

Department store sales recovered sharply in April and the seasonally adjusted index is estimated to have advanced to a record high of 151 per cent of the 1947-49 average.

Index of department store sales 1/ 1947-49 = 100	1960			1959
	April	March	Feb.	Apr.
Adjusted for seasonal variation	e151	140	140	141
Without seasonal adjustment	e149	116	106	130

## WEEKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES

Federal Reserve District	Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago (Based on retail dollar amounts) 2/					
	One week ending				Four weeks ending	Jan. 1 - to
	Apr. 30	Apr. 23	Apr. 16	Apr. 9	Apr. 30	Apr. 30
Boston	+ 2	- 1	+28	+21	+12	+ 3
New York	+17	+ 9	+18	+21	+16	+ 6
Philadelphia	+13	+ 1	r+20	+20	+13	+ 4
Cleveland	+16	+10	+ 9	+24	+14	+ 5
Richmond	+11	+ 4	+29	+14	+14	- 1
Atlanta	+11	r- 1	+26	+18	+13	+ 1
Chicago	+ 7	r+ 4	+16	+17	+11	+ 4
St. Louis	+ 5	+ 8	+11	+21	+11	0
Minneapolis	+ 9	r+12	+17	+18	+14	+ 5
Kansas City	- 5	- 3	+16	+21	+ 6	- 2
Dallas	- 7	- 5	+22	+13	+ 4	0
San Francisco	+ 1	r 0	+12	+ 9	+ 6	+ 2
U. S. Total	+ 8	+ 4	+18	+18	+12	+ 3

U. S. weekly index, without seasonal adjustment, 1947-49=100 3/

1960		1959		1958	
Apr. 2	143	Apr. 4	117	Apr. 5	134
Apr. 9	153	Apr. 11	130	Apr. 12	110
Apr. 16	156	Apr. 18	132	Apr. 19	125
Apr. 23	146	Apr. 25	141	Apr. 26	136
Apr. 30	152	May 2	141	May 3	132

r--Revised.

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 March 29 while this year it was on April 17. 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 figures apply to the figures for the United States.

3/ 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.