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BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 23, 1961.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 Feb. 18	Jan. 1 to Feb. 18 ^{1/}
	Feb. 18	Feb. 11	Feb. 4	Jan. 28		
Boston	+10	+ 7	-15	+ 9	+ 2	- 1
New York	+24	-11	-16	- 9	- 4	- 5
Philadelphia	+19	-14	-18	-16	- 8	- 9
Cleveland	+ 8	- 2	-12	-14	- 5	- 4
Richmond	+11	r- 4	-12	-16	- 5	- 6
Atlanta	-14	+ 5	+ 6	- 7	- 2	- 2
Chicago	- 1	+ 3	- 6	- 6	- 3	- 3
St. Louis	+ 7	- 9	- 8	- 8	- 5	- 5
Minneapolis	0	+ 1	- 3	- 5	- 1	- 4
Kansas City	+ 6	r- 5	+12	- 1	+ 3	+ 4
Dallas	+ 2	- 2	+ 6	-13	- 2	- 2
San Francisco	+ 2	- 8	+ 9	- 5	- 1	- 2
U. S. Total	+ 7	- 3	- 5	- 7	- 2	- 3

U. S. weekly index, without seasonal adjustment, 1947-49=100 ^{2/}

<u>1961</u>		<u>1960</u>		<u>1959</u>	
Jan. 21	107	Jan. 23	113	Jan. 24	105
Jan. 28	103	Jan. 30	111	Jan. 31	106
Feb. 4	106	Feb. 6	111	Feb. 7	108
Feb. 11	111	Feb. 13	115	Feb. 14	111
Feb. 18	115	Feb. 20	107	Feb. 21	109

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^{1/} Comparison period begins with January 2-7 week in 1961 and with January 4-9 week in 1960.^{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.