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May 22, 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 25	May 2	May 9	May 16
<u>UNITED STATES</u>	+8	+4	+7	+14	+9
<u>Boston District</u>	+4	+6	+6	+6	+10
Metropolitan Areas					
Boston	Mass. +4	+9	+6	+5	+8
Downtown Boston	" -4	+2	0	-2	0
Suburban Boston	" +19	+22	+17	+18	+22
Cambridge	" +7	+3	+9	+10	+7
Quincy	" +19	+29	+10	+14	+20
Lowell	" -1	-2	+1	0	-1
City					
Springfield	" +12	-5	+10	+5	+40
<u>New York District</u>	+4	*	*	*	+2
Metropolitan Areas					
Buffalo	N. Y. +3	-1	0	+6	+6
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J. +3	*	*	*	+6
Newark	N. J. +3	*	*	*	+7
New York	N. Y. -1	*	*	*	+3
Rochester	" +9	+8	+4	+8	+16
Syracuse	" +1	+4	+3	+10	+6
<u>Philadelphia District</u>	+9	-1	-1	+7	+8
Metropolitan Areas					
Wilmington	Del. +13	+12	+5	+5	+11
Trenton	N. J. +7	+2	+24	+12	+10
Lancaster	Pa. +26	+55	+12	+6	+19
Philadelphia	" +8	-7	-5	+6	+8
Reading	" +13	+9	+6	+20	+20
Scranton	" +10	0	0	+10	+15
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	" +1	+3	+4	+14	-2
<u>Cleveland District</u>	+6	+1	+5	+18	+11
Metropolitan Areas					
Lexington	Ky. +11	-15	+2	+17	+7
Canton	Ohio +7	+7	+14	+11	+6
Cincinnati	" +7	-6	-7	+36	+22
Cleveland	" +6	+3	+9	+19	+7
Downtown Cleveland	" *	-1	+7	+11	+2
Columbus	" +9	+10	+11	+21	+6
Springfield	" +11	+14	+6	+18	+8
Youngstown	" +5	+10	+13	+20	+13
Erie	Pa. +8	+5	+7	+14	+16
Pittsburgh	" +6	-4	0	+14	+6
Downtown Pittsburgh	" *	-5	-1	+13	+5
Wheeling-Steubenville	W.Va.&Ohio +11	0	+5	+20	+9

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<u>Richmond District</u>		+12	+ 1	+ 1	+15	+ 5
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Washington	D. C.	+13	+ 6	+ 8	+20	+10
Downtown Washington	"	+ 6	- 1	0	r+12	+ 5
Baltimore	Md.	+10	- 4	- 3	r+10	- 2
Downtown Baltimore	"	+ 1	-10	-17	r- 3	-13
Richmond	Va.	+ 6	- 3	- 7	+10	+ 2
<u>Atlanta District</u>		+10	+ 2	+ 3	+16	r+ 4
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Birmingham	Ala.	+ 7	+ 3	- 9	+15	- 4
Mobile	"	+ 9	-11	+ 6	+19	+ 9
Jacksonville	Fla.	+17	+ 3	+31	+ 3	-16
Miami	"	+ 8	+ 6	+ 3	+15	+13
Downtown Miami	"	+ 4	+ 5	+ 4	+13	+13
Atlanta	Ga.	+ 8	- 1	r+ 1	+17	+ 2
Augusta	"	+20	- 3	+ 7	+34	0
Columbus	"	+ 7	+ 7	-23	+11	- 1
New Orleans	La.	+ 7	- 2	+ 1	+21	+ 1
Knoxville	Tenn.	+12	+ 7	+ 9	+12	+ 1
<u>Chicago District</u>		+ 7	+ 7	r+11	r+21	+10
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Chicago	Ill.	+ 2	+ 3	+ 5	+15	+ 4
Indianapolis	Ind.	+10	+14	+13	+25	+13
Detroit	Mich.	+12	+14	+14	+19	+22
Grand Rapids	"	+ 6	+10	+13	+26	+ 5
Milwaukee	Wis.	+ 5	+ 6	+ 8	+25	+15
<u>St. Louis District</u>		+ 9	+ 2	c+12	+23	r+ 5
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Little Rock	Ark.	+11	- 6	+ 1	+14	+ 5
Louisville	Ky.	+10	- 2	+ 7	+19	+ 5
St. Louis	Mo.	+ 8	0	+10	+20	+ 4
Memphis	Tenn.	+14	+11	+35	+41	+16
<u>Minneapolis District</u>		+ 6	+ 3	+ 4	+15	- 2
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Mpls.-St. Paul	Minn.	+ 5	+ 3	*	*	*
Mpls. and Suburbs	"	+ 4	+ 3	*	*	*
St. Paul	"	+ 8	+ 6	- 3	+21	+ 3
<u>Cities</u>						
Duluth-Superior	Minn. & Wis.	+ 8	+ 7	+ 4	+11	+ 3

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<u>Kansas City District</u>	+11	+ 9	+13	+14	+ 7	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Denver	Col.	+12	+ 8	+22	+12	+15
Topeka	Kans.	+ 7	+13	+ 2	+15	- 3
Wichita	"	+ 7	- 8	- 2	+ 7	0
Kansas City	Mo.	+13	+11	+11	+19	+ 6
Downtown Kansas City	"	*	- 4	+ 1	+ 4	- 7
St. Joseph	"	+ 8	+ 2	0	+10	- 6
Lincoln	Nebr.	+ 9	+18	- 7	+21	- 2
Albuquerque	N. Mex.	+16	+19	+20	+ 8	+16
Oklahoma City	Okla.	+12	+ 5	+12	+10	+ 9
Tulsa	"	+ 9	+18	+14	+19	+12
City						
Joplin	Mo.	+ 5	+ 5	- 1	- 1	- 3
<u>Dallas District</u>		+10	+ 9	+14	+ 8	+ 7
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Dallas	Tex.	+11	+20	+37	+ 8	+ 9
El Paso	"	+10	0	+17	+10	+12
Fort Worth	"	+13	+12	+17	+ 4	+ 4
Houston	"	+ 9	+20	+ 7	+14	+ 7
San Antonio	"	+10	- 3	+11	+ 3	+12
<u>San Francisco District</u>		+14	+ 4	+ 7	+14	+ 9
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Los Angeles-Long Beach	Calif.	+15	- 2	+10	+21	+ 3
Downtown Los Angeles	"	+ 5	- 7	+ 6	+ 6	+ 9
Westside Los Angeles	"	+11	- 6	r+ 8	+11	+ 1
Sacramento	"	+26	+19	r+ 6	+18	+17
San Diego	"	+16	+ 5	+10	+20	+16
San Francisco-Oakland	"	+10	+ 4	+ 3	+ 7	+ 8
San Francisco City	"	+10	+ 2	+ 2	+ 4	+ 8
Oakland	"	+ 1	+ 2	- 2	+ 1	- 4
San Jose	"	+25	+17	+14	+20	+21
Portland	Ore.	+13	+ 7	r+ 7	+12	+13
Salt Lake City	Utah	+13	+18	+14	+11	+27
Seattle	Wash.	+11	+ 3	+ 2	+ 6	+ 2
Spokane	"	+ 4	+ 7	+ 1	+ 5	+ 7
Tacoma	"	+11	+11	r+ 2	+ 9	+ 7

r--Revised. c--Corrected. \*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.