

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 27, 1956WEEKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES - SELECTED CITIES AND AREAS

Federal Reserve District, Area, and City			Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago 1/ (Based on retail dollar amounts)				
			Jan.- Feb.	Week ending			
				Mar. 31	Apr. 7	Apr. 14	Apr. 21
<u>United States</u>			+ 6	+ 7	-15	+11	+ 1
<u>Boston District</u>			+ 1	+ 8	-16	+14	+ 1
Metropolitan Areas							
Boston	Mass.	0	+ 8	-14	+10	+ 3	
Downtown Boston	"	- 1	+ 3	-16	+10	+ 1	
Suburban Boston	"	+ 3	+19	-10	+ 9	+ 7	
Cambridge	"	+ 2	+ 5	- 2	-13	- 4	
Lynn	"	- 4	+49	-16	- 5	+ 5	
Quincy	"	- 2	+25	-15	+ 4	+ 6	
Lowell	"	- 9	+11	-40	+19	+24	
Cities							
Springfield	Mass.	+12	+12	-16	+11	+14	
Providence	R. I.	- 1	+ 4	-21	+33	-13	
<u>New York District</u>			+ 6	+ 5	-14	+20	+ 7
Metropolitan Areas							
Buffalo	N. Y.	+ 4	+ 4	-14	+28	+11	
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J.	+ 9	+ 6	-14	+19	+ 6	
Newark	N. J.	+ 9	+ 8	-14	+10	+ 6	
New York	N. Y.	+ 5	+ 3	-13	+21	+ 7	
Rochester	"	+ 8	+ 3	- 7	+20	+20	
Syracuse	"	+ 6	+11	-19	+17	- 4	
<u>Philadelphia District</u>			+ 9	+ 6	-14	+24	- 1
Metropolitan Areas							
Wilmington	Del.	+23	- 1	- 6	+23	+ 5	
Trenton	N. J.	+ 3	0	-24	+36	-10	
Lancaster	Pa.	+12	+ 6	-27	+ 9	+12	
Philadelphia	"	+ 9	+ 8	-12	+25	- 4	
Reading	"	+ 9	+ 7	-17	+20	+ 2	
Scranton	"	+ 9	+10	-13	+28	+16	
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	+ 2	- 7	-21	0	+18	
<u>Cleveland District</u>			+ 9	+ 5	-20	+14	- 2
Metropolitan Areas							
Lexington	Ky.	+ 1	+ 8	-27	- 7	-11	
Akron	Ohio	+ 6	+ 9	-16	+ 6	+ 7	
Cincinnati	"	+ 5	+ 5	-25	+33	-13	
Cleveland	"	+ 8	+10	-24	+12	0	
Columbus	"	+ 8	+11	-24	+38	- 6	
Springfield	"	+ 7	+14	-25	- 7	+ 4	
Toledo	"	+ 3	- 1	-27	+ 5	- 1	
Erie	Pa.	+12	+15	+19	+25	- 6	
Pittsburgh	"	+17	- 2	-14	+11	+ 7	
Wheeling-Steubenville	W.Va.-Ohio	+ 8	- 2	-16	+ 4	0	

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			Mar. 31	Apr. 7	Apr. 14	Apr. 21
<u>Richmond District</u>		+ 7	+ 8	-16	+11	- 3
Metropolitan Areas						
Washington	D. C.	+10	+11	-10	r+11	- 5
Downtown Washington	"	0	0	-16	r+ 8	- 8
Baltimore	Md.	- 2	+ 4	-24	+19	- 2
Richmond	Va.	+ 9	+ 7	-17	+ 3	+ 5
<u>Atlanta District</u>		+ 9	+12	-14	0	- 6
Metropolitan Areas						
Birmingham	Ala.	+ 7	+12	-17	+ 8	- 4
Jacksonville	Fla.	+14	+ 6	-19	- 1	*
Atlanta	Ga.	+ 3	+ 6	-12	- 5	- 8
Augusta	"	- 1	+ 3	- 8	r- 8	-19
New Orleans	La.	+ 8	+29	-17	r 0	0
Knoxville	Tenn.	+ 2	+18	-21	0	*
Nashville	"	+ 4	+ 3	-29	+ 8	- 9
City						
Tampa	Fla.	+11	+ 9	+ 5	- 6	- 7
<u>Chicago District</u>		+ 6	0	-10	+ 5	- 1
Metropolitan Areas						
Chicago	Ill.	+ 6	+ 4	-11	+12	+ 2
Indianapolis	Ind.	+ 5	+ 1	-14	+11	+ 1
Detroit	Mich.	+ 6	- 7	- 2	+ 1	0
Milwaukee	Wis.	+ 9	+ 3	- 3	- 9	- 7
<u>St. Louis District</u>		+ 7	+ 5	-16	+ 9	- 8
Metropolitan Areas						
Little Rock	Ark.	+10	+16	- 9	+15	-26
Louisville	Ky.	+ 5	+ 7	-20	+ 9	- 2
St. Louis	Mo.	+ 8	+ 1	-16	+11	- 9
Memphis	Tenn.	+ 4	+15	-21	+ 7	- 5
<u>Minneapolis District</u>		+ 6	- 6	-17	+14	+ 2
Cities						
Minneapolis	Minn.	+ 7	- 6	-15	+ 5	+ 4
St. Paul	"	+ 8	- 9	-19	+30	- 8
Duluth-Superior	Minn. & Wis.	+ 8	+ 1	-29	+26	+27

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<u>Kansas City District</u>		+ 3	+ 5	-16	+ 3	- 2
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Denver	Colo.	+11	+17	-18	+19	+ 6
Topeka	Kans.	+ 7	+ 4	-15	+ 5	+ 4
Wichita	"	+ 1	+ 7	-19	r- 7	- 3
St. Joseph	Mo.	+10	+ 6	-33	+ 5	- 7
Albuquerque	N. Mex.	+ 4	+23	-25	+16	+14
Oklahoma City	Okla.	+ 7	+ 3	- 6	+ 4	+ 2
Tulsa	"	+ 1	+16	-16	+ 4	+18
<u>City</u>						
Kansas City	Mo.	- 1	- 6	-18	- 9	-14
<u>Dallas District</u>		+ 6	+17	-14	+ 4	- 3
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Dallas	Tex.	+ 4	+22	-15	- 5	+ 1
El Paso	"	+ 1	+25	-13	+14	-12
Fort Worth	"	+ 6	+25	-27	+13	-18
Houston	"	+ 9	+16	-14	+ 6	+ 3
San Antonio	"	+ 2	+ 4	-18	- 1	-10
<u>San Francisco District</u>		+ 5	+12	-17	+ 7	+ 6
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Los Angeles-Long Beach	Calif.	0	+ 5	-18	+ 5	- 1
Downtown Los Angeles	"	- 5	+ 2	-30	- 5	- 3
Westside Los Angeles	"	0	+ 6	-12	+ 5	0
Sacramento	"	+ 5	+37	-28	+ 2	+46
San Diego	"	+ 9	+18	r-12	+10	+11
San Francisco-Oakland	"	+ 4	+21	r-23	+10	+15
San Francisco City	"	+ 5	+20	-23	+ 8	+15
Oakland City	"	+ 2	+20	-20	+13	+ 9
San Jose	"	+ 8	+ 5	-25	+10	+22
Portland	Ore.	- 1	0	- 9	+ 6	0
Salt Lake City	Utah	+ 3	+18	-22	+ 8	+ 5
Seattle	Wash.	+ 1	+27	- 9	+14	+ 6
Spokane	"	+ 4	+ 3	-20	+12	+16
Tacoma	"	+ 3	+21	-19	+15	+11

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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 10 while this year it was on April 1. For this reason it is estimated that in comparison with last year an allowance should be made for an increase in sales of about 4 per cent for the month of March as a whole and a corresponding decrease for the month of April. These allowances apply to the figures for the United States.