

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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April 30, 1959.WEEKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES

Federal Reserve District	Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago (Based on retail dollar amounts) <sup>1/</sup>					
	One week ending				Four weeks ending April 25	Jan. 1 to April 25
	Apr. 25	Apr. 18	Apr. 11	Apr. 4		
Boston	+ 6	- 3	+25	-18	+ 1	+ 5
New York	*	+ 8	+18	-18	*	*
Philadelphia	- 1	- 2	+32	-22	0	+ 7
Cleveland	+ 1	+12	+23	-15	+ 4	+ 6
Richmond	+ 1	- 6	+15	-18	- 3	+ 8
Atlanta	+ 2	+ 7	+18	-22	+ 3	+ 7
Chicago	+ 6	+ 8	+14	- 5	+ 6	+ 8
St. Louis	+ 2	+ 6	+13	-12	+ 2	+ 9
Minneapolis	+ 3	+ 8	+ 5	-17	- 1	+ 5
Kansas City	+ 8	+ 5	+11	- 9	+ 3	+10
Dallas	+ 9	+ 7	+17	-11	+ 5	+ 9
San Francisco	+ 4	+ 4	+13	- 8	+ 3	+11
U. S. Total	+ 4	+ 6	+18	-13	+ 3	+ 8

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

1959		1958		1957	
Mar. 28	141	Mar. 29	122	Mar. 30	120
Apr. 4	117	Apr. 5	134	Apr. 6	121
Apr. 11	130	Apr. 12	110	Apr. 13	131
Apr. 18	132	Apr. 19	125	Apr. 20	138
Apr. 25	142	Apr. 26	136	Apr. 27	131

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\* Data not available.

<sup>1/</sup> During April changes from a year ago reflect in part the fact that last year Easter was on April 6 while this year it was on March 29. For this reason it is estimated that in comparison with last year an allowance should be made for a decrease in sales of about 2 per cent for the month of April as a whole. This allowance applies to the figures for the United States.

<sup>2/</sup> 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.