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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 Jan. 9	Year 1959
	Jan. 9	Jan. 2	Dec. 26*	Dec. 19		
Boston	+16	+ 6	+20	+ 5	+11	+ 4
New York	+ 9	r+ 6	+21	+ 8	+11	+ 4
Philadelphia	+ 7	r+15	+18	+ 5	+10	+ 4
Cleveland	+22	+ 5	+19	+ 5	+11	+ 7
Richmond	+ 2	r- 2	+16	0	+ 5	+ 3
Atlanta	+ 8	r+ 4	+22	+ 3	+ 9	+ 7
Chicago	+ 9	r+ 4	+19	+ 3	+ 9	+ 8
St. Louis	+ 4	r+15	+16	+ 1	+ 8	+ 6
Minneapolis	+ 8	+ 6	+19	+ 1	+ 8	+ 5
Kansas City	+ 6	+24	+14	- 1	+ 8	+ 6
Dallas	+ 1	r+12	+23	+ 5	+10	+ 7
San Francisco	+ 8	r+ 7	+22	+ 6	+11	+ 9
U. S. Total	+ 9	r+ 8	+20	+ 5	+10	+ 7

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

<u>1959</u>		<u>1958</u>		<u>1957</u>	
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
<u>1960</u>		<u>1959</u>		<u>1958</u>	
Jan. 2	r112	Jan. 3	104	Jan. 4	102
Jan. 9	132	Jan. 10	121	Jan. 11	116

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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.

* This year there were 4 shopping days before Christmas compared with 3 last year.