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* 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 the March 23 week through the May 4 week. For the week ending April 20, the factor is -19; this yields an "adjusted" year-to-year change for the United States of +7 per cent. Four-week and year-to-date cumulatives are also shown on an adjusted basis.

WEEKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES - weekly

Federal Reserve District	Percentage change from corresponding periods a year ago (Based on retail dollar amounts)					
	One week ending				Four weeks ending	Jan. 1 to
	Apr. 20	Apr. 13	Apr. 6	Mar. 30	Apr. 20	Apr. 20
Boston	-17	+9	+9	+9	+2	+3
New York	-16	+6	+6	+3	0	+1
Philadelphia	-24	0	+3	0	-5	-2
Cleveland	-15	+4	r+6	+8	+1	-1
Richmond	-19	r+13	+13	+8	+3	+4
Atlanta	-5	r+15	+20	+14	+12	+10
Chicago	-6	+11	+5	+7	+4	+4
St. Louis	-7	+12	r+13	+8	+6	+4
Minneapolis	-10	+23	+3	+15	+7	+5
Kansas City	-9	+16	+12	+8	+6	+5
Dallas	-9	r+24	r+17	r+10	+10	+4
San Francisco	-7	+11	-1	0	+1	+5
U.S. Total	-12	+11	+7	+7	+3	+3
*"Adjusted" U.S.	+7	+7	+4	+4	+5	+4

U.S. weekly sales index, without seasonal adjustment, 1957-59=100 1/

1963	Mar. 23	106	1962	Mar. 24	101	1961	Mar. 25	101
	Mar. 30	113		Mar. 31	106		Apr. 1	109
	Apr. 6	120		Apr. 7	112		Apr. 8	92
	Apr. 13	121		Apr. 14	109		Apr. 15	94
	Apr. 20	104		Apr. 21	118		Apr. 22	104

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1/ For description of monthly indexes see Federal Reserve Bulletin for July 1962.

A description of weekly indexes appears in Bulletin for August 1962.

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