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BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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December 24, 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. 19	Jan. 1 to Dec. 19
	Dec. 19	Dec. 12	Dec. 5	Nov. 28		
Boston	+ 5	+ 1	+ 4	- 4	+ 2	+ 3
New York	+ 8	+ 1	+ 4	+ 4	+ 4	+ 3
Philadelphia	+ 5	- 4	0	- 4	0	+ 3
Cleveland	+ 5	- 1	+ 4	+13	+ 4	+ 6
Richmond	+ 1	- 3	- 4	- 4	- 2	+ 3
Atlanta	+ 3	+ 4	+ 5	+ 6	+ 5	+ 7
Chicago	+ 3	r+ 2	0	+ 1	+ 2	+ 8
St. Louis	+ 1	+ 1	- 2	+11	+ 2	+ 6
Minneapolis	+ 1	+ 1	- 1	- 4	0	+ 4
Kansas City	- 1	+ 1	- 3	+ 1	- 1	+ 6
Dallas	+ 5	r+ 2	+ 3	+ 2	+ 3	+ 7
San Francisco	+ 7	r+ 4	0	- 1	+ 3	+ 9
U. S. Total	+ 5	+ 2	+ 2	+ 3	+ 3	+ 7

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

1959		1958		1957	
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
Dec. 12	298	Dec. 13	293	Dec. 14	285
Dec. 19	318	Dec. 20	304	Dec. 21	294

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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.