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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 14 the factor is +12; this yields an "adjusted" year-to-year change for the United States of + 6 per cent.

Federal Reserve District	Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago (Based on retail dollar amounts)					
	One week ending				Four weeks ending	Jan. 1 to
	April 14	April 7	March 31	March 24	April 14	April 14
Boston	+28	+22	- 8	- 2	+ 8	+ 4
New York	+24	+22	0	0	+11	+ 5
Philadelphia	+35	+22	+ 6	- 3	+14	+ 4
Cleveland	+17	+26	- 4	- 4	+ 8	+ 2
Richmond	+21	r+22	- 4	- 1	+ 8	+ 3
Atlanta	+21	+13	r- 7	0	+ 6	+ 5
Chicago	+13	+27	+ 6	+ 4	+12	+ 5
St. Louis	+24	r+19	- 3	+ 4	+10	+ 3
Minneapolis	- 2	+22	- 5	- 3	+ 2	- 1
Kansas City	+10	+15	- 6	+ 6	+ 6	+ 1
Dallas	+ 9	+18	- 7	- 1	+ 4	+ 4
San Francisco	+ 8	r+16	r- 8	+ 2	+ 4	+ 6
U. S. Total	+18	+22	- 2	+ 1	+ 9	+ 4
* "Adjusted" U.S.	+ 6	+ 7	+ 8	+11	+ 8	

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

1962

Mar. 17 138
Mar. 24 141
Mar. 31 148
Apr. 7 156
Apr. 14 153

1961

Mar. 18 140
Mar. 25 140
Apr. 1 151
Apr. 8 128
Apr. 15 130

1960

Mar. 19 129
Mar. 26 131
Apr. 2 143
Apr. 9 153
Apr. 16 156

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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.