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## WEEKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES

\*Interpretation of the weekly percentage changes during the Easter season is affected by the shifting date of the holiday (this year, April 22 and last year, April 2). Adjustment factors have been developed for this calendar irregularity. For the week ending April 7 the factor is +15; this yields an "adjusted" year-to-year change for the United States of + 7 per cent.

Federal Reserve District	Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago (Based on retail dollar amounts)					
	One week ending			Four weeks ending April 7	Jan. 1 to April 7	
	April 7	March 31	March 24			March 17
Boston	+22	- 8	- 2	- 2	+ 2	+ 2
New York	+22	0	0	- 5	+ 4	+ 4
Philadelphia	+22	r+ 6	- 3	- 8	+ 4	+ 2
Cleveland	+26	- 4	- 4	- 7	+ 2	+ 1
Richmond	+23	r- 4	- 1	- 7	+ 2	+ 2
Atlanta	+13	r- 8	0	+ 3	+ 2	+ 3
Chicago	+27	+ 6	+ 4	+ 3	+ 9	+ 4
St. Louis	+18	- 3	+ 4	- 2	+ 4	+ 2
Minneapolis	+22	- 5	- 3	-12	0	- 1
Kansas City	+15	- 6	+ 6	- 3	+ 2	0
Dallas	+18	- 7	- 1	- 3	+ 1	+ 3
San Francisco	+14	- 7	+ 2	+ 7	+ 3	+ 5
U. S. Total	+22	- 2	+ 1	- 1	+ 4	+ 3
* "Adjusted" U.S.	+ 7	+ 8	+11	+ 6		

U. S. weekly index, without seasonal adjustment, 1947-49 = 100 1/

1962		1961		1960	
Mar. 10	120	Mar. 11	128	Mar. 12	116
Mar. 17	138	Mar. 18	140	Mar. 19	129
Mar. 24	141	Mar. 25	140	Mar. 26	131
Mar. 31	148	Apr. 1	151	Apr. 2	143
Apr. 7	156	Apr. 8	128	Apr. 9	153

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1/ 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.