

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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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 Mar. 11	Jan. 1 to Mar. 11	
	Mar. 11	Mar. 4	Feb. 25	Feb. 18			
Boston	+14	+62	+15	+10	+22	+ 7	
New York	+11	r+38	+17	+23	+21	+ 2	
Philadelphia	+17	r+44	+12	+21	+22	+ 1	
Cleveland	+11	+25	+ 6	+ 8	+12	+ 1	
Richmond	+24	r+45	+12	+11	+21	+ 3	
Atlanta	+17	+29	+14	- 7	+13	+ 2	
Chicago	- 2	r+15	+ 9	- 1	+ 5	0	
St. Louis	+29	+31	+11	+ 7	+19	+ 3	
Minneapolis	- 1	+ 6	+10	+ 1	+ 4	- 1	
Kansas City	+14	r+25	+24	+ 6	+17	+ 9	
Dallas	+ 9	+11	+ 8	+ 2	+ 8	+ 1	
San Francisco	+ 2	+ 8	+ 2	+ 4	+ 4	0	
U. S. Total	+ 9	r+24	+11	+ 7	+13	+ 2	

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

<u>1961</u>		<u>1960</u>		<u>1959</u>	
Feb. 11	111	Feb. 13	115	Feb. 14	111
Feb. 18	115	Feb. 20	107	Feb. 21	109
Feb. 25	122	Feb. 27	110	Feb. 28	118
Mar. 4	r122	Mar. 5	98	Mar. 7	118
Mar. 11	127	Mar. 12	116	Mar. 14	124

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<sup>1/</sup> During March and April changes from a year ago reflect in part the fact that last year Easter was on April 17 while this year it will be on April 2. 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 March as a whole and a corresponding decrease for the month of April. These figures apply 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.