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Department store sales in September were unchanged from August, after seasonal adjustment. The index for September is estimated at 150 per cent of the 1947-49 average.

Index of department store sales 1/ 1947-49 = 100	1961			1960
	September	August	July	September
Adjusted for seasonal variation	e150	150	151	144
Without seasonal adjustment	e151	137	126	145

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
	Sept. 30	Sept. 23	Sept. 16	Sept. 9	Sept. 30	Sept. 30
Boston	+9	-2	+5	+3	+4	+5
New York	+6	-3	-6	-5	-2	+1
Philadelphia	+4	r-1	-2	-7	-2	0
Cleveland	+2	+3	-7	-2	-1	-1
Richmond	+2	r+4	-6	-4	-1	+1
Atlanta	-2	+4	+4	+10	+3	0
Chicago	+7	+6	-1	-2	+3	0
St. Louis	+2	0	-3	-3	-1	-1
Minneapolis	+10	0	-3	+8	+3	+1
Kansas City	+4	r+6	+6	+1	+4	+4
Dallas	0	+11	-6	-8	-1	0
San Francisco	+6	r+9	+13	+4	+8	+2
U. S. Total	+5	+4	0	-1	+2	+2

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

1961	1960	1959
Sept. 2 154	Sept. 3 147	Sept. 5 148
Sept. 9 129	Sept. 10 130	Sept. 12 133
Sept. 16 150	Sept. 17 150	Sept. 19 158
Sept. 23 154	Sept. 24 148	Sept. 26 145
Sept. 30 156	Oct. 1 149	Oct. 3 143

r--Revised.

e--Estimated

1/ Monthly indexes refer to daily average sales in calendar month. September 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.