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## FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF RICHMOND 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 May 5 the factor is - 1; this yields an "adjusted" year-to-year change for the United States of +16 per cent.

### WEEKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES

Federal Reserve District	Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago (Based on retail dollar amounts)					
	One week ending				Four weeks ending May 5	Jan. 1 to May 5
	May 5	April 28	April 21	April 14		
Boston	+ 5	+ 1	+23	+28	+14	+ 5
New York	+ 7	- 4	+19	+24	+11	+ 5
Philadelphia	+21	r- 3	+11	+35	+15	+ 5
Cleveland	+15	+10	+11	+17	+13	+ 4
Richmond	+18	r+ 2	+21	+19	+15	+ 5
Atlanta	+20	r- 2	+14	+20	+13	+ 6
Chicago	+16	+ 8	+15	+13	+13	+ 6
St. Louis	+12	+ 8	+11	+24	+13	+ 5
Minneapolis	+16	r+15	+22	0	+13	+ 2
Kansas City	+21	r+ 2	+ 7	+10	+10	+ 3
Dallas	+24	- 2	+13	+ 9	+11	+ 5
San Francisco	+12	+15	+10	+ 8	+11	+ 7
U. S. Total	+15	+ 5	+15	+17	+13	+ 6
* "Adjusted" U.S.	+16	+12	+ 1	+ 5	+ 8	

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

1962

Apr. 7	156
Apr. 14	152
Apr. 21	165
Apr. 28	153
May 5	161

1961

Apr. 8	128
Apr. 15	130
Apr. 22	144
Apr. 29	146
May 6	140

1960

Apr. 9	153
Apr. 16	156
Apr. 23	146
Apr. 30	151
May 7	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.