Department store sales in April continued at the advanced level of the first quarter and the seasonally adjusted index for the month is estimated at 139 per cent of the 1947-49 average.

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<th>Index of department store sales</th>
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<td>Adjusted for seasonal variation</td>
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<td>Without seasonal adjustment</td>
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### WEEKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES

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<th>Federal Reserve District</th>
<th>Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago</th>
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<td>(Based on retail dollar amounts)</td>
<td>May 2</td>
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U. S. weekly index, without seasonal adjustment. 1947-49 = 100

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r---Revised. 
*Data not available. 
e---Estimated.

1/ Monthly indexes refer to daily average sales in calendar month. April figures estimated from weekly sales.
2/ 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. These allowances apply to the figures for the United States.

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