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## BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
March 25, 1960.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. 1960	Week ending				
		Feb. 27	March 5	March 12	March 19	
<u>UNITED STATES</u>	+1	-7	-17	r-7	-6	
<u>Boston District</u>	+1	+5	-31	+10	-12	
Metropolitan Areas						
Boston	Mass.	+2	+8	-31	+7	-13
Downtown Boston	"	+2	+9	-29	-2	-11
Suburban Boston	"	+3	+8	-37	+24	-15
Cambridge	"	+7	+12	-26	+24	-4
Quincy	"	+1	-8	-42	+11	-15
Lowell	"	-3	+2	-34	r+6	-37
City						
Springfield	"	-6	-5	-27	+25	0
<u>New York District</u>	+1	-2	-23	+1	-3	
Metropolitan Areas						
Buffalo	N.Y.	-6	-18	-24	-5	-9
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J.	+2	+2	-25	+1	-2
Newark	N.J.	-3	+6	-21	r-14	-18
New York	N.Y.	-2	-4	-23	-2	-4
Rochester	"	+3	-26	+3	+4	-7
Syracuse	"	+2	-15	-16	+5	-1
<u>Philadelphia District</u>	+3	0	r-32	r-11	-8	
Metropolitan Areas						
Wilmington	Del.	0	+1	-25	-14	-7
Trenton	N.J.	+6	+8	-26	-4	-8
Lancaster	Pa.	+1	-5	-41	r-12	-11
Philadelphia	"	+4	-1	-34	-15	-6
Reading	"	+4	-4	-34	-4	+2
Scranton	"	-7	+27	-30	+18	-12
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	+9	-17	-36	r+10	-19
<u>Cleveland District</u>	+5	-8	-20	-2	-10	
Metropolitan Areas						
Lexington	Ky.	-8	-8	-36	-30	-10
Akron	Ohio	+5	-4	-10	+16	-10
Canton	"	+4	+19	-23	+7	-11
Cincinnati	"	+6	-12	-21	-19	-12
Cleveland	"	+5	0	-22	+6	-6
Downtown Cleveland	"	0	-5	-23	-1	-7
Columbus	"	+10	-9	-21	0	-7
Springfield	"	+6	-12	-1	+9	-10
Toledo	"	*	-13	-20	-4	-9
Youngstown	"	+12	-2	-5	+4	-1
Erie	Pa.	-7	-18	-19	+8	-14
Pittsburgh	"	+9	-10	-22	-4	-13
Downtown Pittsburgh	"	+8	-11	-23	-7	-15
Wheeling	W.Va.	-2	-15	-32	-11	-4

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<u>Richmond District</u>		- 2	- 2	-31	r-22	-15
Metropolitan Areas						
Washington	D.C.	+ 1	0	-30	-18	-13
Downtown Washington	"	- 5	- 7	-33	-21	-14
Baltimore	Md.	- 9	+ 2	-34	-17	-17
Downtown Baltimore	"	-20	- 7	-37	r-21	-19
Richmond	Va.	- 5	-11	-29	-31	-19
<u>Atlanta District</u>		- 2	- 2	-21	-10	- 1
Metropolitan Areas						
Birmingham	Ala.	- 7	- 4	-12	-15	+ 7
Mobile	"	- 8	- 4	-25	-10	- 1
Jacksonville	Fla.	+16	+17	+10	+13	*
Miami	"	+ 2	+ 4	- 2	+ 2	*
Tampa-St. Petersburg	"	+ 9	+ 4	- 6	- 9	+ 7
Atlanta	Ga.	+ 1	+ 1	-39	r-21	- 3
Augusta	"	+ 8	-12	-16	- 4	-10
Columbus	"	- 3	-20	-13	- 4	- 7
New Orleans	La.	- 7	- 6	-39	r+ 1	- 8
Knoxville	Tenn.	+ 2	- 9	r-24	r-46	-10
Cities						
Central Atlanta	Ga.	-13	-13	-48	-33	-18
Miami-Downtown	Fla.	+ 1	+ 3	- 4	- 1	*
<u>Chicago District</u>		+ 3	-14	-12	- 7	- 4
Metropolitan Areas						
Chicago	Ill.	+ 2	-13	- 9	- 8	- 6
Indianapolis	Ind.	+ 5	-27	-22	+ 3	- 8
Detroit	Mich.	+ 9	-13	-20	- 8	+ 3
Grand Rapids	"	+ 6	-11	-14	+ 1	-14
Milwaukee	Wis.	+ 6	- 7	- 1	- 9	- 1
<u>St. Louis District</u>		+ 2	-19	-25	-23	-14
Metropolitan Areas						
Little Rock	Ark.	- 4	-23	-28	-16	-14
Louisville	Ky.	+ 9	- 1	-25	-37	- 8
St. Louis	Mo.	+ 4	-22	-24	-24	-16
Memphis	Tenn.	+ 1	-14	-22	-17	-12
<u>Minneapolis District</u>		+ 3	- 1	- 3	r-10	- 4
Metropolitan Areas						
Mpls.--St. Paul	Minn.	+ 6	0	*	- 9	*
Mpls. and Suburbs	"	+ 8	+ 3	*	- 7	*
St. Paul	"	+ 3	- 7	- 6	-15	- 9
Cities						
Duluth-Superior	Minn. & Wis.	- 1	-10	- 1	-13	- 9

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<u>Kansas City District</u>	- 5	-21	-13	-18	-21
Metropolitan Areas					
Denver	Col. + 2	-18	- 4	r- 3	- 5
Topeka	Kans. - 5	-23	-23	-33	-36
Wichita	" -10	-34	-29	-27	-22
Kansas City	Mo.-Kans. + 3	-19	-11	-27	-35
Downtown Kansas City	Mo. 0	-25	-11	-31	-35
St. Joseph	" - 3	-32	- 8	-49	-46
Lincoln	Nebr. - 6	-21	+ 2	r-29	-20
Albuquerque	N.Mex. - 5	-11	-11	- 7	- 7
Oklahoma City	Okla. - 7	-27	-35	-28	-18
Tulsa	" - 1	-34	-33	0	-25
City					
Joplin	Mo. + 2	-30	-31	-27	-15
<u>Dallas District</u>	- 1	-12	- 7	- 8	- 4
Metropolitan Areas					
Dallas	Tex. + 3	-12	- 4	-10	- 7
El Paso	" -16	-30	+ 5	- 6	-17
Fort Worth	" - 4	-21	-17	-20	-11
Houston	" + 5	+ 1	- 6	0	- 2
San Antonio	" - 8	-16	-15	-21	- 1
<u>San Francisco District</u>	- 2	- 3	- 5	- 3	- 3
Metropolitan Areas					
Los Angeles-Long Beach	Calif. - 1	- 4	- 4	- 6	- 1
Downtown Los Angeles	" - 5	-12	- 5	- 4	- 1
Westside Los Angeles	" - 2	+ 1	r- 3	- 5	- 1
Sacramento	" - 1	- 6	- 2	- 3	+ 3
San Diego	" - 6	- 6	- 8	- 3	+ 8
San Francisco-Oakland	" + 1	0	- 1	- 2	- 2
San Francisco City	" 0	- 1	0	+ 1	- 2
Oakland	" - 4	- 4	r- 6	- 9	- 2
San Jose	+ 6	- 5	r 0	+ 4	+ 5
Portland	Ore. - 7	+ 6	-16	+ 1	- 3
Salt Lake City	Utah - 3	-17	- 6	- 6	- 1
Seattle	Wash. - 6	- 8	-11	- 6	-13
Spokane	" - 4	- 5	r-16	- 4	-11
Tacoma	" - 6	- 6	- 7	- 7	- 9

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<sup>1/</sup> During March and April changes from a year ago reflect in part the fact that last year Easter was on March 29 while this year it will be on April 17. For this reason it is estimated that in comparison with last year an allowance should be made for a decrease in sales of about 8 per cent for the month of March as a whole and a corresponding increase for the month of April. These figures apply to the figures for the United States.