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March 9, 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. 1956	Week ending				
		Feb. 11	Feb. 18	Feb. 25	Mar. 3	
<u>United States</u>	+ 4	+ 5	+ 6	+ 4	+ 6	
<u>Boston District</u>	- 3	- 1	- 2	+ 4	+ 12	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Boston	Mass.	- 5	- 1	- 2	+ 4	+ 10
Downtown Boston	"	- 5	- 5	- 3	+ 1	+ 8
Suburban Boston	"	- 4	+ 12	- 2	+ 10	+ 15
Cambridge	"	- 7	+ 18	- 5	+ 19	+ 6
Lynn	"	- 6	0	- 5	- 4	+ 22
Quincy	"	- 8	+ 9	- 9	- 2	+ 12
Lowell	"	+ 4	- 33	- 13	- 8	+ 58
<u>Cities</u>						
Springfield	Mass.	+ 9	+ 5	0	+ 9	+ 19
Providence	R. I.	- 4	- 6	- 9	+ 5	+ 10
<u>New York District</u>	+ 5	+ 1	+ 3	+ 1	+ 7	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Buffalo	N. Y.	+ 3	- 2	+ 1	+ 3	+ 8
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N. Y.-N. J.	+ 7	0	+ 2	+ 2	+ 7
Newark	N. J.	+ 6	0	+ 3	+ 5	+ 11
New York	N. Y.	+ 3	- 1	+ 2	+ 1	+ 5
Rochester	"	+ 9	+ 4	+ 7	- 7	+ 14
Syracuse	"	+ 7	+ 5	+ 6	0	+ 7
<u>Philadelphia District</u>	+ 5	+ 8	+ 3	+ 8	+ 5	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Wilmington	Del.	+ 13	+ 34	+ 16	+ 12	+ 11
Trenton	N. J.	+ 3	+ 20	- 10	- 6	- 9
Lancaster	Pa.	+ 3	+ 37	- 7	+ 6	+ 14
Philadelphia	"	+ 4	+ 4	+ 4	+ 9	+ 3
Reading	"	+ 8	+ 20	- 6	+ 5	+ 28
Scranton	"	+ 8	+ 5	+ 2	+ 2	+ 9
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	- 2	+ 5	+ 1	+ 6	+ 2
<u>Cleveland District</u>	+ 5	+ 12	+ 13	+ 3	+ 8	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Lexington	Ky.	- 8	+ 24	+ 4	- 2	+ 4
Akron	Ohio	+ 3	+ 5	+ 10	- 1	+ 6
Cincinnati	"	+ 3	+ 4	+ 5	+ 3	+ 10
Cleveland	"	+ 5	+ 12	+ 17	+ 6	+ 3
Columbus	"	+ 3	+ 18	+ 8	+ 3	- 2
Springfield	"	0	+ 22	+ 5	+ 17	+ 4
Toledo	"	+ 3	- 6	+ 12	- 2	- 5
Erie	Pa.	+ 8	+ 20	+ 15	+ 8	+ 2
Pittsburgh	"	+ 11	+ 23	+ 18	+ 7	+ 21
Wheeling-Steubenville	W. Va.-Ohio	+ 4	+ 10	+ 13	- 5	+ 6

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<u>Richmond District</u>	<u>+ 4</u>	<u>+ 8</u>	<u>+ 3</u>	<u>+ 3</u>	<u>0</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Washington D. C.	+ 6	+20	+ 5	r+ 6	+ 6
Downtown Washington "	- 5	+ 8	- 2	r+ 2	0
Baltimore Md.	- 4	- 9	- 5	r- 1	- 5
Richmond Va.	+ 7	+12	+15	r+ 6	- 3
<u>Atlanta District</u>	<u>+ 7</u>	<u>- 2</u>	<u>+ 3</u>	<u>r+16</u>	<u>- 2</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Birmingham Ala.	+ 5	+13	+15	- 8	+ 2
Jacksonville Fla.	+12	+ 5	+13	+11	- 6
Atlanta Ga.	+ 3	+ 5	+ 2	r+ 3	- 1
Augusta "	- 2	+ 1	+ 5	- 8	*
New Orleans La.	+ 6	-26	-20	+93	-19
Knoxville Tenn.	0	+16	+12	0	*
Nashville "	0	+18	- 7	+ 3	*
City					
Tampa Fla.	+ 4	-20	+42	+17	+42
<u>Chicago District</u>	<u>+ 5</u>	<u>+ 6</u>	<u>+ 3</u>	<u>+ 4</u>	<u>+ 8</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Chicago Ill.	+ 5	+ 5	0	+ 7	+ 7
Indianapolis Ind.	+ 2	+18	- 3	- 1	+ 9
Detroit Mich.	+ 5	+ 3	+ 9	- 1	+10
Milwaukee Wis.	+ 7	+12	+ 3	+ 7	+12
<u>St. Louis District</u>	<u>+ 2</u>	<u>+10</u>	<u>+ 8</u>	<u>+ 8</u>	<u>+ 8</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Little Rock Ark.	+ 4	+ 2	+ 5	+30	- 7
Louisville Ky.	+ 1	+14	+ 4	- 1	+ 8
St. Louis Mo.	+ 4	+11	+12	+ 6	+13
Memphis Tenn.	0	+ 4	+ 1	+11	+ 6
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	<u>+ 4</u>	<u>+ 7</u>	<u>+ 8</u>	<u>+ 9</u>	<u>- 1</u>
Cities					
Minneapolis Minn.	+ 5	+ 6	+ 9	+ 9	- 8
St. Paul "	+ 5	+11	+ 7	+11	+13
Duluth-Superior Minn. & Wis.	+ 7	+10	+ 2	+ 8	+15

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<u>Kansas City District</u>	0	+ 3	+ 8	+ 2	+ 2
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Denver Colo.	+ 8	+ 3	+21	+ 9	+ 8
Topeka Kans.	+ 4	+ 6	+ 5	+ 2	- 5
Wichita "	- 6	+ 2	+ 6	r- 2	*
St. Joseph Mo.	+ 8	+ 9	+ 5	- 4	+ 6
Albuquerque N. Mex.	+ 3	0	- 1	+12	- 4
Oklahoma City Okla.	+ 5	- 1	+18	+ 6	+ 9
Tulsa "	- 2	+14	+16	- 7	+21
City					
Kansas City Mo.	- 4	+ 1	- 2	- 3	- 4
<u>Dallas District</u>	+ 2	+ 7	+11	r+12	+ 5
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Dallas Tex.	- 2	+ 9	+16	+ 9	+ 2
El Paso "	+ 1	+ 7	+ 3	- 6	+25
Fort Worth "	0	+ 8	+ 9	+13	+10
Houston "	+ 6	+ 6	+ 8	+19	+ 4
San Antonio "	- 2	+ 3	+ 5	+ 6	- 7
<u>San Francisco District</u>	+ 2	+ 3	+ 3	0	+ 3
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Los Angeles-Long Beach Calif.	- 3	+ 1	+ 4	- 5	- 1
Downtown Los Angeles "	- 8	- 2	0	-11	- 9
Westside Los Angeles "	- 4	0	+ 6	- 5	+ 2
Sacramento "	+ 1	+ 7	+10	0	+ 8
San Diego "	+ 5	+ 8	r+12	+ 8	+ 9
San Francisco-Oakland "	+ 2	+ 6	+10	- 2	+ 2
San Francisco City "	+ 3	+ 4	+10	- 2	+ 4
Oakland City "	0	+ 6	r+10	- 5	- 3
San Jose "	+ 7	+ 3	+ 7	- 2	-17
Portland Ore.	- 4	+ 3	-14	+12	+10
Salt Lake City Utah	- 2	- 4	+ 5	+ 5	+ 7
Seattle Wash.	- 1	+ 2	r- 7	+10	+ 9
Spokane "	0	+ 2	+ 9	- 1	+24
Tacoma "	+ 5	- 1	-11	+ 7	- 5

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*--Data not available.