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 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK  
 OF RICHMOND

DEPARTMENT STORE SALES, BY CITIES  
 (Based on Dollar Amounts)

Federal Reserve district and city	Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago 1/						
	Jan.-Feb.	Month of March	Mar. 26	Apr. 2	Apr. 9	Apr. 16	Apr. 23
UNITED STATES	- 4	-11	-16	+ 7	+ 7	+ 7	-10
<u>Boston District</u>	+ 2	-16	-24	+14	+16	+25	- 4
New Haven Conn.	- 3	- 9	- 8	+ 7	+10	+39	-18
Boston Mass.	+ 5	-14	-24	+15	+17	+21	- 3
Springfield "	+ 2	-15	-36	0	+16	+32	-22
Providence R. I.	- 3	-17	-30	+11	+11	+25	- 5
<u>New York District</u>	- 4	-11	-17	r+ 9	+ 5	r+ 4	-10
Newark N. J.	- 6	-11	-14	+13	+ 6	+ 4	-13
Buffalo N. Y.	+ 3	- 8	-16	+18	+18	r+17	- 7
New York "	- 6	-11	-17	+ 8	+ 3	r 0	-10
Rochester "	- 4	-16	-19	- 2	+12	+15	- 7
Syracuse "	-13	- 8	-18	+10	0	+10	- 9
<u>Philadelphia District</u>	- 5	-12	-13	+16	+18	+ 6	- 9
Philadelphia Pa.	- 8	-12	-14	+16	+23	+ 5	- 9
<u>Cleveland District</u>	0	-10	-14	+16	+16	+12	- 7
Akron Ohio	- 2	- 7	-12	+15	+28	+19	- 7
Cincinnati "	- 3	-14	-22	+13	+10	+21	- 1
Cleveland "	- 1	-10	-15	+20	+13	+12	-11
Columbus "	+ 4	- 8	-16	+27	+31	+10	- 8
Toledo "	- 1	- 9	- 9	+10	+12	+ 7	-12
Pittsburgh Pa.	+ 4	-10	- 9	+16	+20	+10	0
<u>Richmond District</u>	- 3	-13	-12	+18	+19	+13	-16
Washington D. C.	+ 5	- 3	- 6	+26	+27	+17	-25
Baltimore Md.	- 3	-14	-15	+12	+13	+ 7	- 6
<u>Atlanta District</u>	- 2	-12	-15	r+ 8	+ 4	+14	-11
Birmingham Ala.	+ 4	-13	-16	+ 6	+ 5	+20	-11
Miami Fla.	- 8	- 9	-12	+ 2	+ 5	+26	*
Atlanta Ga.	- 3	-15	-22	+ 3	+ 9	+ 7	- 9
New Orleans La.	+ 7	- 7	- 3	+21	-10	+23	- 8
Nashville Tenn.	- 2	-20	-25	+11	+19	+14	-19
<u>Chicago District</u>	- 6	- 9	-13	+ 5	+ 6	+ 4	- 8
Chicago Ill.	- 2	- 7	-10	+ 8	+ 6	+ 7	- 9
Indianapolis In d.	- 1	- 7	- 6	+16	+12	+ 4	+ 2
Detroit Mich.	- 2	-10	-16	+ 1	+ 7	+ 6	-11
Milwaukee Wis.	- 5	-11	-21	- 2	0	- 4	- 3

## DEPARTMENT STORE SALES, BY CITIES (Continued)

Federal Reserve district and city	Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago <sup>1/</sup>							
	Jan.- Feb.	Month of March	Mar. 26	Apr. 2	Apr. 9	Apr. 16	Apr. 23	
<u>St. Louis District</u>		- 2	-10	-18	+10	+ 3	+ 2	-12
Little Rock Ark.	+ 9	-11	-32	+ 6	+ 3	+ 3		-16
Louisville Ky.	- 3	- 7	-11	+ 6	+ 6	- 1		- 5
St. Louis Mo.	- 5	-10	-15	+13	+ 5	+ 2		- 9
Memphis Tenn.	+ 8	- 8	-24	+12	- 2	+ 7		-20
<u>Minneapolis District</u>		- 5	- 8					
Minneapolis Minn.	- 3	- 6						
St. Paul "	-10	-13						
Duluth-Superior "&Wis.	0	- 7						
				(Not available for publication)				
<u>Kansas City District</u>		- 8	- 7	-18	- 3	0	+ 6	-14
Denver Colo.	-4	- 9	-19	- 8	- 3	+ 8		-10
Wichita Kans.	+ 2	- 1	-14	+ 4	+ 1	+21		-14
Kansas City Mo.	- 9	-11	-22	- 4	+ 4	0		-17
St. Joseph "	-12	- 5	-22	+ 7	+11	+18		-15
Oklahoma City Okla.	-13	- 8	-20	- 7	- 3	+ 1		-21
Tulsa "	- 8	- 6	-18	- 5	-10	+10		-10
<u>Dallas District</u>		- 5	- 8	-20	- 2	- 7	+ 3	-18
Dallas Tex.	- 6	- 8	-22	+ 2	- 9	0		-16
Fort Worth "	- 4	-10	-23	- 8	- 1	+ 7		-18
Houston "	- 1	-11	-18	- 8	- 4	+ 6		-19
San Antonio "	-11	- 5	-20	- 3	-17	- 2		-23
<u>San Francisco District</u>		- 9	-12	-18	r- 3	+ 2	+ 6	-11
Los Angeles Area Calif.	- 8	-16	-23	- 6	- 1	+ 3		-14
Oakland "	- 3	-10	-20	+ 6	+10	+22		- 8
San Francisco "	0	- 7	-16	+13	+12	+28		- 5
Portland Ore.	-13	-10	-11	- 4	+ 2	- 8		-12
Salt Lake City Utah	-14	- 2	-18	-12	-10	- 5		- 7
Seattle Wash.	- 7	- 4	-11	+ 1	+ 4	+ 9		- 2

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\* Data not available.

<sup>1/</sup> During March and April changes from a year ago reflect in part the fact that last year Easter was on March 28 while this year it was on April 17. For this reason it is estimated that in comparison with last year allowance should be made for a decrease in sales of about 6 per cent for the month of March as a whole and for a corresponding increase for the month of April as a whole.