

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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WEEKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES - SELECTED CITIES AND AREAS

Federal Reserve District, Area, and City	Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago (Based on retail dollar amounts) 1/				
	Jan. Mar.	Week ending			
		Apr. 20	Apr. 27	May 4	May 11
<u>UNITED STATES</u>	- 2	r+14	+ 3	r+ 6	+ 3
<u>Boston District</u>	- 1	+17	- 2	- 2	+ 5
Metropolitan Areas					
Boston	Mass.	0	+19	+ 2	- 2
Downtown Boston	"	- 2	+12	- 2	- 3
Suburban Boston	"	+ 5	+33	+10	- 1
Cambridge	"	+ 9	+24	- 1	0
Lynn	"	+ 1	+47	- 6	- 6
Quincy	"	- 2	+24	+ 8	+ 1
Lowell	"	- 6	+34	-11	-15
Cities					
Springfield	"	+ 2	+10	-20	-15
Providence	R. I.	- 4	+12	- 8	+ 1
<u>New York District</u>	+ 2	+11	- 1	+ 6	+ 7
Metropolitan Areas					
Buffalo	N. Y.	- 3	+ 2	+ 1	r+ 6
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J.+ 4	+14	- 1	r+ 7	+ 8
Newark	N. J.	- 2	+ 8	-12	+ 4
New York	N. Y.	- 1	+ 1	- 6	- 2
Rochester	"	- 1	- 6	- 1	- 2
Syracuse	"	- 1	+10	+ 9	- 2
<u>Philadelphia District</u>	- 2	+13	+ 1	+ 6	+ 3
Metropolitan Areas					
Wilmington	Del.	+ 5	+27	+13	r+ 9
Trenton	N. J.	0	+10	+ 1	r- 5
Lancaster	Pa.	- 8	+11	+ 4	+ 3
Philadelphia	"	- 3	+12	- 2	+ 5
Reading	"	+ 6	+ 7	+12	+21
Scranton	"	- 7	+12	- 3	+11
Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton	"	- 4	+19	+ 8	+ 5
<u>Cleveland District</u>	- 2	+10	+13	+ 6	- 2
Metropolitan Areas					
Lexington	Ky.	+ 1	+16	+29	+25
Akron	Ohio	- 6	+ 6	r- 4	+ 1
Cincinnati	"	- 7	+10	+19	- 4
Cleveland	"	- 4	+20	0	+ 1
Columbus	"	- 3	+16	+31	+14
Springfield	"	- 9	+ 9	- 3	+ 6
Toledo	"	- 8	+ 3	+27	+ 3
Erie	Pa.	- 4	+35	r+ 1	+ 8
Pittsburgh	"	- 2	- 6	r+20	+14
Wheeling-Steubenville	W.Va.&Ohio+ 7	+ 2	+20	+19	+ 2

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<u>Richmond District</u>		- 1	+23	+19	+ 5
Metropolitan Areas					
Washington	D. C.	+ 1	+22	+25	r+ 4
Downtown Washington	"	- 8	+11	+16	r- 2
Baltimore	Md.	+ 6	+27	+13	r+12
Downtown Baltimore	"	- 3	+ 1	- 1	r- 3
Richmond	Va.	- 7	+ 7	+14	r- 4
<u>Atlanta District</u>		- 2	+20	0	r+ 2
Metropolitan Areas					
Birmingham	Ala.	- 4	+14	- 4	+17
Jacksonville	Fla.	- 7	+26	+ 8	- 9
Miami	"	*	+23	+ 4	r+ 3
Miami City	"	*	+ 5	- 8	r- 8
Atlanta	Ga.	- 2	+25	- 8	+ 1
Augusta	"	-12	+32	+12	r-21
New Orleans	La.	-10	+19	-15	+ 1
Knoxville	Tenn.	- 7	+23	+ 8	+ 6
Nashville	"	+ 3	+37	+28	+14
City					
Tampa	Fla.	- 3	0	- 1	-13
<u>Chicago District</u>		- 1	r+16	+ 2	r+13
Metropolitan Areas					
Chicago	Ill.	0	+15	0	+10
Indianapolis	Ind.	- 2	+17	+12	+13
Detroit	Mich.	- 1	+ 4	+ 3	+21
Milwaukee	Wis.	- 1	+23	- 3	+ 6
<u>St. Louis District</u>		- 4	+10	+ 6	+ 7
Metropolitan Areas					
Little Rock	Ark.	- 7	+20	- 3	+ 3
Louisville	Ky.	- 6	- 4	+ 9	+17
St. Louis	Mo.	- 4	+10	+ 7	+ 8
Memphis	Tenn.	- 3	+18	+ 5	- 6
<u>Minneapolis District</u>		+ 1	+20	+ 7	+12
Metropolitan Areas					
Mpls.-St. Paul	Minn.	0	+20	+ 7	+13
Mpls. and Suburbs	"	+ 2	+22	+ 9	+ 9
St. Paul	"	- 6	+18	+ 4	+21
Cities					
Duluth-Superior	Minn.&Wis.	+ 1	+ 9	+14	+ 6

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Kansas City District	- 5	+ 8	+ 3	r+ 8	+ 3
Metropolitan Areas					
Denver	Col.	- 4	+ 8	+ 3	r+15
Topeka	Kans.	- 5	+ 6	- 7	+ 1
Wichita	"	- 2	- 1	- 3	+16
St. Joseph	Mo.	-13	+20	+13	+ 1
Albuquerque	N. Mex.	-12	+14	-26	+ 3
Oklahoma City	Okla.	- 7	+ 7	- 3	r+ 1
Tulsa	"	+ 4	- 5	+ 3	+ 3
Cities					
Joplin	Mo.	- 5	+32	-19	r+10
Kansas City	"	- 8	+10	+ 9	+ 1
Dallas District	- 4	+17	- 9	- 3	- 7
Metropolitan Areas					
Dallas	Tex.	- 3	+ 7	- 7	+ 4
El Paso	"	0	+30	0	- 5
Fort Worth	"	- 2	+25	- 4	+ 3
Houston	"	- 5	+16	-15	- 8
San Antonio	"	- 6	+40	-21	- 2
San Francisco District	- 2	+ 8	0	r- 2	+ 1
Metropolitan Areas					
Los Angeles-Long Beach	Calif.	0	+ 7	r- 8	+ 4
Downtown Lcs Angeles	"	- 3	+ 2	r- 2	- 3
Westside Los Angeles	"	0	0	r+40	+ 9
Sacramento	"	- 4	- 9	-22	- 6
San Diego	"	- 1	+15	r+ 1	- 7
San Francisco-Oakland	"	- 4	+14	- 7	+ 4
San Francisco City	"	- 5	+15	-11	+ 6
Oakland	"	- 7	+10	+ 6	- 2
Pcrtland	Ore.	- 8	+ 6	+ 2	- 5
Salt Lake City	Utah	- 2	+18	-11	+21
Seattle	Wash.	- 3	+10	r- 4	+ 8
Spokane	"	- 3	+ 3	- 2	+ 2
Tacoma	"	- 5	+ 6	- 2	+ 1

r—Revised.

*—Data not available.

^{1/} During 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 an allowance should be made for an increase in sales of about 8 per cent for the month of April as a whole. These allowances apply to the figures for the United States.