

## 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) <sup>1/</sup>				
	Jan.- Mar.	Week ending			
		Apr. 20	Apr. 27	May 4	May 11
<u>UNITED STATES</u>	- 2	+14	+ 3	+ 6	+ 3
<u>Boston District</u>	- 1	+17	- 2	- 2	+ 5
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Boston	Mass. 0	+19	+ 2	- 2	+ 5
Downtown Boston	" - 2	+12	- 2	- 3	+ 3
Suburban Boston	" + 5	+33	+10	- 1	+ 9
Cambridge	" + 9	+24	- 1	0	+ 9
Lynn	" + 1	+47	- 6	- 6	0
Quincy	" - 2	+24	+ 8	+ 1	+10
Lowell	" - 6	+34	-11	-15	+ 5
<u>Cities</u>					
Springfield	" + 2	+10	-20	-15	+ 8
Providence	R. I. - 4	+12	- 8	+ 1	- 4
<u>New York District</u>	+ 2	+11	- 1	+ 6	+ 7
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Buffalo	N. Y. - 3	+ 2	+ 1	+ 6	- 2
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J.+ 4	+14	- 1	+ 7	+ 8
Newark	N. J. - 2	+ 8	-12	+ 4	- 1
New York	N. Y. - 1	+ 1	- 6	- 2	- 2
Rochester	" - 1	- 6	- 1	- 2	+ 6
Syracuse	" - 1	+10	+ 9	+ 9	- 2
<u>Philadelphia District</u>	- 2	+13	+ 1	+ 6	+ 3
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Wilmington	Del. + 5	+27	+13	+ 9	+ 8
Trenton	N. J. 0	+10	+ 1	+ 5	+11
Lancaster	Pa. - 8	+11	+ 4	+ 3	+ 4
Philadelphia	" - 3	+12	- 2	+ 5	+ 2
Reading	" + 6	+ 7	+12	+21	+10
Scranton	" - 7	+42	- 3	+11	+ 5
Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton	" - 4	+19	+ 8	+ 4	- 2
<u>Cleveland District</u>	- 2	+10	+13	+ 6	- 2
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Lexington	Ky. + 1	+16	+29	+25	+12
Akron	Ohio - 6	+ 6	- 4	+ 1	-10
Cincinnati	" - 7	+10	+19	- 4	- 4
Cleveland	" - 4	+20	0	+ 1	- 4
Columbus	" - 3	+16	+31	+14	- 2
Springfield	" - 9	+ 9	- 3	+ 6	- 8
Toledo	" - 8	+ 3	+27	+ 3	0
Erie	Pa. - 4	+35	+ 1	+ 8	+ 3
Pittsburgh	" - 2	- 6	+20	+14	+ 1
Whesling-Steubenville	W.Va.&Ohio+7	+ 2	+20	+19	+ 2

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

