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## BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
May 16, 1958.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>				
	3 mos. 1958	Week ending			
		Apr. 19	Apr. 26	May 3	May 10
<u>UNITED STATES</u>	- 3	- 9	+ 4	- 8	- 4
<u>Boston District</u>	- 5	-14	+ 5	- 6	- 6
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Boston	Mass. 0	-19	+ 2	- 6	- 3
Downtown Boston	" - 3	-23	- 2	-11	- 7
Suburban Boston	" + 8	-12	+ 8	+ 5	+ 4
Cambridge	" + 7	+ 9	+ 3	+ 2	+ 7
Quincy	" +12	-21	+ 9	- 2	- 4
Lowell	" - 2	-16	+17	- 8	-10
<u>City</u>					
Springfield	" - 9	- 6	+41	+ 2	-12
<u>New York District</u>	+ 1	- 8	+ 8	r- 6	- 3
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Buffalo	N. Y. - 5	-21	- 2	-12	- 4
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J. + 4	- 7	+11	- 6	- 3
Newark	N. J. - 7	-22	+ 7	-14	- 9
New York	N. Y. - 2	- 8	+ 3	r- 9	- 6
Rochester	" - 7	- 1	- 1	r+ 2	- 4
Syracuse	" - 6	- 9	- 1	-11	- 5
<u>Philadelphia District</u>	- 4	- 2	+12	- 6	- 3
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Wilmington	Del. - 4	-12	0	-12	0
Trenton	N. J. - 4	+ 5	+16	-10	-11
Lancaster	Pa. - 5	- 7	+17	- 2	+ 7
Philadelphia	" - 2	+ 3	+15	- 4	- 3
Reading	" - 8	-12	+ 5	-14	- 6
Scranton	" - 1	-25	+21	r- 1	- 1
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	" - 3	-28	+ 5	r-22	- 4
<u>Cleveland District</u>	- 2	-10	- 5	-10	- 5
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Lexington	Ky. - 1	- 4	+ 3	- 7	- 9
Akron	Ohio - 8	-18	- 6	- 7	+14
Canton	" - 9	-20	r-10	-21	- 8
Cincinnati	" - 4	- 5	+ 2	- 6	-13
Cleveland	" - 2	-14	- 2	- 8	- 6
Downtown Cleveland	" *	-23	- 9	-18	-13
Columbus	" - 1	- 1	-12	-13	- 7
Springfield	" -10	-21	- 6	-15	-13
Youngstown	" -15	-27	-17	-18	-11
Erie	Pa. -10	-25	r+ 2	-12	- 8
Pittsburgh	" + 3	0	r- 6	-11	- 3
Wheeling-Steubenville	W.Va.&Ohio - 8	- 5	r- 8	-17	-11

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<u>Richmond District</u>		- 3	-12	- 7	r-11	- 6
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Washington	D. C.	- 2	- 5	-11	r- 9	- 5
Downtown Washington	"	- 2	- 8	-14	r-10	- 7
Baltimore	Md.	- 6	-14	- 5	r-16	- 5
Downtown Baltimore	"	- 7	-10	-12	r-19	- 7
Richmond	Va.	- 3	-21	0	- 6	-12
<u>Atlanta District</u>		- 2	-14	+ 9	r 0	r- 4
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Birmingham	Ala.	- 3	-22	+ 5	r+ 1	- 9
Mobile	"	- 2	-13	+16	- 1	+ 2
Jacksonville	Fla.	- 2	-24	- 4	- 4	+ 1
Miami	"	+ 1	-12	+ 8	r+ 6	- 4
Downtown Miami	"	- 4	-11	+ 3	r+ 3	- 7
Atlanta	Ga.	0	-18	+27	- 3	-16
Augusta	"	- 9	-24	- 6	- 6	- 9
New Orleans	La.	- 3	-20	+ 4	- 6	- 2
Knoxville	Tenn.	- 5	-25	- 7	r- 9	*
<u>City</u>						
Tampa	Fla.	+17	+14	+27	+39	+31
<u>Chicago District</u>		- 5	-12	0	-14	- 6
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Chicago	Ill.	- 2	-12	+ 6	- 8	- 4
Indianapolis	Ind.	- 8	-17	-10	-16	- 9
Detroit	Mich.	- 9	-20	- 8	-22	-10
Grand Rapids	"	- 7	-18	- 3	-14	-10
Milwaukee	Wis.	- 3	- 1	- 7	-14	- 2
<u>St. Louis District</u>		- 3	- 6	- 5	-15	- 9
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Little Rock	Ark.	+ 1	-18	+ 6	-14	- 2
Louisville	Ky.	- 4	-11	- 5	-19	- 8
St. Louis	Mo.	- 2	- 1	- 5	-10	- 9
Memphis	Tenn.	- 6	-15	-10	-27	-13
<u>Minneapolis District</u>		+ 1	-16	- 2	-10	- 4
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Mpls.-St. Paul	Minn.	0	-17	- 1	-10	- 3
Mpls. and Suburbs	"	0	-21	0	- 6	- 1
St. Paul	"	0	- 8	- 2	-16	- 8
<u>Cities</u>						
Duluth-Superior	Minn.&Wis.	0	-10	-14	-11	-15

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<u>Kansas City District</u>		-1	-9	+1	r-5	0
Metropolitan Areas						
Denver	Col.	+1	-9	+6	-5	-3
Topeka	Kans.	+1	-7	+1	-5	+1
Wichita	"	-5	-4	-2	r-8	-6
Kansas City	Mo.	-2	-10	-3	-7	0
St. Joseph	"	-4	-17	-9	-4	+3
Albuquerque	N. Mex.	+4	-17	+15	-6	+3
Oklahoma City	Okla.	-2	-10	-4	-3	0
Tulsa	"	+3	-10	+16	0	+4
City						
Joplin	Mo.	-10	-25	+11	-18	+2
<u>Dallas District</u>		-3	-15	+9	-5	+4
Metropolitan Areas						
Dallas	Tex.	0	-13	+12	-9	+4
El Paso	"	0	-14	+4	-9	+5
Fort Worth	"	-3	-20	+7	-10	+4
Houston	"	-10	-19	+2	-4	0
San Antonio	"	+1	-22	+14	-2	+9
<u>San Francisco District</u>		-2	-5	+8	-2	+1
Metropolitan Areas						
Los Angeles-Long Beach	Calif.	-4	+7	+7	-4	-1
Downtown Los Angeles	"	-8	-6	+4	-7	-7
Westside Los Angeles	"	-5	+15	-25	-7	0
Sacramento	"	+18	+21	+50	+48	+37
San Diego	"	-7	-9	+8	-1	-8
San Francisco-Oakland	"	-2	-15	+12	+1	+3
San Francisco City	"	-3	-20	+12	0	+1
Oakland	"	-13	-11	-1	-5	0
Portland	Ore.	0	-14	+5	-3	-2
Salt Lake City	Utah	-2	-13	r+5	-1	0
Seattle	Wash.	0	-15	r+5	-9	0
Spokane	"	+5	+4	-9	-5	-2
Tacoma	"	-3	-23	r-1	-14	+7

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\*Data not available.

<sup>1/</sup> During April changes from a year ago reflect in part the fact that last year Easter was on April 21 while this year it was on April 6. For this reason it is estimated that in comparison with last year an allowance should be made for a decrease in sales of about 6 per cent for the month of April as a whole. These allowances apply to the figures for the United States.