

Seasonally adjusted department store sales in December are estimated at 146 per cent of the 1947-49 average, up 3 per cent from the November level of 142 and equal to sales in December a year ago.

Index of department store sales $\frac{1}{1947-49 = 100}$	1960			1959
	December	November	October	December
Adjusted for seasonal variation	e146	142	150	146
Without seasonal adjustment	e261	171	153	260

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. 1 to Dec. 31
	Dec. 31	Dec. 24*	Dec. 17	Dec. 10	Dec. 31	Dec. 31
Boston	0	+39	-14	0	+ 5	+ 2
New York	0	r+44	-12	+ 2	+ 7	+ 4
Philadelphia	- 7	+40	-19	0	+ 2	0
Cleveland	+ 5	+22	- 2	+ 2	+ 6	+ 1
Richmond	0	+34	-12	- 3	+ 3	- 1
Atlanta	0	r+25	+ 2	- 1	+ 7	+ 1
Chicago	+ 9	+28	0	+ 1	+ 8	+ 1
St. Louis	- 4	+18	+ 4	- 3	+ 4	- 1
Minneapolis	+ 6	+28	+ 2	0	+ 8	+ 2
Kansas City	+18	+25	+ 6	- 3	+10	+ 1
Dallas	+ 2	+24	- 1	-10	+ 3	- 3
San Francisco	+ 4	r+22	- 5	- 3	+ 4	0
U. S. Total	+ 4	+30	- 4	- 1	+ 6	+ 1

U. S. weekly index, without seasonal adjustment, 1947-49=100 $\frac{2}{}$

1960		1959		1958	
Dec. 3	231	Dec. 5	249	Dec. 6	244
Dec. 10	296	Dec. 12	298	Dec. 13	293
Dec. 17	305	Dec. 19	318	Dec. 20	304
Dec. 24	r319	Dec. 26	246	Dec. 27	205
Dec. 31	117	1960 Jan. 2	112	1959 Jan. 3	104

r--Revised.

e--Estimated.

1/ Monthly indexes refer to daily average sales in calendar month. December figures estimated from weekly sales.

2/ 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 percentage changes shown for this week are due mainly to the difference in timing of Christmas 1959 and 1960. Christmas in 1959 fell on Friday whereas this year it was on Sunday. Therefore, the week ending Dec. 24, 1960 had the advantage since it included 6 pre-Christmas shopping days, while the 1959 week ending Dec. 26 contained 4 pre-Christmas shopping days, 1 holiday and 1 post-Christmas shopping day.