

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 8, 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) ^{1/}					
	Jan.-Mar. 1959	Week ending				
		April 11	April 18	April 25	May 2	
<u>UNITED STATES</u>	+ 8	+18	+ 6	+ 4	+ 8	
<u>Boston District</u>	+ 4	+25	- 3	+ 6	+ 6	
Metropolitan Areas						
Boston	Mass.	+ 4	+23	+ 2	+ 9	+ 6
Downtown Boston	"	- 4	+16	- 2	+ 2	0
Suburban Boston	"	+19	+37	+10	+22	+17
Cambridge	"	+ 7	+17	+ 8	+ 3	+ 9
Quincy	"	+19	+48	+14	+29	+10
Lowell	"	- 1	r+27	-14	- 3	+ 2
City						
Springfield	"	+12	+ 4	-13	- 4	+10
<u>New York District</u>	+ 4	+18	+ 8	*	*	
Metropolitan Areas						
Buffalo	N. Y.	+ 3	+17	+10	- 1	- 1
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J.	+ 3	+18	+ 9	*	*
Newark	N. J.	+ 3	+15	+26	*	*
New York	N. Y.	- 1	+15	+ 4	*	*
Rochester	"	+ 9	+22	- 3	r+ 9	+ 2
Syracuse	"	+ 1	+18	+ 8	+ 4	+ 4
<u>Philadelphia District</u>	+ 9	+32	- 2	- 1	- 1	
Metropolitan Areas						
Wilmington	Del.	+13	+21	+ 7	r+12	+ 3
Trenton	N. J.	+ 7	+14	- 8	+ 4	+26
Lancaster	Pa.	+26	+23	+16	r+55	+13
Philadelphia	"	+ 8	+34	- 4	r- 7	- 6
Reading	"	+13	+47	+ 1	+ 9	+ 6
Scranton	"	+10	+42	- 1	r 0	0
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	+ 1	+ 8	+23	+ 3	+ 3
<u>Cleveland District</u>	+ 6	+23	+12	+ 1	+ 6	
Metropolitan Areas						
Lexington	Ky.	+11	+13	+37	-15	- 5
Canton	Ohio	+ 7	+35	- 1	+ 7	+12
Cincinnati	"	+ 7	+15	+ 8	- 6	- 7
Cleveland	"	+ 6	+36	r+ 7	+3	+ 8
Downtown Cleveland	"	*	+36	r+ 6	- 1	+ 6
Columbus	"	+ 9	+19	+ 8	+10	+11
Springfield	"	+11	+35	- 7	+14	+ 6
Youngstown	"	+ 5	+18	r+15	+10	+13
Erie	Pa.	+ 8	+20	r+11	+ 7	+ 8
Pittsburgh	"	+ 6	+15	r+22	- 1	+ 4
Downtown Pittsburgh	"	*	+15	r+21	- 2	+ 3
Wheeling-Steubenville W. Va.&Ohio		+11	+26	+ 5	0	+ 5

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<u>Richmond District</u>	<u>+12</u>	<u>+15</u>	<u>- 6</u>	<u>+ 1</u>	<u>+ 1</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Washington D. C.	+13	+12	-11	+ 6	+10
Downtown Washington	" + 6	+ 3	-13	- 1	+ 2
Baltimore Md.	+10	+20	- 6	- 4	- 4
Downtown Baltimore	" + 1	+11	-17	-10	-18
Richmond Va.	+ 6	+11	0	- 3	- 7
<u>Atlanta District</u>	<u>+10</u>	<u>+18</u>	<u>+ 7</u>	<u>+ 2</u>	<u>+ 3</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Birmingham Ala.	+ 7	+16	+11	+ 3	- 9
Mobile "	+ 9	+39	+ 1	-11	+ 6
Jacksonville Fla.	+17	+22	+10	+ 3	+31
Miami "	+ 8	+ 6	+ 4	+ 5	+ 4
Downtown Miami	" + 4	+ 1	- 1	+ 4	+ 5
Atlanta Ga.	+ 8	+20	+ 9	- 1	+ 2
Augusta "	+20	+30	+12	- 3	+ 7
Columbus "	+ 7	+ 7	-11	+ 2	-23
New Orleans La.	+ 7	+33	+ 8	- 2	*
Knoxville Tenn.	+12	+ 2	+ 6	+ 7	+ 4
<u>Chicago District</u>	<u>+ 7</u>	<u>+14</u>	<u>+ 8</u>	<u>+ 7</u>	<u>+10</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Chicago Ill.	+ 2	+10	+ 3	+ 3	+ 5
Indianapolis Ind.	+10	+14	+ 6	+14	+13
Detroit Mich.	+12	+17	+22	+14	+14
Grand Rapids "	+ 6	+ 9	+16	+10	+13
Milwaukee Wis.	+ 5	+16	- 4	+ 6	+ 8
<u>St. Louis District</u>	<u>+ 9</u>	<u>+13</u>	<u>+ 6</u>	<u>+ 2</u>	<u>+12</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Little Rock Ark.	+11	+13	+23	- 6	+ 1
Louisville Ky.	+10	+11	+17	- 2	+ 7
St. Louis Mo.	+ 8	+11	+ 1	0	+10
Memphis Tenn.	+14	+19	+13	+11	+35
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	<u>+ 6</u>	<u>+ 5</u>	<u>+ 8</u>	<u>+ 3</u>	<u>+ 4</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Mpls.-St. Paul Minn.	+ 5	+ 5	+ 8	+ 3	*
Mpls. and Suburbs "	+ 4	+ 3	+ 2	+ 3	*
St. Paul "	+ 8	+12	+20	+ 6	- 3
Cities					
Duluth-Superior Minn.&Wis.	+ 8	- 1	0	+ 7	+ 4

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<u>Kansas City District</u>	<u>+11</u>	<u>+11</u>	<u>+ 5</u>	<u>r+ 9</u>	<u>+13</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Denver Col.	+12	+ 6	+10	+ 8	+22
Topeka Kans.	+ 7	+13	- 9	+13	+ 2
Wichita "	+ 7	+14	- 8	- 8	- 2
Kansas City Mo.	+13	+10	+ 7	+11	+11
Downtown Kansas City "	*	- 4	- 3	- 4	+ 1
St. Joseph "	+ 8	+20	- 5	+ 2	0
Lincoln Nebr.	+ 9	+ 7	- 1	r+18	- 7
Albuquerque N. Mex.	+16	+27	+ 6	+19	*
Oklahoma City Okla.	+12	+25	+17	+ 5	+11
Tulsa "	+ 9	+14	+ 6	+18	+44
City					
Joplin Mo.	+ 5	- 2	- 4	+ 5	- 1
<u>Dallas District</u>	<u>+10</u>	<u>+17</u>	<u>+ 2</u>	<u>+ 9</u>	<u>+14</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Dallas Tex.	+11	+14	+11	+20	+37
El Paso "	+10	+14	- 4	0	+17
Fort Worth "	+13	+10	+ 5	+12	+17
Houston "	+ 9	+25	+15	+20	+ 7
San Antonio "	+10	+11	+ 5	- 3	+11
<u>San Francisco District</u>	<u>+14</u>	<u>+13</u>	<u>+ 4</u>	<u>+ 4</u>	<u>+ 6</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Los Angeles-Long Beach Calif.	+15	+10	+ 3	- 1	+10
Downtown Los Angeles "	+ 5	- 2	- 4	- 7	+ 6
Westside Los Angeles "	+11	+ 5	-14	- 6	+ 7
Sacramento "	+26	+23	r+11	+19	+ 5
San Diego "	+16	+24	+ 5	+ 6	+10
San Francisco-Oakland "	+10	+13	+ 2	+ 4	+ 3
San Francisco City "	+10	+14	+ 2	+ 2	+ 2
Oakland "	+ 1	+ 2	- 8	+ 2	- 2
San Jose "	+25	+15	+15	+17	+14
Portland Ore.	+13	+ 7	+ 5	+ 6	+ 6
Salt Lake City Utah	+13	+24	+ 5	+18	+14
Seattle Wash.	+11	+13	r 0	+ 3	+ 2
Spokane "	+ 4	+ 9	+ 6	+ 7	+ 1
Tacoma "	+11	+ 9	r+20	+11	+ 3

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*Data not available.

^{1/} 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.