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## WEEKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES - SELECTED CITIES AND AREAS

| Federal Reserve District<br>Area, and City | Percentage change from corresponding<br>period a year ago<br>(Based on retail dollar amounts) |             |         |        |        |
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|                                            | 6 mos.<br>1958                                                                                | Week ending |         |        |        |
|                                            |                                                                                               | July 19     | July 26 | Aug. 2 | Aug. 9 |
| <u>UNITED STATES</u>                       | - 3                                                                                           | + 2         | + 3     | + 3    | + 1    |
| <u>Boston District</u>                     | - 6                                                                                           | +14         | + 7     | +15    | + 1    |
| Metropolitan Areas                         |                                                                                               |             |         |        |        |
| Boston                                     | Mass. - 2                                                                                     | +17         | + 9     | +21    | + 6    |
| Downtown Boston                            | " - 7                                                                                         | +19         | + 7     | +18    | - 1    |
| Suburban Boston                            | " + 8                                                                                         | +14         | +13     | +26    | +17    |
| Cambridge                                  | " + 8                                                                                         | +15         | +24     | +21    | + 1    |
| Quincy                                     | " + 6                                                                                         | +14         | +11     | +12    | + 6    |
| Lowell                                     | " - 6                                                                                         | + 5         | -10     | - 9    | -17    |
| City                                       |                                                                                               |             |         |        |        |
| Springfield                                | " - 4                                                                                         | + 4         | - 5     | + 3    | - 7    |
| <u>New York District</u>                   | 0                                                                                             | + 7         | + 3     | + 4    | - 1    |
| Metropolitan Areas                         |                                                                                               |             |         |        |        |
| Buffalo                                    | N. Y. - 5                                                                                     | 0           | - 3     | + 3    | - 5    |
| New York-N.E. New Jersey                   | N.Y.-N.J. + 2                                                                                 | + 8         | + 4     | + 4    | 0      |
| Newark                                     | N. J. - 8                                                                                     | + 5         | - 2     | - 3    | - 5    |
| New York                                   | N. Y. - 3                                                                                     | + 1         | + 2     | + 1    | - 3    |
| Rochester                                  | " - 5                                                                                         | + 9         | - 1     | + 8    | - 2    |
| Syracuse                                   | " - 5                                                                                         | + 3         | - 8     | + 5    | - 6    |
| <u>Philadelphia District</u>               | - 4                                                                                           | + 9         | + 5     | + 8    | + 3    |
| Metropolitan Areas                         |                                                                                               |             |         |        |        |
| Wilmington                                 | Del. - 4                                                                                      | +11         | 0       | +15    | + 8    |
| Trenton                                    | N. J. - 4                                                                                     | + 6         | - 6     | +18    | + 5    |
| Lancaster                                  | Pa. + 1                                                                                       | +19         | + 9     | +27    | +10    |
| Philadelphia                               | " - 3                                                                                         | + 9         | + 7     | + 7    | + 3    |
| Reading                                    | " - 6                                                                                         | + 3         | - 4     | + 1    | + 4    |
| Scranton                                   | " - 2                                                                                         | +15         | +10     | +11    | + 5    |
| Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton                     | " - 6                                                                                         | + 4         | - 6     | + 3    | - 2    |
| <u>Cleveland District</u>                  | - 4                                                                                           | - 1         | - 2     | - 2    | - 2    |
| Metropolitan Areas                         |                                                                                               |             |         |        |        |
| Lexington                                  | Ky. - 3                                                                                       | - 6         | + 1     | - 2    | - 1    |
| Akron                                      | Ohio - 8                                                                                      | - 9         | - 5     | - 4    | -10    |
| Canton                                     | " -11                                                                                         | - 9         | -11     | - 9    | - 7    |
| Cincinnati                                 | " - 4                                                                                         | - 2         | + 6     | + 6    | - 1    |
| Cleveland                                  | " - 4                                                                                         | - 3         | - 7     | - 1    | - 3    |
| Downtown Cleveland                         | " *                                                                                           | -13         | -16     | -14    | -16    |
| Columbus                                   | " - 3                                                                                         | + 8         | + 3     | + 5    | - 1    |
| Springfield                                | " -11                                                                                         | - 3         | - 7     | -15    | - 7    |
| Youngstown                                 | " -15                                                                                         | -11         | -12     | -12    | -10    |
| Erie                                       | Pa. - 9                                                                                       | 0           | - 4     | - 5    | + 7    |
| Pittsburgh                                 | " - 1                                                                                         | + 3         | 0       | - 4    | + 1    |
| Downtown Pittsburgh                        | " *                                                                                           | + 3         | - 1     | - 7    | 0      |
| Wheeling-Steubenville W. Va.&Ohio          | - 8                                                                                           | + 6         | - 5     | + 1    | - 3    |

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| <u>Richmond District</u>                    |            | - 4                                                                                           | + 3         | + 7     | + 6    | + 3    |
| <u>Metropolitan Areas</u>                   |            |                                                                                               |             |         |        |        |
| Washington                                  | D. C.      | - 2                                                                                           | + 4         | +12     | + 9    | + 5    |
| Downtown Washington                         | "          | - 3                                                                                           | - 3         | +11     | + 4    | + 3    |
| Baltimore                                   | Md.        | - 6                                                                                           | + 4         | + 5     | + 6    | + 1    |
| Downtown Baltimore                          | "          | - 7                                                                                           | + 1         | + 2     | + 1    | - 3    |
| Richmond                                    | Va.        | - 6                                                                                           | 0           | + 1     | 0      | + 2    |
| <u>Atlanta District</u>                     |            | - 2                                                                                           | + 6         | + 6     | +11    | +11    |
| <u>Metropolitan Areas</u>                   |            |                                                                                               |             |         |        |        |
| Birmingham                                  | Ala.       | - 4                                                                                           | + 1         | + 1     | +26    | *      |
| Mobile                                      | "          | - 2                                                                                           | + 9         | + 7     | - 6    | +11    |
| Jacksonville                                | Fla.       | - 5                                                                                           | - 3         | + 4     | + 4    | 0      |
| Miami                                       | "          | + 1                                                                                           | + 2         | + 7     | + 4    | + 7    |
| Downtown Miami                              | "          | - 3                                                                                           | + 1         | + 2     | + 4    | + 2    |
| Atlanta                                     | Ga.        | + 1                                                                                           | + 8         | + 8     | +18    | +15    |
| Augusta                                     | "          | - 8                                                                                           | + 5         | + 4     | + 2    | + 3    |
| New Orleans                                 | La.        | - 5                                                                                           | - 3         | - 1     | + 3    | *      |
| Knoxville                                   | Tenn.      | - 6                                                                                           | + 1         | - 8     | - 3    | - 6    |
| <u>Chicago District</u>                     |            | - 6                                                                                           | - 2         | - 4     | - 2    | - 5    |
| <u>Metropolitan Areas</u>                   |            |                                                                                               |             |         |        |        |
| Chicago                                     | Ill.       | - 4                                                                                           | - 1         | - 2     | + 2    | - 4    |
| Indianapolis                                | Ind.       | -10                                                                                           | - 5         | -13     | 0      | - 3    |
| Detroit                                     | Mich.      | -10                                                                                           | - 4         | - 9     | - 8    | -11    |
| Grand Rapids                                | "          | - 7                                                                                           | + 1         | - 6     | + 4    | + 3    |
| Milwaukee                                   | Wis.       | - 4                                                                                           | - 2         | - 5     | + 3    | - 2    |
| <u>St. Louis District</u>                   |            | - 4                                                                                           | - 4         | + 3     | + 5    | + 2    |
| <u>Metropolitan Areas</u>                   |            |                                                                                               |             |         |        |        |
| Little Rock                                 | Ark.       | 0                                                                                             | + 6         | + 4     | + 1    | + 1    |
| Louisville                                  | Ky.        | - 5                                                                                           | + 2         | + 5     | + 1    | - 1    |
| St. Louis                                   | Mo.        | - 2                                                                                           | - 5         | + 2     | + 6    | + 2    |
| Memphis                                     | Tenn.      | - 7                                                                                           | - 6         | + 9     | +13    | + 5    |
| <u>Minneapolis District</u>                 |            | - 1                                                                                           | 0           | - 6     | - 1    | - 5    |
| <u>Metropolitan Areas</u>                   |            |                                                                                               |             |         |        |        |
| Minneapolis-St. Paul                        | Minn.      | - 1                                                                                           | 0           | - 6     | - 1    | - 5    |
| Minneapolis and Suburbs                     | "          | - 1                                                                                           | + 1         | - 7     | - 1    | - 5    |
| St. Paul                                    | "          | - 1                                                                                           | - 2         | - 3     | - 1    | - 4    |
| <u>Cities</u>                               |            |                                                                                               |             |         |        |        |
| Duluth-Superior                             | Minn.&Wis. | - 4                                                                                           | - 6         | - 9     | + 2    | - 5    |

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| <u>Kansas City District</u>                 |         | <u>0</u>                                                                                      | <u>+1</u>   | <u>+10</u> | <u>+1</u> | <u>+7</u> |
| Metropolitan Areas                          |         |                                                                                               |             |            |           |           |
| Denver                                      | Col.    | +1                                                                                            | +26         | +24        | +1        | +4        |
| Topeka                                      | Kans.   | 0                                                                                             | -4          | +1         | +6        | +16       |
| Wichita                                     | "       | -4                                                                                            | -15         | -8         | -7        | +3        |
| Kansas City                                 | Mo.     | -2                                                                                            | -15         | +1         | 0         | +7        |
| St. Joseph                                  | "       | -4                                                                                            | -12         | +2         | -10       | -4        |
| Albuquerque                                 | N. Mex. | +4                                                                                            | +17         | +15        | -3        | +14       |
| Oklahoma City                               | Okla.   | -1                                                                                            | -7          | +9         | +1        | +2        |
| Tulsa                                       | "       | +8                                                                                            | +1          | +40        | +8        | +23       |
| City                                        |         |                                                                                               |             |            |           |           |
| Joplin                                      | Mo.     | -6                                                                                            | -14         | -1         | +4        | -3        |
| <u>Dallas District</u>                      |         | <u>-2</u>                                                                                     | <u>-9</u>   | <u>+11</u> | <u>-4</u> | <u>+3</u> |
| Metropolitan Areas                          |         |                                                                                               |             |            |           |           |
| Dallas                                      | Tex.    | +1                                                                                            | -4          | +9         | -6        | +3        |
| El Paso                                     | "       | +2                                                                                            | +5          | +16        | +5        | +7        |
| Fort Worth                                  | "       | -1                                                                                            | -4          | +13        | +2        | +8        |
| Houston                                     | "       | -8                                                                                            | -23         | +11        | -7        | -5        |
| San Antonio                                 | "       | 0                                                                                             | +4          | +10        | 0         | +4        |
| <u>San Francisco District</u>               |         | <u>-2</u>                                                                                     | <u>0</u>    | <u>+3</u>  | <u>+1</u> | <u>+3</u> |
| Metropolitan Areas                          |         |                                                                                               |             |            |           |           |
| Los Angeles-Long Beach                      | Calif.  | -2                                                                                            | +2          | +5         | +3        | +1        |
| Downtown Los Angeles                        | "       | -8                                                                                            | -7          | -4         | 0         | -7        |
| Westside Los Angeles                        | "       | -2                                                                                            | 0           | +16        | 0         | +1        |
| Sacramento                                  | "       | +6                                                                                            | -5          | +6         | -13       | -3        |
| San Diego                                   | "       | -7                                                                                            | 0           | +11        | +12       | +7        |
| San Francisco-Oakland                       | "       | 0                                                                                             | +3          | -4         | +2        | +9        |
| San Francisco City                          | "       | -2                                                                                            | +1          | +3         | -2        | -2        |
| Oakland                                     | "       | -14                                                                                           | -9          | -26        | -13       | +8        |
| Portland                                    | Ore.    | -4                                                                                            | +4          | +3         | -2        | +7        |
| Salt Lake City                              | Utah    | -2                                                                                            | -4          | +3         | +5        | +8        |
| Seattle                                     | Wash.   | -2                                                                                            | -8          | -7         | -3        | 0         |
| Spokane                                     | "       | +1                                                                                            | +7          | +1         | -1        | -3        |
| Tacoma                                      | "       | -5                                                                                            | -7          | -3         | -5        | -6        |

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