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## BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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December 31, 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. 26	Jan. 1 to Dec. 26
	Dec. 26*	Dec. 19	Dec. 12	Dec. 5		
Boston	+20	+ 5	+ 1	+ 4	+ 6	+ 4
New York	+20	+ 8	+ 1	+ 4	+ 7	+ 4
Philadelphia	+17	+ 5	- 4	0	+ 3	+ 4
Cleveland	+19	+ 5	- 1	+ 4	+ 6	+ 7
Richmond	+16	r 0	- 3	- 4	+ 1	+ 3
Atlanta	+22	+ 3	+ 4	+ 5	+ 7	+ 7
Chicago	+19	+ 3	+ 2	0	+ 5	+ 8
St. Louis	+16	+ 1	+ 1	- 2	+ 3	+ 6
Minneapolis	+19	+ 1	+ 1	- 1	+ 4	+ 5
Kansas City	+13	- 1	+ 1	- 3	+ 2	+ 6
Dallas	+23	+ 5	+ 2	+ 3	+ 7	+ 7
San Francisco	+22	r+ 6	+ 4	0	+ 7	+ 9
U. S. Total	+20	+ 5	+ 2	+ 2	+ 6	+ 7

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

1959		1958		1957	
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
Dec. 26	246	Dec. 27	205	Dec. 28	158

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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.

\* The large increases shown for this week reflect in part the fact that this year Christmas was on Friday and the week therefore included 4 days of heavy pre-Christmas shopping; in the corresponding week last year Christmas was on Thursday.