland	- 1	+ 4	+13	+ 8	+ 5	+ 6
Richmnd	- 3	- 4	- 4	+ 3	- 2	+ 3
Atlanta	+ 4	r+ 5	+ 6	+ 9	+ 6	+ 7
Chicago	+ 3	0	+ 1	+11	+ 3	+ 8
St. Louis	+ 1	- 2	+11	+ 7	+ 3	+ 6
Minneapolis	+ 1	r- 1	- 4	0	- 1	+ 5
Kansas City	+ 1	- 3	+ 1	+ 5	+ 1	+ 6
Dallas	+ 3	+ 3	+ 2	+10	+ 4	+ 7
San Francisco	+ 5	0	- 1	+ 2	+ 1	+ 9
U. S. Total	+ 2	+ 2	+ 3	+ 8	+ 3	+ 7

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

1959

Nov. 14	167
Nov. 21	182
Nov. 28	176
Dec. 5	249
Dec. 12	298

1958

Nov. 15	157
Nov. 22	169
Nov. 29	171
Dec. 6	244
Dec. 13	293

1957

Nov. 16	152
Nov. 23	166
Nov. 30	170
Dec. 7	230
Dec. 14	285

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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.