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February 24, 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)					
	Year 1955	Week ending				
		Jan. 28	Feb. 4	Feb. 11	Feb. 18	
<u>United States</u>	<u>+ 7</u>	<u>+ 8</u>	<u>+ 5</u>	<u>+ 5</u>	<u>+ 6</u>	
<u>Boston District</u>	<u>+ 4</u>	<u>+ 9</u>	<u>+ 5</u>	<u>- 1</u>	<u>- 2</u>	
Metropolitan Areas						
Boston	Mass.	+ 2	+ 9	+ 6	- 1	- 2
Downtown Boston	"	0	+ 7	+ 5	- 5	- 3
Suburban Boston	"	+ 8	+12	+ 8	+12	- 2
Cambridge	"	+ 6	+22	+10	+18	- 5
Lynn	"	*	+ 2	- 4	0	- 5
Quincy	"	+ 6	+ 1	+17	+ 9	- 9
Lowell	"	+10	+23	-18	-33	-13
Cities						
Springfield	Mass.	+ 5	+14	+12	+ 5	0
Providence	R. I.	+ 3	+ 3	+13	- 6	- 9
<u>New York District</u>		<u>+ 3</u>	<u>+ 8</u>	<u>+ 8</u>	<u>+ 1</u>	<u>+ 3</u>
Metropolitan Areas						
Buffalo	N. Y.	+ 3	+26	- 8	- 2	+ 2
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N. Y.-N. J.	+ 4	+ 6	+11	0	+ 3
Newark	N. Y.	0	+ 2	+10	0	+ 5
New York	N. Y.	0	+ 5	+ 9	- 1	+ 2
Rochester	"	+ 2	+ 9	+ 5	r+ 4	+ 7
Syracuse	"	+ 5	+ 4	0	r+ 6	+ 5
<u>Philadelphia District</u>		<u>+ 7</u>	<u>+15</u>	<u>+14</u>	<u>+ 8</u>	<u>+ 3</u>
Metropolitan Areas						
Wilmington	Del.	+ 9	+17	+52	r+34	+17
Trenton	N. J.	+ 7	- 8	- 1	+20	-11
Lancaster	Pa.	+ 5	+10	+19	+37	- 6
Philadelphia	"	+ 7	+16	+14	4	+ 4
Reading	"	+ 9	+15	+ 7	+20	- 6
Scranton	"	+ 3	+ 2	+24	r+ 5	+ 2
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	+ 9	+ 2	- 4	+ 5	+ 1
<u>Cleveland District</u>		<u>+10</u>	<u>+20</u>	<u>+12</u>	<u>+12</u>	<u>+13</u>
Metropolitan Areas						
Lexington	Ky.	+ 2	-14	+ 6	+24	+ 4
Akron	Ohio	+ 7	+15	- 2	+ 5	+10
Cincinnati	"	+ 5	- 3	+45	+ 4	+ 5
Cleveland	"	+ 7	+16	- 3	+12	+17
Columbus	"	+ 7	+17	+ 7	+18	+ 8
Springfield	"	+11	+11	-16	+22	+ 5
Toledo	"	+ 8	+11	+ 4	- 5	+12
Erie	Pa.	+ 5	+23	0	+19	+15
Wheeling-Steubenville	W. Va.-Ohio	+ 7	+22	+16	+10	+13
Pittsburgh	Pa.	+19	+46	+22	+23	+18

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<u>Richmond District</u>	<u>+ 8</u>	<u>+ 8</u>	<u>- 2</u>	<u>r+ 8</u>	<u>+ 4</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Washington D. C.	+ 8	+10	+ 8	r+20	+ 6
Downtown Washington "	+ 4	+ 4	+ 2	r+ 8	- 1
Baltimore Md.	+ 4	+10	-16	- 9	- 5
Richmond Va.	+ 9	+ 4	+ 2	+12	+15
<u>Atlanta District</u>	<u>+10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>- 2</u>	<u>r- 2</u>	<u>+ 2</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Birmingham Ala.	+ 8	+ 6	- 2	+13	+15
Jacksonville Fla.	+ 7	+16	- 1	+ 5	+13
Atlanta Ga.	+11	- 1	-11	r+ 5	+ 2
Augusta "	+ 1	+ 3	- 2	+ 1	+ 4
New Orleans La.	+ 6	+ 7	+ 4	-26	*
Knoxville Tenn.	+12	-16	-11	+16	*
Nashville "	+ 7	-20	+12	+18	- 7
City					
Tampa Fla.	+ 4	- 1	+10	-20	*
<u>Chicago District</u>	<u>+ 8</u>	<u>+15</u>	<u>+ 3</u>	<u>r+ 6</u>	<u>+ 3</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Chicago Ill.	+ 6	+18	+ 3	+ 5	0
Indianapolis Ind.	+ 7	+10	- 7	+18	- 3
Detroit Mich.	+12	+13	+ 3	+ 3	+ 9
Milwaukee Wis.	+ 3	+11	+ 6	+12	+ 3
<u>St. Louis District</u>	<u>+ 8</u>	<u>+ 4</u>	<u>- 1</u>	<u>+10</u>	<u>+ 8</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Little Rock Ark.	+ 2	+ 5	+ 9	+ 2	+ 5
Louisville Ky.	+ 6	- 1	+ 9	+14	+ 4
St. Louis Mo.	+ 9	+ 9	- 7	+12	+12
Memphis Tenn.	+ 5	-10	+ 7	+ 4	+ 1
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	<u>+ 4</u>	<u>+ 9</u>	<u>+ 5</u>	<u>+ 7</u>	<u>+ 8</u>
Cities					
Minneapolis Minn.	+ 3	+ 9	+ 7	+ 6	+ 9
St. Paul "	+ 2	+ 7	0	+11	+ 7
Duluth-Superior Minn. & Wis.	+ 2	+ 9	+ 9	+10	+ 2

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

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\*--Data not available.