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FIDE is interpretation of the weekly percentage changes during the Easter season is affected by the shifting date of the holiday (this year, April 14, last year, April 22). Adjustment factors have been developed for this calendar irregularity and will be applied for 7 weekly periods, from March 23 week through the May 4 week. For the week ending april 6, the factor is + 3; this yields an "adjusted" year-to-year change for the United States of + 4 per cent. Four-week an' year-to-date cumulatives are also shown on an adjusted basis.

Federal Reserve	Percentage change from corresponding periods a year ago (Based on retail dollar amounts)		
District	Cne week ending Apr. 6/liar. 30/Har. 23/Har. 16	Four weeks ending Apr. 6	Jan. 1 to Apr. 6
Boston New York Philadelphia Cleveland	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	+ 5 + 4 + 1 + 4	+ 5 + 2 0 0
Richmond Atlanta Chicago St. Louis	$\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr$	+ 7 +14 + 5 + 9	+ 6 +10 + 5 + 5
Minneapolis Kansas City Dallas San Francisco	$\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr$	+ 3 + 8 + 8 + 2	+ 5 + 5 + 3 + 5
J U. S. Total	+7 r+7 +5 +4	+ 6	+ 4
*"Adjusted" U. S.	+4 r+4 +3	+ 4	+ 4
U. S. weekly 1963 Mar. 9 92 Mar. 16 103 Mar. 23 106 Mar. 30 rll3 Apr. 6 120	sales index. without seasonal adju <u>1962</u> Mar. 10 86 Mar. 17 99 Kar. 24 101 Har. 31 106 Apr. 7 112	stment, 1957- <u>1961</u> Ma Ma Ap Ap	59=100 1/ r. 11 92 r. 18 101 r. 25 101 r. 1 109 r. 8 92

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1/ For description of monthly indexes see Federal Reserve <u>Bulletin</u> for July 1962. A description of weekly indexes appears in <u>Bulletin</u> for August 1962.

Neekly indexes at the district and city levels are published by several of the Federal Reserve Banks.

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