

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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January 21, 1960.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. 16	Year 1959 over Year 1958	
	Jan. 16	Jan. 9	Jan. 2		Jan. 16	Year 1958
Boston	+ 1	+16	+ 6	+20	+13	+ 4
New York	0	+ 9	+ 6	+21	+11	+ 4
Philadelphia	+ 3	r+ 6	+15	+18	+12	+ 4
Cleveland	+13	r+21	+ 5	+19	+15	+ 7
Richmond	+ 4	r+ 1	- 2	+16	+ 7	+ 3
Atlanta	+ 3	r+ 9	+ 4	+22	+12	+ 7
Chicago	+ 2	+ 9	+ 4	+19	+10	+ 8
St. Louis	+10	+ 4	+15	+16	+12	+ 6
Minneapolis	+13	+ 8	+ 6	+19	+13	+ 5
Kansas City	- 5	+ 6	+24	+14	+10	+ 6
Dallas	+ 6	+ 1	+12	+23	+12	+ 7
San Francisco	+ 2	r+ 7	+ 7	+22	+12	+ 9
U. S. Total	+ 3	+ 9	+ 8	+20	+12	+ 7

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

1959	1958		1957		1958
	Dec. 19	Dec. 26	Dec. 20	Dec. 27	
	318		304		Dec. 21 294
	246		205		Dec. 28 158
1960			1959		1958
	Jan. 2	112	Jan. 3	104	Jan. 4 102
	Jan. 9	132	Jan. 10	121	Jan. 11 116
	Jan. 16	120	Jan. 17	116	Jan. 18 110

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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.