

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
May 1, 1959.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.-Feb. 1959	Week ending				
		April 4	April 11	April 18	April 25	
<u>UNITED STATES</u>	+ 9	-13	+18	+ 6	+ 4	
<u>Boston District</u>	+ 5	-18	+25	- 3	+ 6	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Boston	Mass.	+ 5	-17	+23	+ 2	+ 9
Downtown Boston	"	- 3	-17	+16	- 2	+ 2
Suburban Boston	"	+22	+37	+10	+10	+22
Cambridge	"	+10	-16	+17	+ 8	+ 3
Quincy	"	+23	-18	+48	+14	+29
Lowell	"	0	-45	+26	-14	- 3
<u>City</u>						
Springfield	"	+13	- 6	+ 4	-13	- 4
<u>New York District</u>	+ 7	-18	+18	+ 8	*	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Buffalo	N. Y.	+ 5	-18	+17	r+10	- 1
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J.	+ 6	-19	+18	+ 9	*
Newark	"	+ 8	-29	+15	r+26	*
New York	N. Y.	+ 2	-17	+15	+ 4	*
Rochester	"	+11	- 9	r+22	r- 3	+ 7
Syracuse	"	+ 4	-12	+18	+ 8	+ 4
<u>Philadelphia District</u>	+11	-22	+32	- 2	- 1	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Wilmington	Del.	+16	-26	+21	r+ 7	+13
Trenton	N. J.	+ 7	-19	+14	- 8	+ 4
Lancaster	Pa.	+36	-26	+23	r+16	+56
Philadelphia	"	+10	-21	+34	- 4	- 6
Reading	"	+16	-24	+47	+ 1	+ 9
Scranton	"	+16	-31	+42	- 1	+ 1
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	+ 4	-29	+ 8	+23	+ 3
<u>Cleveland District</u>	+ 5	-15	+23	r+12	+ 1	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Lexington	Ky.	+14	-19	+13	+37	-15
Canton	Ohio	+ 6	-26	+35	- 1	+ 7
Cincinnati	"	+ 5	-23	+15	+ 8	- 6
Cleveland	"	+ 4	-14	+36	+ 8	+ 3
Downtown Cleveland	"	*	-18	r+36	+ 7	- 1
Columbus	"	+11	-19	+19	+ 8	+10
Springfield	"	+10	-30	+35	- 7	+14
Youngstown	"	+ 1	+ 2	+18	+14	+10
Erie	Pa.	+10	-25	r+20	+13	+ 7
Pittsburgh	"	+ 6	-14	r+15	+27	- 1
Downtown Pittsburgh	"	*	-12	r+15	+24	- 2
Wheeling-Steubenville W. Va.&Ohio		+12	-14	+26	+ 5	0

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<u>Richmond District</u>	<u>+14</u>	<u>-18</u>	<u>+15</u>	<u>- 6</u>	<u>+ 1</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Washington D. C.	+14	-18	+12	r-11	+ 6
Downtown Washington	" + 7	-23	+ 3	r-13	- 1
Baltimore Md.	+13	-21	+20	r- 6	- 4
Downtown Baltimore	" + 6	-23	+11	-17	-10
Richmond Va.	+ 7	-17	+11	0	- 3
<u>Atlanta District</u>	<u>+11</u>	<u>-12</u>	<u>+18</u>	<u>+ 7</u>	<u>+ 2</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Birmingham Ala.	+12	-16	+16	+11	+ 3
Mobile "	+12	-23	+39	+ 1	-11
Jacksonville Fla.	+16	- 2	+22	+10	+ 3
Miami "	+ 6	- 3	+ 6	+ 4	*
Downtown Miami	" + 1	- 4	+ 1	- 1	*
Atlanta Ga.	+ 9	- 7	+20	+ 9	*
Augusta "	+20	-17	+30	r+12	*
Columbus "	+ 5	-18	+ 7	-11	*
New Orleans La.	+ 7	-29	+33	+ 8	*
Knoxville Tenn.	+14	-16	+ 2	r+ 6	*
<u>Chicago District</u>	<u>+ 7</u>	<u>- 5</u>	<u>+14</u>	<u>+ 8</u>	<u>+ 6</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Chicago Ill.	+ 3	- 8	+10	+ 3	+ 3
Indianapolis Ind.	+ 9	- 1	+14	+ 6	+14
Detroit Mich.	+11	- 6	+17	+22	+14
Grand Rapids "	+ 5	-10	+ 9	+16	+10
Milwaukee Wis.	+ 4	+ 5	+16	- 4	+ 6
<u>St. Louis District</u>	<u>+ 8</u>	<u>-12</u>	<u>+13</u>	<u>+ 6</u>	<u>+ 2</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Little Rock Ark.	+10	-13	+13	+23	- 6
Louisville Ky.	+ 8	-18	+11	+17	- 2
St. Louis Mo.	+ 7	-11	+11	+ 1	0
Memphis Tenn.	+16	-11	+19	+13	+11
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	<u>+ 5</u>	<u>-17</u>	<u>+ 5</u>	<u>+ 8</u>	<u>+ 3</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Mpls.-St. Paul Minn.	+ 5	-18	+ 5	+ 8	+ 3
Mpls. and Suburbs "	+ 4	-19	+ 3	+ 2	+ 3
St. Paul "	+ 7	-14	+12	+20	+ 6
Cities					
Duluth-Superior Minn.&Wis.	+ 7	- 9	- 1	r 0	+ 7

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<u>Kansas City District</u>	+11	- 9	+11	+ 5	+ 8
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Denver Col.	+11	- 6	+ 6	+10	+ 8
Topeka Kans.	+ 5	-10	+13	- 9	+13
Wichita "	+ 7	-13	+14	- 8	- 8
Kansas City Mo.	+13	- 7	+10	+ 7	+11
Downtown Kansas City "	*	-14	- 4	- 3	- 4
St. Joseph "	+ 8	-24	+20	- 5	+ 2
Lincoln Nebr.	+13	- 4	+ 7	- 1	+19
Albuquerque N. Mex.	+16	-12	+27	+ 6	+19
Oklahoma City Okla.	+15	- 7	+25	+17	+ 5
Tulsa "	+10	-16	+14	+ 6	+18
City					
Joplin Mo.	+ 5	-19	- 2	- 4	+ 5
<u>Dallas District</u>	+10	-11	+17	+ 7	+ 9
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Dallas Tex.	+ 8	- 8	+14	+11	+20
El Paso "	+11	-10	+14	- 4	0
Fort Worth "	+11	-16	+10	+ 5	+12
Houston "	+11	- 9	+25	+15	+20
San Antonio "	+12	-18	+11	+ 5	- 3
<u>San Francisco District</u>	+14	- 8	+13	+ 4	+ 4
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Los Angeles-Long Beach Calif.	+15	- 8	+10	+ 3	- 1
Downtown Los Angeles "	+ 4	-20	- 2	- 4	- 7
Westside Los Angeles "	+11	- 4	+ 5	-14	- 6
Sacramento "	+26	+ 8	+23	+15	+19
San Diego "	+14	+ 2	+24	+ 5	+ 6
San Francisco-Oakland "	+10	-18	+13	+ 2	+ 4
San Francisco City "	+10	-18	+14	+ 2	+ 2
Oakland "	- 1	-22	+ 2	- 8	+ 2
San Jose "	+25	+ 6	+15	+15	+17
Portland Ore.	+13	+15	+ 7	+ 5	+ 6
Salt Lake City Utah	+13	-17	+24	+ 5	+18
Seattle Wash.	+11	-15	+13	- 1	+ 3
Spokane "	+ 1	-17	+ 9	+ 6	+ 7
Tacoma "	+11	-18	+ 9	+21	+11

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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 6 while this year it was on March 29. For this reason it is estimated that in comparison with last year an allowance should be made for a decrease in sales of about 2 per cent for the month of April as a whole. This allowance applies to the figures for the United States.