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DEPARTMENT STORE SALES, BY CITIES  
Percentage Change from Corresponding Period a Year Ago

Federal Reserve district and city	Jan.- Feb.	Month of March	Week ending 1/				
			Apr.13*	Apr.20	Apr.27	May 4	May 11**
UNITED STATES	+18	+ 8	+81	+51	+26	+29	+39
<u>Boston District</u>	+16	+ 1	+78	+44	+17	+23	+38
New Haven Conn.	+10	+ 1	+85	+63	+26	+22	+32
Boston Mass.	+17	+ 4	+78	+37	+18	+25	+40
Springfield "	+ 5	- 3	+88	+44	+17	+17	+34
Providence R.I.	+18	- 1	+65	+67	+16	+22	+35
<u>New York District</u>	+26	+13	+89	+50	+30	r+38	+54
Newark N.J.	+27	+13	+99	+46	+28	+31	+49
Buffalo N.Y.	+29	+ 3	+63	+61	+27	+31	+41
New York "	+26	+16	+96	+48	+30	r+42	+58
Rochester "	+22	+ 7	+60	+65	+36	+24	+42
Syracuse "	+32	+ 9	+67	+68	+37	+34	+42
<u>Philadelphia District</u>	+19	+ 6	+94	+44	r+20	+27	+47
Philadelphia Pa.	+14	+ 4	+92	+46	r+18	+24	+48
<u>Cleveland District</u>	+17	+ 6	+80	+57	+25	+29	+40
Akron Ohio	+ 9	- 4	+57	+50	+15	r+21	+35
Cincinnati "	+21	+11	+84	+59	+38	r+24	+40
Cleveland "	+16	+ 4	+70	+57	+24	r+29	+48
Columbus "	+19	+ 6	+63	+60	+30	+29	+35
Toledo "	+ 9	- 2	+53	+52	+15	+17	+22
Pittsburgh Pa.	+20	+15	+109	+58	+25	+35	+40
<u>Richmond District</u>	+15	+ 2	+81	+52	+14	+22	+34
Washington D.C.	+16	0	+72	+58	+12	+21	+25
Baltimore Md.	+14	+ 2	+100	+42	+15	+24	+48
<u>Atlanta District</u>	+19	+ 7	+76	+54	+31	r+24	+39
Birmingham Ala.	+17	+ 3	+71	+57	+29	+23	***
Miami Fla.	+24	+13	+67	+63	+40	r+35	+45
Atlanta Ga.	+25	+17	+93	+54	+38	r+12	+35
New Orleans La.	+17	- 2	+83	+54	+16	+31	+35
Nashville Tenn.	+29	+20	+75	+64	+34	+35	+106
<u>Chicago District</u>	+17	+ 9	+84	+53	+29	r+29	+33
Chicago Ill.	+20	+12	+95	+53	+25	+25	+19
Indianapolis Ind.	+14	+ 4	+81	+39	+23	+22	+16
Detroit Mich.	+ 7	+ 7	+67	+55	+36	+30	+51
Milwaukee Wis.	+19	+12	+103	+59	+38	+38	+50

DEPARTMENT STORE SALES, BY CITIES (Continued)  
 Percentage Change from Corresponding Period a Year Ago

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			Apr.13*	Apr.20	Apr.27	May 4	May 11**
<u>St. Louis district</u>	+19	+10	+74	+45	+30	r+25	+44
Little Rock Ark.	+15	+4	+113	+46	+23	+22	+29
Louisville Ky.	+19	+11	+73	+36	+30	r+16	+41
St. Louis Mo.	+18	+12	+65	+46	+32	+29	+49
Memphis Tenn.	+21	+10	+61	+42	+28	+21	+39
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	+23	+13					
Minneapolis Minn.	+24	+19					
St. Paul "	+20	+9	(Not available for publication)				
Duluth-Superior " & Wis.	+9	-4					
<u>Kansas City District</u>	+18	+7	+60	+51	+23	+26	+37
Denver Colo.	+21	+14	+76	+70	+29	+34	+54
Wichita Kans.	+10	0	+52	+49	+18	+10	+31
Kansas City " & Mo.	+17	+5	+55	+41	+18	+46	+38
St. Joseph Mo.	+30	+13	+76	+65	+30	+26	+34
Oklahoma City Okla.	+13	-1	+54	+41	+13	+11	+25
Tulsa "	+11	+5	+53	+47	+29	+21	+29
<u>Dallas District</u>	+21	+14	+80	+61	+20	r+33	+34
Dallas Tex.	+28	+19	+78	+56	+29	+42	+26
Fort Worth "	+13	+3	+62	+62	+19	+20	+38
Houston "	+19	+17	+101	+101	+3	+33	***
San Antonio "	+27	+18	+81	+53	+21	+32	+44
<u>San Francisco District</u>	+13	+7	+75	+47	+27	r+24	r+30
Los Angeles Area Calif.	+17	+12	+90	+55	+31	+21	+24
Oakland "	+9	-1	+76	+42	+15	+27	+46
San Francisco "	+9	+1	+66	+41	+17	+20	+27
Portland Ore.	+9	+8	+73	+30	+21	+28	+52
Salt Lake City Utah	+23	+22	+60	+62	+30	+32	+43
Seattle Wash.	+3	+2	+48	+35	+25	+19	+18

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1/ During March and April changes from a year ago reflect in part the fact that last year Easter was on April 1 while this year it was on April 21. For this reason it is estimated that in comparison with last year allowance should be made for a decrease in sales of about 7 per cent for the month of March as a whole and for a corresponding increase for the month of April as a whole.

\* In using year-ago comparisons for this week an allowance should be made, in addition to that made for the differing dates of Easter, for the fact that last year many stores were closed on either all or a part of Saturday, April 14, a day of mourning for President Roosevelt.

\*\*The large increases shown for this week reflect in part the fact that last year many stores were closed on May 8, for V-E day celebrations.

\*\*\*Data not available.