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January 20, 1956WEEKLY 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)					
	Jan.- Nov.	week ending				
		Dec. 24*	Dec. 31	Jan. 7	Jan. 14	
<u>United States</u>	+ 7	+22	+10	-11	+ 5	
<u>Boston District</u>	+ 4	+20	+ 4	-19	- 8	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Boston	Mass.	+ 3	+21	0	-22	-10
Downtown Boston	"	0	+18	- 5	-20	-11
Suburban Boston	"	+ 8	+28	+18	-28	- 8
Cambridge	"	+ 5	+21	+ 9	-41	+15
Lynn	"	***	***	***	-14	-15
Quincy	"	+ 6	+22	- 4	-17	-15
Lowell	"	+10	+19	+25	- 4	-14
<u>Cities</u>						
Springfield	Mass.	+ 4	+18	+26	- 4	+10
Providence	R. I.	+ 4	+13	0	-12	-10
<u>New York District</u>		+ 3	+19	+11	-14	+ 6
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Buffalo	N. Y.	+ 2	+20	+12	-15	- 5
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N. Y.-N. J.	+ 4	+18	+10	-15	+ 8
Newark	N. J.	0	+15	+ 6	-11	+10
New York	N. Y.	0	+18	+ 9	-17	+ 5
Rochester	"	+ 2	+22	+12	r+ 1	+ 4
Syracuse	"	+ 5	+24	+25	r-11	+ 4
<u>Philadelphia District</u>		+ 7	+26	r+ 8	r-13	+ 3
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Wilmington	Del.	+ 9	+23	+13	r- 1	+13
Trenton	N. J.	+ 9	+10	+ 5	-20	+39
Lancaster	Pa.	+ 5	+22	+21	-10	+ 9
Philadelphia	"	+ 7	+29	r+ 7	r-14	+ 1
Reading	"	+10	+26	+15	- 2	0
Scranton	"	+ 3	+14	+ 5	r-13	- 2
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	+10	+16	+ 3	-11	0
<u>Cleveland District</u>		+11	+23	+11	-11	+10
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Lexington	Ky.	+ 2	+13	r- 2	-10	- 8
Akron	Ohio	+ 7	+21	+ 6	-11	+ 2
Cincinnati	"	+ 6	+21	r+ 9	- 5	+ 9
Cleveland	"	+ 7	+26	+14	-15	+ 7
Columbus	"	+ 8	+23	+19	-14	+ 6
Springfield	"	+12	+ 3	r+10	+ 2	+ 2
Toledo	"	+ 9	+18	r+16	-14	+11
Erie	Pa.	- 5	+13	r-12	-13	+14
Wheeling-Steubenville	W. Va.-Ohio	+ 7	+18	+ 7	- 6	+ 1
<u>City</u>						
Pittsburgh	Pa.	+20	+30	+ 6	- 9	+19

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<u>Richmond District</u>	<u>+ 9</u>	<u>+23</u>	<u>+ 7</u>	<u>r- 9</u>	<u>0</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Washington D. C.	+ 8	+27	+13	r- 8	0
Downtown Washington "	+ 4	+19	+ 4	r-19	- 8
Baltimore Md.	+ 4	+21	- 1	r-10	- 3
Richmond Va.	+ 9	+23	+ 3	r-12	+11
<u>Atlanta District</u>	<u>+10</u>	<u>+18</u>	<u>+ 9</u>	<u>r- 5</u>	<u>+ 8</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Birmingham Ala.	+ 9	r+16	+12	- 9	+10
Jacksonville Fla.	+ 6	+20	+18	- 9	+ 9
Atlanta Ga.	+11	+21	+ 5	r-10	+ 4
Augusta "	+ 2	+17	+ 6	-24	- 5
New Orleans La.	+ 6	+20	+11	-11	+ 8
Knoxville Tenn.	+12	+19	+16	r+21	0
Nashville "	+ 7	+19	+13	- 8	+ 7
City					
Tampa Fla.	+ 3	+ 9	- 2	+ 1	+ 4
<u>Chicago District</u>	<u>+ 8</u>	<u>+25</u>	<u>+18</u>	<u>- 9</u>	<u>+ 3</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Chicago Ill.	+ 5	+24	+12	-12	0
Indianapolis Ind.	+ 7	+25	+21	-11	+ 3
Detroit Mich.	+13	+25	+25	- 7	+ 4
Milwaukee Wis.	+ 2	+24	+22	- 8	+ 6
<u>St. Louis District</u>	<u>+ 8</u>	<u>+29</u>	<u>+12</u>	<u>r- 9</u>	<u>+11</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Little Rock Ark.	+ 1	+22	+ 8	-12	+13
Louisville Ky.	+ 6	+19	+24	- 7	+14
St. Louis Mo.	+ 8	+34	r+10	-10	+11
Memphis Tenn.	+ 5	+24	r+ 9	- 4	+ 7
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	<u>+ 4</u>	<u>+17</u>	<u>- 5</u>	<u>- 6</u>	<u>+10</u>
Cities					
Minneapolis Minn.	+ 4	+16	- 6	- 8	+12
St. Paul "	+ 2	+17	- 3	-10	+ 7
Duluth-Superior Minn. & Wis.	+ 2	+19	+ 4	+ 2	+12

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<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Denver Colo.	+15	r+24	r+28	- 5	+14
Topeka Kans.	+ 6	+23	+ 5	- 5	+ 7
Wichita "	+13	+15	+11	-18	+ 3
St. Joseph Mo.	+ 8	+14	+ 3	r- 5	+13
Albuquerque N. Mex.	+12	+22	- 2	**	**
Oklahoma City Okla.	+12	+19	+29	-11	+11
Tulsa "	+ 3	+23	+ 9	-21	+ 2
<u>City</u>					
Kansas City Mo.	+ 4	+15	+ 8	-14	- 1
<u>Dallas District</u>	+ 9	+20	+11	-12	+ 9
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Dallas Tex.	+10	+19	+ 7	-12	+ 4
El Paso "	+ 9	+21	+ 4	-13	+ 3
Fort Worth "	+ 9	+22	+18	- 1	+12
Houston "	+ 7	+19	r+11	-11	+14
San Antonio "	+ 7	+16	+22	-20	+12
<u>San Francisco District</u>	+ 8	+18	+ 9	-15	+ 2
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Los Angeles Calif.	+ 6	+17	+ 4	-16	- 2
Downtown Los Angeles "	0	+15	r- 1	-23	- 4
Westside Los Angeles "	+ 6	+18	r+ 4	-17	- 1
Sacramento "	+ 5	+15	+14	-11	+ 1
San Diego "	+ 5	+20	r+23	- 9	0
San Francisco-Oakland "	+ 8	+17	r+14	-17	+ 4
San Francisco City "	+ 4	+15	+16	-16	+ 3
Oakland City "	+ 2	+19	r+13	-18	+ 7
San Jose "	+12	+15	r+11	- 5	- 1
Portland Ore.	+ 5	+19	+11	-19	+ 9
Salt Lake City Utah	+12	+18	+ 3	-14	+ 9
Seattle Wash.	+ 6	+18	+12	-19	+ 3
Spokane "	+ 7	+17	+ 3	- 7	+14
Tacoma "	+11	+18	+ 4	- 6	+22

r--revised.

**--Data not available.

*--The large increases shown for this week reflect in part the fact that this year Christmas fell on Sunday and the week therefore included six days of heavy pre-Christmas shopping as compared with five days last year when Christmas fell on Saturday.