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

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<u>Richmond District</u>	<u>+12</u>	<u>- 6</u>	<u>+ 1</u>	<u>+ 1</u>	<u>+15</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Washington D. C.	+13	-11	+ 6	r+ 8	+20
Downtown Washington	" + 6	-13	- 1	r 0	+13
Baltimore Md.	+10	- 6	- 4	r- 3	+ 9
Downtown Baltimore	" + 1	-17	-10	r-17	- 4
Richmond Va.	+ 6	0	- 3	- 7	+10
<u>Atlanta District</u>	<u>+10</u>	<u>+ 7</u>	<u>+ 2</u>	<u>+ 3</u>	<u>r+16</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Birmingham Ala.	+ 7	+11	+ 3	- 9	+15
Mobile "	+ 9	+ 1	-11	+ 6	+19
Jacksonville Fla.	+17	+10	+ 3	+31	+ 8
Miami "	+ 8	r+ 2	r+ 6	r+ 3	*
Downtown Miami	" + 4	r- 2	r+ 5	r+ 4	*
Atlanta Ga.	+ 8	+ 9	- 1	+ 2	*
Augusta "	+20	+12	- 3	+ 7	*
Columbus "	+ 7	-11	+ 7	-23	*
New Orleans La.	+ 7	+ 8	- 2	+ 1	+21
Knoxville Tenn.	+12	+ 6	+ 7	r+ 9	+12
<u>Chicago District</u>	<u>+ 7</u>	<u>+ 8</u>	<u>+ 7</u>	<u>+10</u>	<u>+20</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Chicago Ill.	+ 2	+ 3	+ 3	+ 5	+15
Indianapolis Ind.	+10	+ 6	+14	+13	+25
Detroit Mich.	+12	+22	+14	+14	+19
Grand Rapids "	+ 6	+16	+10	+13	+26
Milwaukee Wis.	+ 5	- 4	+ 6	+ 8	+25
<u>St. Louis District</u>	<u>+ 9</u>	<u>+ 6</u>	<u>+ 2</u>	<u>r+ 8</u>	<u>+23</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Little Rock Ark.	+11	+23	- 6	+ 1	+14
Louisville Ky.	+10	+17	- 2	+ 7	+19
St. Louis Mo.	+ 8	+ 1	0	+10	+20
Memphis Tenn.	+14	+13	+11	+35	+41
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	<u>+ 6</u>	<u>+ 8</u>	<u>+ 3</u>	<u>+ 4</u>	<u>r+15</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Mpls.-St. Paul Minn.	+ 5	+ 8	+ 3	*	*
Mpls. and Suburbs	" + 4	+ 2	+ 3	*	*
St. Paul "	+ 8	+20	+ 6	- 3	+21
Cities					
Duluth-Superior Minn.&Wis.	+ 8	0	+ 7	+ 4	+11

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<u>Kansas City District</u>		<u>+11</u>	<u>+ 5</u>	<u>+ 9</u>	<u>+13</u>	<u>+14</u>
Metropolitan Areas						
Denver	Col.	+12	+10	+ 8	+22	+12
Topeka	Kans.	+ 7	- 9	+13	+ 2	+15
Wichita	"	+ 7	- 8	- 8	- 2	+ 7
Kansas City	Mo.	+13	+ 7	+11	+11	+19
Downtown Kansas City	"	*	- 3	- 4	+ 1	+ 4
St. Joseph	"	+ 8	- 5	+ 2	0	+10
Lincoln	Nebr.	+ 9	- 1	+18	- 7	+21
Albuquerque	N. Mex.	+16	+ 6	+19	+20	+ 8
Oklahoma City	Okla.	+12	+17	+ 5	r+12	+10
Tulsa	"	+ 9	+ 6	+18	+44	+19
City						
Joplin	Mo.	+ 5	- 4	+ 5	- 1	- 1
<u>Dallas District</u>		<u>+10</u>	<u>+ 7</u>	<u>+ 9</u>	<u>+14</u>	<u>+ 8</u>
Metropolitan Areas						
Dallas	Tex.	+11	+11	+20	+37	+ 8
El Paso	"	+10	- 4	0	+17	+10
Fort Worth	"	+13	+ 5	+12	+17	+ 4
Houston	"	+ 9	+15	+20	+ 7	+14
San Antonio	"	+10	+ 5	- 3	+11	+ 3
<u>San Francisco District</u>		<u>+14</u>	<u>+ 4</u>	<u>+ 4</u>	<u>r+ 7</u>	<u>r+14</u>
Metropolitan Areas						
Los Angeles-Long Beach	Calif.	+15	+ 3	r- 2	+10	+21
Downtown Los Angeles	"	+ 5	- 4	- 7	+ 6	+ 6
Westside Los Angeles	"	+11	-14	- 6	+ 7	+11
Sacramento	"	+26	+11	+19	+ 5	+18
San Diego	"	+16	+ 5	r+ 5	+10	+20
San Francisco-Oakland	"	+10	+ 2	+ 4	+ 3	+ 7
San Francisco City	"	+10	+ 2	+ 2	+ 2	+ 4
Oakland	"	+ 1	- 8	+ 2	- 2	+ 1
San Jose	"	+25	+15	+17	+14	+20
Portland	Ore.	+13	+ 5	r+ 7	+ 6	+12
Salt Lake City	Utah	+13	+ 5	+18	+14	+11
Seattle	Wash.	+11	0	+ 3	+ 2	+ 6
Spokane	"	+ 4	+ 6	+ 7	+ 1	+ 5
Tacoma	"	+11	+20	+11	+ 3	+ 9

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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.