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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 |
| | May 5* | Apr. 28 | Apr. 21 | Apr. 14 | |
| <u>UNITED STATES</u> | +15 | +5 | +15 | +17 | +3 |
| <u>Boston District</u> | +5 | +1 | +23 | +28 | +2 |
| Metropolitan Areas | | | | | |
| Boston | 0 | 0 | +24 | +31 | -1 |
| Downtown Boston | -5 | -3 | +14 | +25 | -4 |
| Suburban Boston | +7 | +4 | +37 | +38 | +4 |
| Cambridge | +12 | +4 | +27 | +22 | +6 |
| Quincy | 0 | -1 | +29 | +20 | -4 |
| Lowell | 0 | +7 | +50 | +13 | +2 |
| City | | | | | |
| Springfield | +36 | -10 | +12 | +26 | +3 |
| <u>New York District</u> | +7 | -4 | +19 | +24 | +4 |
| Metropolitan Areas | | | | | |
| Buffalo | +12 | r+7 | +24 | +28 | +2 |
| New York-N.E. New Jersey, N.Y.-N.J. | +6 | -7 | +18 | +25 | +5 |
| Newark | +12 | r-11 | +6 | +16 | -1 |
| New York | +1 | -5 | +12 | +21 | +2 |
| Rochester | +15 | +3 | +30 | +18 | +2 |
| Syracuse | +12 | r+12 | -3 | +9 | +4 |
| <u>Philadelphia District</u> | +21 | r-3 | +11 | +35 | +2 |
| Metropolitan Areas | | | | | |
| Wilmington | +18 | -10 | +24 | +39 | +6 |
| Trenton | +26 | -15 | -3 | +41 | -1 |
| Lancaster | +6 | r-11 | -11 | +27 | +3 |
| Philadelphia | +22 | -2 | +10 | +39 | +1 |
| Reading | +20 | +11 | +10 | +7 | +5 |
| Scranton | +7 | -1 | +33 | +30 | -2 |
| Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton | +16 | +6 | +35 | +29 | +2 |
| <u>Cleveland District</u> | +15 | +10 | +11 | +17 | 0 |
| Metropolitan Areas | | | | | |
| Lexington | +12 | +14 | r+4 | +9 | +7 |
| Akron | -18 | +15 | +17 | +15 | +16 |
| Canton | +4 | -2 | +33 | +22 | -3 |
| Cincinnati | +21 | +13 | +11 | +37 | +2 |
| Cleveland | +18 | +12 | +21 | +14 | 0 |
| Downtown Cleveland | +5 | +3 | +1 | -6 | -8 |
| Columbus | +13 | +36 | +32 | 0 | +1 |
| Springfield | +25 | +26 | +16 | +13 | 0 |
| Toledo | +13 | +25 | -1 | +30 | +3 |
| Youngstown | +15 | -3 | r+22 | +20 | -1 |
| Erie | +14 | +3 | r+35 | +12 | +3 |
| Pittsburgh | +14 | +6 | r-10 | +13 | -1 |
| Downtown Pittsburgh | +11 | +5 | r-16 | +6 | -4 |
| Wheeling | +45 | +1 | +17 | +15 | -2 |
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| <u>Richmond District</u> | <u>+18</u> | <u>r+ 2</u> | <u>+21</u> | <u>+19</u> | <u>+ 2</u> |
| Metropolitan Areas | | | | | |
| Washington D.C. | +14 | r+ 3 | +17 | +17 | + 2 |
| Downtown Washington " | + 8 | r+ 2 | +14 | +11 | 0 |
| Baltimore Md. | +23 | + 3 | +24 | +26 | - 7 |
| Downtown Baltimore " | +14 | r- 5 | + 5 | +12 | - 4 |
| Richmond Va. | +19 | - 9 | +22 | + 8 | - 1 |
| <u>Atlanta District</u> | <u>+20</u> | <u>r- 2</u> | <u>+14</u> | <u>+20</u> | <u>+ 4</u> |
| Metropolitan Areas | | | | | |
| Birmingham Ala. | + 1 | -15 | - 3 | +18 | + 1 |
| Mobile " | +11 | - 3 | +37 | +22 | + 2 |
| Jacksonville Fla. | +13 | + 8 | + 5 | +13 | - 3 |
| Miami " | +10 | +13 | + 4 | +24 | + 8 |
| Tampa-St. Petersburg " | +31 | r+26 | +29 | +20 | +19 |
| Atlanta Ga. | ** | -24 | +36 | +29 | + 9 |
| Augusta " | ** | - 3 | +40 | +17 | - 1 |
| New Orleans La. | +17 | r- 4 | +11 | +16 | - 4 |
| Cities | | | | | |
| Miami-Downtown Fla. | + 9 | +10 | + 9 | +20 | + 4 |
| Central Atlanta Ga. | ** | -25 | +29 | +23 | + 8 |
| <u>Chicago District</u> | <u>+16</u> | <u>+ 8</u> | <u>+15</u> | <u>+13</u> | <u>+ 4</u> |
| Metropolitan Areas | | | | | |
| Chicago Ill. | +11 | + 5 | +19 | + 7 | + 1 |
| Indianapolis Ind. | + 5 | +15 | +21 | +22 | + 3 |
| Detroit Mich. | +11 | + 8 | +14 | +18 | + 8 |
| Milwaukee Wis. | + 4 | +22 | +22 | - 1 | + 3 |
| <u>St. Louis District</u> | <u>+12</u> | <u>+ 8</u> | <u>+11</u> | <u>+24</u> | <u>- 3</u> |
| Metropolitan Areas | | | | | |
| Little Rock Ark. | +16 | - 5 | -12 | + 5 | - 4 |
| Louisville Ky. | +15 | +13 | +22 | +21 | + 6 |
| St. Louis Mo. | + 5 | + 9 | +10 | +26 | + 2 |
| Memphis Tenn. | +25 | - 5 | +23 | +29 | + 2 |
| <u>Minneapolis District</u> | <u>r+15</u> | <u>+15</u> | <u>+22</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>- 4</u> |
| Metropolitan Areas | | | | | |
| Hpls.-St. Paul Minn. | ** | +15 | ** | + 1 | - 2 |
| Hpls. and Suburban " | ** | + 7 | ** | + 8 | - 1 |
| Minneapolis " | ** | - 1 | ** | + 8 | ** |
| St. Paul & Suburban " | ** | +32 | +12 | -12 | - 3 |
| Cities | | | | | |
| Duluth-Superior Minn.&Wis. | + 5 | +14 | +24 | - 5 | - 3 |

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| <u>Kansas City District</u> | | +21 | r+ 2 | + 7 | +10 | + 3 |
| Metropolitan Areas | | | | | | |
| Denver | Col. | +17 | - 3 | + 4 | +11 | + 1 |
| Topeka | Kans. | +19 | + 4 | + 4 | + 3 | - 5 |
| Wichita | " | +20 | +11 | - 7 | + 9 | + 1 |
| Kansas City | Mo.-Kans. | +24 | + 2 | +14 | + 7 | + 3 |
| Downtown Kansas City | Mo. | +11 | - 1 | +24 | +18 | - 1 |
| St. Joseph | " | +18 | +14 | + 2 | + 9 | - 1 |
| Lincoln | Nebr. | +18 | r+10 | + 4 | + 1 | - 3 |
| Omaha | " | + 6 | + 3 | +21 | +18 | - 4 |
| Albuquerque | N.Mex. | +15 | + 8 | + 8 | + 6 | + 8 |
| Oklahoma City | Oklahoma | +32 | + 1 | + 2 | + 6 | + 4 |
| Tulsa | " | +34 | + 1 | 0 | +13 | + 1 |
| City | | | | | | |
| Joplin | Mo. | +12 | + 7 | +12 | +24 | + 8 |
| <u>Dallas District</u> | | +24 | - 2 | +13 | + 9 | + 6 |
| Metropolitan Areas | | | | | | |
| Dallas | Tex. | +25 | + 6 | +10 | + 8 | + 5 |
| El Paso | " | + 9 | + 9 | +37 | +29 | + 1 |
| Fort Worth | " | +47 | +15 | +16 | +41 | + 7 |
| Houston | " | +26 | + 9 | +24 | - 5 | +11 |
| San Antonio | " | +27 | -17 | +83 | +20 | + 3 |
| <u>San Francisco District</u> | | +12 | +15 | +10 | + 8 | + 7 |
| Metropolitan Areas | | | | | | |
| Los Angeles-Long Beach Calif. | " | +10 | +19 | + 6 | - 4 | + 6 |
| Downtown Los Angeles | " | + 9 | + 1 | +23 | - 6 | - 1 |
| Westside Los Angeles | " | + 3 | +22 | -24 | 0 | + 4 |
| Sacramento | " | +14 | +21 | +24 | +12 | +13 |
| San Diego | " | +17 | +23 | +29 | +22 | +17 |
| San Francisco-Oakland | " | + 8 | + 5 | + 8 | +13 | + 6 |
| San Francisco | " | + 8 | + 5 | + 1 | +10 | + 3 |
| Oakland | " | + 8 | + 8 | +11 | +11 | + 4 |
| San Jose | " | - 1 | - 1 | r+18 | +12 | +13 |
| Portland | Ore. | +18 | + 7 | + 5 | +15 | + 5 |
| Salt Lake City | Utah | +17 | + 6 | +40 | +28 | + 5 |
| Seattle | Wash. | +19 | +20 | +26 | +24 | +11 |
| Spokane | " | +21 | +26 | +14 | + 2 | + 8 |
| Tacoma | " | +10 | + 9 | +36 | +22 | + 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 May 5, the factor is - 1; this yields an "adjusted" year-to-year change for the United States of +16 per cent.