

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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

Federal Reserve district and city	Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago 1/						
	Jan. - Mar.	Month of Apr.	Apr. 22	Apr. 29	May 6*	May 13*	May 20
UNITED STATES	- 1	- 7	+ 5	- 1	-10	+ 8	- 2
<u>Boston District</u>	+ 2	- 9	+ 4	- 7	-20	+ 8	- 8
New Haven Conn.	- 5	-11	+ 2	- 9	-21	+18	- 7
Boston Mass.	+ 3	-10	+ 2	- 8	-19	+ 5	- 9
Springfield "	- 2	-11	+ 6	-10	-20	+ 9	- 9
Providence R.I.	- 2	-10	+ 2	+ 1	-19	+16	- 8
<u>New York District</u>	- 4	- 9	+ 1	- 3	-11	r+ 6	- 4
Newark N.J.	- 3	- 8	+ 3	+ 2	-15	+11	- 0
Buffalo N.Y.	- 3	-11	+ 2	- 6	-15	+ 3	- 7
New York "	- 4	-10	- 1	- 5	-13	r+ 5	- 5
Rochester "	- 3	- 4	+ 8	+ 8	-16	r+ 9	0
Syracuse "	- 1	- 7	+12	- 1	-19	+ 6	- 7
<u>Philadelphia District</u>	0	- 7	+ 9	- 1	-12	+ 2	- 7
Philadelphia Pa.	+ 2	- 7	+ 6	- 1	-11	r+ 1	- 8
<u>Cleveland District</u>	- 3	- 8	+ 4	+ 2	-10	+ 8	- 3
Akron Ohio	- 6	-10	+ 2	- 2	-12	+12	- 4
Cincinnati "	0	- 3	+19	+11	- 7	+ 7	- 3
Cleveland "	- 3	- 9	+ 8	+ 2	- 7	+ 7	- 2
Columbus "	- 6	-13	- 4	- 4	-20	+ 6	- 5
Toledo "	- 7	-12	- 1	- 3	-11	r+ 5	- 2
Erie Pa.	- 5	-11	+ 5	- 5	-14	+12	- 9
Pittsburgh "	- 4	-11	- 2	0	-13	+10	- 3
<u>Richmond District</u>	+ 1	- 5	+11	+ 1	-11	r+12	- 8
Washington D.C.	- 2	- 4	+25	+ 6	-11	+17	- 5
Baltimore Md.	- 5	- 8	+ 5	- 3	-11	+ 7	-12
<u>Atlanta District</u>	+ 3	- 5	+ 8	+ 2	+ 2	+17	0
Birmingham Ala.	- 4	- 7	+ 2	+ 9	- 1	+17	**
Miami Fla.	+ 3	0	+ 7	+10	+ 3	+23	**
Atlanta Ga.	+12	- 2	+ 2	+10	+ 7	+15	- 9
New Orleans La.	+ 3	-11	+11	-21	-13	r+13	0
Nashville Tenn.	+ 2	- 2	+ 1	+ 6	r- 3	r+20	0
<u>Chicago District</u>	- 2	- 7	+ 4	- 2	-10	+ 8	+ 2
Chicago Ill.	- 3	- 7	+ 7	- 1	-11	+11	+ 1
Indianapolis Ind.	- 4	- 6	+ 5	+ 6	-13	+12	- 4
Detroit Mich.	- 4	-12	- 1	- 3	-10	+ 4	+ 3
Milwaukee Wis.	- 2	- 8	+ 2	- 2	-13	+11	+ 8

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	Jan.- Mar.	Month of Apr.	Apr. 22	Apr. 29	May 6*	May 13*	May 20
<u>St. Louis District</u>	- 2	- 7	+ 7	+ 5	-13	+ 7	0
Little Rock Ark.	-3	-6	-24	+22	-15	+33	+3
Louisville Ky.	- 2	- 1	+12	0	-13	+ 6	+ 5
St. Louis Mo.	- 2	- 8	+ 5	+ 5	-15	+ 3	- 3
Memphis Tenn.	- 1	- 4	+26	- 3	-14	+15	- 1
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	- 3	- 9	+12	- 7	-13	r+10	+ 2
Minneapolis Minn.	+ 2	- 7	+16	- 8	- 8	+11	+ 6
St. Paul "	- 1	- 5	+11	- 3	-21	+ 9	- 3
Duluth-Superior W&Wis.	- 5	-16	- 1	-21	-22	+11	+ 1
<u>Kansas City District</u>	- 1	- 6	+ 3	- 3	-10	r+ 7	+ 1
Denver Colo.	-2	-6	+10	-6	-9	+ 5	-1
Wichita Kans.	- 4	-11	- 7	-14	-19	+13	+ 5
Kansas City Mo.	- 1	- 9	0	- 1	- 7	+ 7	0
St. Joseph "	- 3	-12	- 5	-13	+ 2	+26	+12
Oklahoma City Okla.	+ 7	- 2	+10	+12	-12	+10	+ 9
Tulsa "	- 2	- 2	- 6	- 1	- 7	+ 9	+ 1
<u>Dallas District</u>	+ 5	+ 2	+11	+ 8	- 3	+16	+11
Dallas Tex.	+5	-1	+8	+4	-4	+21	+15
Fort Worth "	+ 8	+ 1	+10	+ 8	- 3	+ 2	+38
Houston "	- 3	- 1	+ 9	- 1	-10	+ 8	- 4
San Antonio "	+ 9	+ 9	+15	+12	+ 1	+27	+12
<u>San Francisco District</u>	- 1	- 7	+ 1	0	- 5	r+ 7	- 2
Los Angeles Area Calif.	-2	-9	+2	-4	-9	+9	+1
Oakland "	- 1	- 7	- 1	- 2	-13	+14	- 5
San Francisco "	+ 1	- 5	+ 8	+ 3	- 4	+20	- 1
Portland Ore.	- 3	- 9	- 5	+10	+ 6	0	- 9
Salt Lake City Utah	- 1	-10	- 6	- 3	-12	+20	- 9
Seattle Wash.	0	- 4	0	- 6	-11	0	- 5

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\*\* Data not available.

1/ During March and April changes from a year ago reflect in part the fact that last year Easter was on April 17 while this year it was on April 9. For this reason it is estimated that in comparison with last year allowance should be made for an increase in sales of about 2 per cent for the month of March as a whole and for a corresponding decrease for the month of April as a whole.

\* Changes from a year ago reflect in part the fact that Mother's Day was on May 14 this year while in 1949 it was on May 8.