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WEEKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES

Federal Reserve	Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago (Based on retail dollar amounts)								
District		One week			Four weeks ending	Jan. 1 to			
	Aug. 19	Aug. 12	Aug.	5 July 29	August 19	Aug. 19			
Boston	+ 3	- 5	+ 8	+ 8	+ 3	+ 4			
New York Philadelphia	+ 3 + 2	- 3 - 2	+ 2 + 9	+ 7	+ 2 + 4	+ 2			
Cleveland	+ 3	r- 1	ó	ő	+ 1	- 1			
Richmond	+ 4	- 1	+ 8	+ 4	+ 4	+ 2			
Atlanta	+ 2	r- 1		+ 5	+ 3	0			
Chicago St. Louis	+ 2 - 3	r- 3 r- 6	+ 2 - 1	- 1	- 3	L 2			
Minneapolis	- 2	+ 1	+ 3	- 6	1	+ 1			
Kansas City	- 1	+ 2	+ 3	+1	+1	+ 4			
Dallas	+ 3	+ 2	+ 1	- 3	+ 1	- 1			
San Francisco	0	+ 3	- 1	0	0	+ 1			
U. S. Total	+ 2	O.	+ 3	+ 2	+ 2	+ 1			

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

1961		1960		1959	
July 22	122	 July 23	120	July 25	117
July 29	125	July 30	122	Aug. 1	121
Aug. 5	132	Aug. 6	128	Aug. 8	131
Aug. 12	131	Aug. 13	131	Aug. 15	132
Aug. 19	142	Aug. 20	139	Aug. 22	132

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1/ For description and weekly indexes for the period January 1937 to March 1958 see Federal Reserve <u>Bulletin</u> for April 1958, pp. 412-421.

Weekly indexes at the district and city levels are published by several of the Federal Reserve Banks.