

May 25, 1961.

WEEKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES

Federal Reserve District	Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago (Based on retail dollar amounts) ^{1/}						
	One week ending				Four weeks ending May 20	Jan. 1 to May 20	
	May 20	May 13	May 6	Apr. 29			
Boston	+ 9	+20	-12	+ 6	+ 5	+ 4	
New York	+ 2	r+21	- 9	+ 5	+ 4	+ 1	
Philadelphia	+ 7	r+18	-16	- 9	- 1	- 2	
Cleveland	+ 6	+14	-14	-10	- 2	- 3	
Richmond	+11	+24	-12	- 7	+ 3	0	
Atlanta	+ 4	r+21	-10	- 5	+ 1	+ 1	
Chicago	+10	r+10	-11	- 7	0	- 2	
St. Louis	- 3	+ 9	-12	- 8	- 4	- 2	
Minneapolis	+ 5	r+17	- 3	- 2	+ 4	0	
Kansas City	+ 6	r+20	-11	+ 3	+ 4	+ 5	
Dallas	+ 6	+19	-11	- 3	+ 2	0	
San Francisco	0	r+16	-10	- 3	0	0	
U. S. Total	+ 6	+17	-10	- 3	+ 2	0	

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

<u>1961</u>		<u>1960</u>		<u>1959</u>	
Apr. 22	144	Apr. 23	146	Apr. 25	141
Apr. 29	146	Apr. 30	151	May 2	141
May 6	140	May 7	156	May 9	158
May 13	157	May 14	134	May 16	137
May 20	146	May 21	138	May 23	139

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^{1/} During April changes from a year ago reflect in part the fact that last year Easter was on April 17 while this year it was on April 2. For this reason it is estimated that in comparison with last year an allowance should be made for a decrease in sales of about 8 per cent for the month of April as a whole. This allowance applies to the figures for the United States.

^{2/} 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.