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WEEKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES - Weekly

Federal Reserve District	Percentage change from corresponding periods a year ago (Based on retail dollar amounts)					
	One week ending				Four weeks ending	Year
	Jan. 5	*Dec. 29	Dec. 22	Dec. 15	Jan. 5	1962
Boston	+11	r+46	+ 4	+ 4	+10	+ 3
New York	+ 4	+37	+ 7	+ 4	+ 9	+ 4
Philadelphia	+ 4	r+28	+ 3	+ 3	+ 6	+ 3
Cleveland	+ 6	r+27	+ 8	- 6	+ 5	+ 1
Richmond	+12	r+32	r+ 1	+ 1	+ 6	+ 3
Atlanta	+14	r+36	+ 5	r+ 6	+11	r+ 7
Chicago	+13	r+40	+ 7	+ 5	+11	+ 6
St. Louis	+16	r+28	+ 4	+ 6	+ 9	+ 5
Minneapolis	+ 3	+29	r+ 3	r- 1	+ 5	r+ 2
Kansas City	+12	r+24	+ 1	+ 6	+ 7	+ 3
Dallas	+10	+22	- 1	0	+ 4	+ 4
San Francisco	+11	r+37	+ 5	+ 2	+ 9	+ 6
U. S. Total	+11	r+34	+ 5	+ 3	+ 9	+ 4

U. S. weekly sales index, without seasonal adjustment, 1957-59=100 1/

1962		1961		1960	
Dec. 8	r213	Dec. 9	216	Dec. 10	214
Dec. 15	246	Dec. 16	240	Dec. 17	220
Dec. 22	271	Dec. 23	259	Dec. 24	230
Dec. 29	r121	Dec. 30	90	Dec. 31	84
1963 Jan. 5	92	1962 Jan. 6	83	1961 Jan. 7	85

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1/ Monthly and weekly indexes of department store sales have been revised. For description of revision of monthly indexes see Federal Reserve Bulletin for July 1962. A description of revision of weekly indexes appears in Bulletin for August 1962.

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

*--That large percentage changes shown for this week are due mainly to the fact that Christmas this year fell on Tuesday, giving the week one pre-Christmas shopping day compared with none in the corresponding week last year.