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*Department Store Sales - Weekly*FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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Department store sales in May advanced further from the March-April level. After seasonal adjustment, the May index is estimated at a record 162 per cent of the 1947-49 average compared with 157 in April and 156 in March. The sales index for May 1961 was 144.

Index of department store sales 1/ 1947-49 = 100	1962			1961
	May	April	March	May
Adjusted for seasonal variation	e162	157	156	144
Without seasonal adjustment	e158	153	131	140

## 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
	May 26	May 19	May 12	May 5	May 26	May 26
Boston	+6	r-8	+3	+5	+1	+4
New York	*	*	+4	+8	*	*
Philadelphia	+15	+4	+8	+21	+12	+6
Cleveland	+5	+11	+3	+15	+9	+4
Richmond	+9	+6	+1	+17	+8	+5
Atlanta	+8	+8	r+3	+20	+10	+6
Chicago	+14	+17	+7	+15	+13	+7
St. Louis	+7	+14	+15	+13	+12	+6
Minneapolis	-1	r+6	-4	+15	+3	+2
Kansas City	+4	0	+13	+20	+9	+3
Dallas	+7	+1	+15	+24	+11	+6
San Francisco	+3	+5	+7	+13	+7	+7
U. S. Total	+8	+7	r+7	+15	+9	+6

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

1962			1961			1960		
Apr. 28	153		Apr. 29	146		Apr. 30	151	
May 5	161		May 6	140		May 7	156	
May 12	r168		May 13	157		May 14	134	
May 19	156		May 20	146		May 21	138	
May 26	148		May 27	137		May 28	139	

r--Revised. \*--Not Available. e--Estimated.

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