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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)					
	Week ending				3 mos. 1962	
	Apr. 28*	Apr. 21	Apr. 14	Apr. 7		
<u>UNITED STATES</u>	+ 5	+15	+17	+22	+ 3	
<u>Boston District</u>	+ 1	+23	+28	+22	+ 2	
Metropolitan Areas						
Boston	Mass.	0	+24	+31	+24	- 1
Downtown Boston	"	- 3	+14	+25	+20	- 4
Suburban Boston	"	+ 4	+37	+38	+30	+ 4
Cambridge	"	+ 4	+27	+22	+18	+ 6
Quincy	"	- 1	+29	+20	+18	- 4
Lowell	"	+ 7	r+50	+13	-12	+ 2
City						
Springfield	"	-10	+12	+26	+11	+ 3
<u>New York District</u>		- 4	+19	+24	+22	+ 4
Metropolitan Areas						
Buffalo	N.Y.	+ 6	+24	+28	+17	+ 2
New York-N.E.New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J.	- 7	+18	+25	+24	+ 5
Newark	N.J.	-10	+ 6	+16	+28	- 1
New York	N.Y.	- 5	+12	+21	+18	+ 2
Rochester	"	+ 3	+30	+18	+ 5	+ 2
Syracuse	"	+14	r- 3	+ 9	+20	+ 4
<u>Philadelphia District</u>		- 2	+11	+35	+22	+ 2
Metropolitan Areas						
Wilmington	Del.	-10	+24	+39	+38	+ 6
Trenton	N.J.	-15	- 3	+41	+14	- 1
Lancaster	Pa.	-10	r-11	+27	+31	+ 3
Philadelphia	"	- 2	+10	+39	+20	+ 1
Reading	"	+11	+10	+ 7	+38	+ 5
Scranton	"	- 1	+33	+30	+17	- 2
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	+ 6	+35	+29	+33	+ 2
<u>Cleveland District</u>		+10	+11	+17	+26	0
Metropolitan Areas						
Lexington	Ky.	+14	+ 3	r+ 9	+28	+ 7
Akron	Ohio	+15	+17	+15	+12	+16
Canton	"	- 2	+33	+22	+35	- 3
Cincinnati	"	+13	+11	+37	+36	+ 2
Cleveland	"	+12	+21	+14	+10	0
Downtown Cleveland	"	+ 3	+ 1	- 6	- 6	- 8
Columbus	"	+36	+32	0	+39	+ 1
Springfield	"	+26	+16	+13	+16	0
Toledo	"	+25	- 1	+30	+41	+ 3
Youngstown	"	- 3	+21	r+20	+10	- 1
Erie	Pa.	+ 3	+36	r+12	+20	+ 3
Pittsburgh	"	+ 6	- 9	r+13	+34	- 1
Downtown Pittsburgh	"	+ 5	-15	r+ 6	+32	- 4
Wheeling	W.Va.	+ 1	+17	+15	+42	- 2

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<u>Richmond District</u>	+ 3	r+21	+19	+22	+ 2
Metropolitan Areas					
Washington D.C.	+ 5	r+17	+17	+17	+ 2
Downtown Washington "	+ 5	r+14	+11	+11	0
Baltimore Md.	+ 3	+24	+26	+31	- 7
Downtown Baltimore "	- 6	r+ 5	+12	+17	- 4
Richmond Va.	- 9	r+22	+ 8	+14	- 1
<u>Atlanta District</u>	- 3	r+14	+20	+13	+ 4
Metropolitan Areas					
Birmingham Ala.	-15	- 3	+18	- 6	+ 1
Mobile "	- 3	+37	+22	+11	+ 2
Jacksonville Fla.	+ 8	+ 5	+13	+13	- 3
Miami "	+13	+ 4	+24	- 2	+ 8
Tampa-St. Petersburg "	+25	r+29	+20	+18	+19
Atlanta Ga.	-24	+36	+29	+22	+ 9
Augusta "	- 3	r+40	+17	+45	- 1
New Orleans La.	- 2	+11	+16	+24	- 4
Cities					
Miami-Downtown Fla.	+10	+ 9	+20	- 8	+ 4
Central Atlanta Ga.	-25	r+29	+23	+18	+ 8
<u>Chicago District</u>	+ 8	+15	+13	+27	+ 4
Metropolitan Areas					
Chicago Ill.	+ 5	+19	+ 7	+28	+ 1
Indianapolis Ind.	+15	+21	+22	+21	+ 3
Detroit Mich.	+ 8	+14	+18	+37	+ 8
Milwaukee Wis.	+22	+22	- 1	0	+ 3
<u>St. Louis District</u>	+ 8	+11	+24	+19	- 3
Metropolitan Areas					
Little Rock Ark.	- 5	-12	+ 5	+ 1	- 4
Louisville Ky.	+13	+22	+21	+25	+ 6
St. Louis Mo.	+ 9	+10	+26	+18	+ 2
Memphis Tenn.	- 5	+23	+29	+19	+ 2
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	r+15	+22	0	+22	- 4
Metropolitan Areas					
Mpls.-St. Paul Minn.	+15	**	+ 1	+22	- 2
Mpls. and Suburban "	+ 7	**	+ 8	+21	- 1
Minneapolis "	- 1	**	+ 8	+15	**
St. Paul & Suburban "	+32	+12	-12	+24	- 3
Cities					
Duluth-Superior Minn.&Wis.	+14	+24	- 5	+15	- 3

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<u>Kansas City District</u>	+ 3	r+ 7	+10	+15	+ 3
Metropolitan Areas					
Denver Col.	- 3	+ 4	+11	+13	+ 1
Topeka Kans.	+ 4	+ 4	+ 3	+19	- 5
Wichita "	+11	- 7	+ 9	+ 8	+ 1
Kansas City Mo.-Kans.	+ 2	+14	+ 7	+18	+ 3
Downtown Kansas City Mo.	- 1	+24	+18	+13	- 1
St. Joseph "	+14	+ 2	+ 9	+22	- 1
Lincoln Nebr.	+11	r+ 4	+ 1	+13	- 3
Omaha "	+ 3	r+21	+18	+23	- 4
Albuquerque N.Mex.	+ 8	+ 8	+ 6	+15	+ 8
Oklahoma City Oklahoma	+ 1	+ 2	+ 6	+ 8	+ 4
Tulsa "	+ 1	0	+13	+ 3	+ 1
City					
Joplin Mo.	+ 7	+12	+24	+15	+ 8
<u>Dallas District</u>	- 2	+13	+ 2	+18	+ 6
Metropolitan Areas					
Dallas Tex.	+ 6	+10	+ 8	+17	+ 5
El Paso "	+ 9	+37	+29	+ 6	+ 1
Fort Worth "	+15	+16	+41	+19	+ 7
Houston "	+ 9	+24	- 5	+28	+11
San Antonio "	-17	+83	+20	+20	+ 3
<u>San Francisco District</u>	+15	r+10	+ 8	+16	+ 7
Metropolitan Areas					
Los Angeles-Long Beach Calif.	+19	+ 6	r- 4	+20	+ 6
Downtown Los Angeles "	+ 1	+23	- 6	+ 8	- 1
Westside Los Angeles "	+22	-24	r 0	+71	+ 4
Sacramento "	+21	+24	+12	+13	+13
San Diego "	+23	+29	+22	+14	+17
San Francisco-Oakland "	+ 5	+ 8	+13	+16	+ 6
San Francisco "	+ 5	+ 1	+10	+13	+ 3
Oakland "	+ 8	+11	+11	+19	+ 4
San Jose "	- 1	+19	+12	- 4	+13
Portland Ore.	+ 7	+ 5	+15	+ 8	+ 5
Salt Lake City Utah	+ 6	+40	+28	+27	+ 5
Seattle Wash.	+20	+26	+24	+23	+11
Spokane "	+26	+14	+ 2	+20	+ 8
Tacoma "	+ 9	+36	+22	+24	+ 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 April 28, the factor is - 7; this yields an "adjusted" year-to-year change for the United States of +12 per cent.