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WEEKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES

Federal Reserve District	Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago (Based on retail dollar amounts) 1/					
	One week ending				Four weeks ending	Jan. 1 to
	May 18	May 11	May 4	Apr. 27	May 18	May 18
Boston	+ 4	+ 5	- 2	- 2	+ 1	+ 2
New York	+ 3	+ 7	+ 6	- 1	+ 4	+ 4
Philadelphia	- 2	+ 3	+ 6	+ 1	+ 2	+ 2
Cleveland	- 3	r- 1	+ 6	+13	+ 4	0
Richmond	- 2	r+ 6	+ 5	+19	+ 6	+ 5
Atlanta	+ 1	r+ 6	+ 2	0	+ 2	+ 1
Chicago	- 3	+ 7	+13	+ 2	+ 5	+ 4
St. Louis	- 2	- 4	+ 7	+ 6	+ 1	0
Minneapolis	- 3	r+ 7	+12	+ 7	+ 6	+ 3
Kansas City	- 6	+ 3	+ 8	+ 3	+ 2	0
Dallas	- 2	- 7	- 3	- 9	- 5	- 2
San Francisco	- 4	+ 1	- 2	0	- 1	0
U. S. Total	- 2	+ 3	+ 6	+ 3	+ 3	+ 2

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

1957		1956		1955	
Apr. 20	129	Apr. 21	113	Apr. 23	112
Apr. 27	123	Apr. 28	119	Apr. 30	120
May 4	132	May 5	125	May 7	134
May 11	133	May 12	129	May 14	108
May 18	120	May 19	122	May 21	115

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1/ During April changes from a year ago reflect the fact that last year Easter was on April 1 while this year it was on April 21. For this reason it is estimated that in comparison with last year an allowance should be made for an increase in sales of about 8 per cent for the month of April as a whole. These allowances apply to the figures for the United States.

2/ For description and weekly indexes for the period January 1937 to March 1952 see Federal Reserve Bulletin for April 1952, pp. 359-362. Indexes for the period April 1952 to date may be obtained upon request from the Division of Research and Statistics.

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