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March 16, 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. 18	Feb. 25	Mar. 3	Mar. 10	
<u>United States</u>	+ 4	+ 6	+ 4	+ 6	+ 7	
<u>Boston District</u>	- 3	- 2	+ 4	+12	- 2	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Boston	Mass.	- 5	- 2	+ 4	+10	0
Downtown Boston	"	- 5	- 3	+ 1	+ 8	+ 1
Suburban Boston	"	- 4	- 2	+10	+15	- 4
Cambridge	"	- 7	- 5	+19	+ 6	- 7
Lynn	"	- 6	- 5	- 4	+22	- 3
Quincy	"	- 8	- 9	- 2	+12	+ 3
Lowell	"	+ 4	-13	- 8	+58	- 4
<u>Cities</u>						
Springfield	Mass.	+ 9	0	+ 9	+19	- 5
Providence	R. I.	- 4	- 9	+ 5	+10	- 8
<u>New York District</u>	+ 5	+ 3	+ 1	+ 7	+10	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Buffalo	N. Y.	+ 3	+ 1	+ 3	r+ 7	- 5
New York-N.E.	New Jersey	+ 7	+ 2	+ 2	+ 7	+12
Newark	N. J.	+ 6	+ 3	+ 5	+11	+30
New York	N. Y.	+ 3	+ 2	+ 1	+ 5	+10
Rochester	"	+ 9	+ 7	- 7	r+15	+ 3
Syracuse	"	+ 7	+ 6	0	+ 7	+ 6
<u>Philadelphia District</u>	+ 5	+ 3	+ 8	+ 5	+ 9	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Wilmington	Del.	+13	+16	+12	+11	+14
Trenton	N. J.	+ 3	-10	- 6	- 9	+11
Lancaster	Pa.	+ 3	- 7	+ 6	+14	+14
Philadelphia	"	+ 4	+ 4	+ 9	r+ 4	+ 9
Reading	"	+ 8	- 6	+ 5	+28	-18
Scranton	"	+ 8	+ 2	+ 2	+ 9	+ 8
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	- 2	+ 1	+ 6	+ 2	+19
<u>Cleveland District</u>	+ 5	+13	+ 3	+ 8	+18	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Lexington	Ky.	- 8	+ 4	- 2	+ 4	+ 4
Akron	Ohio	+ 3	+10	- 1	+ 6	+ 9
Cincinnati	"	+ 3	+ 5	r+ 2	+10	+ 1
Cleveland	"	+ 5	+17	+ 6	+ 3	+14
Columbus	"	+ 3	+ 8	+ 3	- 2	+19
Springfield	"	0	+ 5	r+19	+ 4	+ 3
Toledo	"	+ 3	+12	- 2	- 5	+ 6
Erie	Pa.	+ 8	+15	+ 8	+ 2	+22
Pittsburgh	"	+11	+18	+ 7	+21	+44
Wheeling-Steubenville	W.Va.-Ohio	+ 4	+13	- 5	+ 6	+16

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<u>Richmond District</u>	+ 4	+ 3	+ 3	r- 1	+ 3	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Washington	D. C.	+ 6	+ 5	+ 6	r+ 4	+ 4
Downtown Washington	"	- 5	- 2	+ 2	r- 2	- 2
Baltimore	Md.	- 4	- 5	- 1	- 5	+ 2
Richmond	Va.	+ 7	+15	+ 6	- 3	+ 3
<u>Atlanta District</u>	+ 7	+ 3	+16	- 2	+ 7	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Birmingham	Ala.	+ 5	+15	- 8	+ 2	+25
Jacksonville	Fla.	+12	+13	+11	- 6	0
Atlanta	Ga.	+ 3	+ 2	+ 3	- 1	+ 8
Augusta	"	- 2	+ 5	- 8	+ 5	+11
New Orleans	La.	+ 6	-20	+93	-19	+ 6
Knoxville	Tenn.	0	+22	0	- 1	+11
Nashville	"	0	- 7	+ 3	- 5	+ 6
<u>City</u>						
Tampa	Fla.	+ 4	+42	+17	+42	+ 2
<u>Chicago District</u>	+ 5	+ 3	+ 4	+ 8	+ 6	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Chicago	Ill.	+ 5	0	+ 7	+ 7	- 2
Indianapolis	Ind.	+ 2	- 3	- 1	+ 9	+ 7
Detroit	Mich.	+ 5	+ 9	- 1	+10	+20
Milwaukee	Wis.	+ 7	+ 3	+ 7	+12	+ 8
<u>St. Louis District</u>	+ 2	+ 8	+ 8	+ 8	+ 8	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Little Rock	Ark.	+ 4	+ 5	+30	- 7	+10
Louisville	Ky.	+ 1	+ 4	- 1	+ 8	+13
St. Louis	Mo.	+ 4	+12	r+ 5	+13	+ 8
Memphis	Tenn.	0	+ 1	+11	+ 6	+ 3
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	+ 4	+ 8	+ 9	- 1	r+ 2	
<u>Cities</u>						
Minneapolis	Minn.	+ 5	+ 9	+ 9	- 8	+ 2
St. Paul	"	+ 5	+ 7	+11	+13	+ 2
Duluth-Superior	Minn. & Wis.	+ 7	+ 2	+ 8	+15	+10

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<u>Kansas City District</u>	0	+ 8	+ 2	+ 2	- 1	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Denver	Colo.	+ 8	+21	+ 9	+ 9	+ 6
Topeka	Kans.	+ 4	+ 5	+ 2	- 5	+ 5
Wichita	"	- 6	+ 6	- 2	- 3	+ 4
St. Joseph	Mo.	+ 8	+ 5	- 4	+ 6	-14
Albuquerque	N. Mex.	+ 3	- 1	+12	- 4	+17
Oklahoma City	Okla.	+ 5	+18	+ 6	+ 9	+ 2
Tulsa	"	- 2	+16	- 7	+18	- 3
<u>City</u>						
Kansas City	Mo.	- 4	- 2	- 3	- 4	-10
<u>Dallas District</u>	+ 2	+11	+12	+ 5	+ 9	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Dallas	Tex.	- 2	+16	+ 9	+ 2	+ 2
El Paso	"	+ 1	+ 3	- 6	+25	+ 5
Fort worth	"	0	+ 9	+13	+10	+ 9
Houston	"	+ 6	+ 8	+19	+ 4	+ 7
San Antonio	"	- 2	+ 5	+ 6	- 7	+20
<u>San Francisco District</u>	+ 2	+ 3	0	+ 3	+ 3	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Los Angeles-Long Beach	Calif.	- 3	+ 4	- 5	- 1	+ 1
Downtown Los Angeles	"	- 8	0	-11	- 9	- 3
Westside Los Angeles	"	- 4	+ 6	r- 4	+ 2	+ 2
Sacramento	"	+ 1	+10	0	+ 8	+11
San Diego	"	+ 5	+12	+ 8	+ 9	+ 7
San Francisco-Oakland	"	+ 2	+10	- 2	+ 2	+ 6
San Francisco City	"	+ 3	+10	- 2	+ 4	+ 8
Oakland City	"	0	+10	r- 6	- 3	+ 3
San Jose	"	+ 7	+ 7	- 2	-17	- 6
Portland	Ore.	- 4	-14	+12	+10	- 2
Salt Lake City	Utah	- 2	+ 5	+ 5	+ 7	+ 1
Seattle	Wash.	- 1	- 7	+10	+ 9	+ 8
Spokane	"	0	+ 9	- 1	+24	-10
Tacoma	"	+ 5	-11	+ 7	- 5	+ 8

r--revised.

*--Data not available.