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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)				2 mos. 1962	
	Week ending					
	Mar. 31*	Mar. 24	Mar. 17	Mar. 10		
<u>UNITED STATES</u>	-2	+1	-1	-6	+6	
<u>Boston District</u>	-8	-2	-2	-3	+5	
Metropolitan Areas						
Boston	Mass.	-13	-6	-4	-7	+4
Downtown Boston	"	-16	-8	-7	-10	0
Suburban Boston	"	-9	-3	0	-3	+9
Cambridge	"	+2	+9	+4	-3	+8
Quincy	"	-13	-5	-12	-12	0
Lowell	"	-1	r+6	-12	-7	+1
City						
Springfield	"	-5	-8	-6	+10	+5
<u>New York District</u>		0	0	-5	-8	+8
Metropolitan Areas						
Buffalo	N.Y.	-10	-1	-4	-1	+6
New York-N.E. New Jersey, N.Y.-N.J.		+3	0	-6	-10	+9
Newark	N.J.	-3	-3	+2	-21	+4
New York	N.Y.	+6	0	-13	-10	+7
Rochester	"	-11	r-6	+2	+7	+5
Syracuse	"	-3	+15	-1	+2	+4
<u>Philadelphia District</u>		+5	-3	-8	-18	+7
Metropolitan Areas						
Wilmington	Del.	+3	r+3	-12	-9	+12
Trenton	N.J.	-5	r-8	-1	-22	+3
Lancaster	Pa.	+6	+7	-6	-7	+6
Philadelphia	"	+8	-3	-9	-22	+7
Reading	"	+1	+7	-8	+4	+8
Scranton	"	-23	-18	-6	+3	+6
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	-7	-9	-9	-6	+7
<u>Cleveland District</u>		-4	-4	-7	-16	+5
Metropolitan Areas						
Lexington	Ky.	-16	-12	-3	-17	+13
Akron	Ohio	-8	-4	-6	-3	+19
Canton	"	-18	-12	-8	-22	+3
Cincinnati	"	-14	-6	-7	-15	+8
Cleveland	"	-5	-1	-9	-7	+2
Downtown Cleveland	"	-13	-9	-13	-17	-7
Columbus	"	-4	-1	0	-25	+6
Springfield	"	-11	-4	-10	-2	+2
Toledo	"	+19	+9	r 0	-10	+2
Youngstown	"	-9	-4	-9	-13	+4
Erie	Pa.	-19	-5	r-2	-3	+9
Pittsburgh	"	+6	-3	r-11	-29	+4
Downtown Pittsburgh	"	+11	-5	-12	-25	-3
Wheeling	W.Va.	-13	-4	-10	-26	+4

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<u>Richmond District</u>	- 3	r- 1	- 7	-22		+ 8
Metropolitan Areas						
Washington D.C.	- 1	r- 1	-12	-19		+ 6
Downtown Washington "	- 1	r- 6	-12	-17		+ 5
Baltimore Md.	- 5	- 8	- 4	-22		+12
Downtown Baltimore "	- 4	-13	-13	-26		+ 3
Richmond Va.	- 8	+15	- 4	-36		+ 3
<u>Atlanta District</u>	- 6	0	+ 3	-10		+ 8
Metropolitan Areas						
Birmingham Ala.	-24	-11	-10	+11		+ 4
Hobile "	- 3	+ 2	0	- 6		+ 8
Jacksonville Fla.	-10	-12	- 1	-13		+ 2
Miami "	+ 9	+16	+10	- 3		+ 8
Tampa-St. Petersburg "	0	+ 8	+ 6	+ 3		+22
Atlanta Ga.	+ 1	+ 3	+ 7	- 4		+12
Augusta "	- 8	- 5	+ 9	-28		+ 5
New Orleans La.	-22	- 9	+11	-41		+ 2
Cities						
Miami-Downtown Fla.	+14	+11	+ 2	- 5		+ 3
Central Atlanta Ga.	- 1	+ 3	+ 9	- 4		+10
<u>Chicago District</u>	+ 6	+ 4	+ 3	- 1		+ 3
Metropolitan Areas						
Chicago Ill.	+ 9	+ 4	+ 6	- 1		- 1
Indianapolis Ind.	+ 1	+ 3	+ 4	- 9		+ 5
Detroit Mich.	+ 4	+ 2	+ 1	+ 3		+ 9
Milwaukee Wis.	0	- 3	-11	+10		+ 6
<u>St. Louis District</u>	- 3	+ 4	- 2	-12		+ 1
Metropolitan Areas						
Little Rock Ark.	-19	-13	r+ 1	-19		- 3
Louisville Ky.	- 9	- 8	- 7	- 5		+13
St. Louis Mo.	0	+ 9	r 0	-13		+ 5
Memphis Tenn.	- 5	+ 5	r- 5	-10		+ 5
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	- 5	- 3	-12	- 1		- 1
Metropolitan Areas						
Mpls.-St. Paul Minn.	- 6	- 4	-12	**		- 1
Hvls. and Suburban "	- 4	- 4	r-13	**		0
Minneapolis "	- 3	- 7	r-16	**		**
St. Paul & Suburban "	-10	- 2	-10	+ 2		- 2
Cities						
Duluth-Superior Minn. & Wis.	- 9	- 1	- 4	+ 1		- 4

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<u>Kansas City District</u>	-6	+6	-3	-1	+2
Metropolitan Areas					
Denver	Col. -12	-1	+4	+1	+1
Topeka	Kans. -9	+2	-11	-10	-4
Wichita	" -9	+1	+5	+3	-1
Kansas City	Mo.-Kans. -3	+5	+6	-1	+2
Downtown Kansas City	Mo. -7	-7	+6	-4	-2
St. Joseph	" +17	+15	-15	-15	-5
Lincoln	Nebr. +1	r+5	-10	-7	-2
Omaha	" -8	r+3	-9	-6	-4
Albuquerque	N.Mex. -10	-9	-11	-7	+22
Oklahoma City	Oklahoma -5	+42	-25	+5	+4
Tulsa	" -11	+13	+1	0	+2
City					
Joplin	Mo. +24	-5	-1	+7	+8
<u>Dallas District</u>	-7	-1	-3	+3	+8
Metropolitan Areas					
Dallas	Tex. +2	-1	-4	+6	+6
El Paso	" -7	-9	-3	+5	0
Fort Worth	" -7	+1	-18	+16	+11
Houston	" -3	+7	+11	+4	+12
San Antonio	" -17	+3	-4	-4	+7
<u>San Francisco District</u>	-7	+2	+7	+1	+10
Metropolitan Areas					
Los Angeles-Long Beach	Calif. -9	-1	+3	0	+8
Downtown Los Angeles	" -16	-10	-3	-8	+3
Westside Los Angeles	" -2	-1	+3	0	+6
Sacramento	" -6	-1	+10	+2	+18
San Diego	" -2	+7	r 0	-3	+26
San Francisco-Oakland	" -11	+3	+11	-2	+8
San Francisco	" -10	+3	+8	-3	+5
Oakland	" -9	0	+22	+1	+6
San Jose	" -8	-1	r-3	-6	+17
Portland	Ore. -9	+1	+8	+3	+6
Salt Lake City	Utah +13	+8	+6	-8	+7
Seattle	Wash. -1	+15	+20	+12	+13
Spokane	" -7	+5	-3	+1	+13
Tacoma	" -10	+9	+21	+19	+9

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**Not available.

* Interpretation of the weekly percentage changes during the Easter season is affected by the shifting date of the holiday (this year, April 22 and last year, April 2). Adjustment factors have been developed for this calendar irregularity. For the week ending March 31, the factor is -10; this yields an "adjusted" year-to-year change for the United States of +8 per cent.