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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	Jan. 1 to
	Mar. 25	Mar. 18	Mar. 11	Mar. 4	Mar. 25	Mar. 25
Boston	+12	+ 8	+14	+62	+19	+ 7
New York	+11	+ 7	+10	+38	+15	+ 3
Philadelphia	+ 7	+10	+18	+44	+17	+ 2
Cleveland	+ 8	+ 9	+11	+25	+13	+ 2
Richmond	+ 7	r+15	+24	+45	+20	+ 4
Atlanta	+ 6	r+12	+21	+29	+17	+ 4
Chicago	+ 6	+ 4	- 2	+15	+ 5	+ 1
St. Louis	- 2	+14	+31	+33	+17	+ 4
Minneapolis	+13	r+10	- 1	+ 6	+ 7	+ 1
Kansas City	0	+25	+15	+25	+15	+10
Dallas	- 2	+ 9	+ 9	+11	+ 7	+ 2
San Francisco	+ 1	- 1	+ 3	+ 8	+ 3	0
U. S. Total	+ 6	+ 9	+10	+24	+12	+ 3

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

1961		1960		1959	
Feb. 25	122	Feb. 27	110	Feb. 28	118
Mar. 4	122	Mar. 5	98	Mar. 7	118
Mar. 11	128	Mar. 12	116	Mar. 14	124
Mar. 18	140	Mar. 19	129	Mar. 21	137
Mar. 25	139	Mar. 26	131	Mar. 28	141

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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 allowances 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.