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June 15, 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.- Apr.	Week ending				
		May 19	May 26	June 2	June 9	
<u>United States</u>	+ 4	+ 6	+ 3	+ 7	+ 9	
<u>Boston District</u>	- 1	+ 2	- 5	+ 1	+15	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Boston	Mass.	- 2	+ 2	- 5	+ 3	+14
Downtown Boston	"	- 2	- 2	r- 4	+ 2	+11
Suburban Boston	"	- 1	+ 9	- 8	+ 4	+21
Cambridge	"	- 1	+11	+ 7	+16	- 3
Lynn	"	- 2	- 3	- 9	+22	+13
Quincy	"	- 3	+ 4	-10	- 6	+20
Lowell	"	- 6	+ 7	- 5	-16	+43
<u>Cities</u>						
Springfield	Mass.	+ 5	+10	- 1	- 4	+17
Providence	H. I.	- 6	- 2	- 9	- 1	+12
<u>New York District</u>	+ 3	+ 6	- 1	+ 6	+11	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Buffalo	N. Y.	+ 3	+ 1	+ 1	+ 1	+ 2
New York-N.E.New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J.	+ 4	+ 6	- 2	r+ 7	+13
Newark	N. J.	+ 4	+11	0	+11	+17
New York	N. Y.	+ 4	+ 5	- 2	r+ 7	+11
Rochester	"	+ 5	+ 4	+10	- 3	+ 6
Syracuse	"	+ 3	+ 2	- 1	r+13	+ 3
<u>Philadelphia District</u>	+ 5	+ 8	0	r+ 6	+12	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Wilmington	Del.	+13	+21	+ 1	+ 7	+18
Trenton	N. J.	- 2	0	- 7	r+ 3	+ 8
Lancaster	Pa.	+ 3	+ 8	+ 4	- 3	+12
Philadelphia	"	+ 5	+ 7	- 1	r+ 8	+14
Reading	"	+ 5	+ 7	- 6	- 4	+11
Scranton	"	+ 7	+23	+21	- 3	+ 6
Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton	"	- 2	+ 1	- 2	- 4	+ 2
<u>Cleveland District</u>	+ 6	+ 6	+ 4	+ 8	+ 4	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Lexington	Ky.	- 2	-13	r- 8	-15	- 1
Akron	Ohio	+ 5	+10	- 1	+ 6	+ 2
Cincinnati	"	+ 1	+12	+ 1	+ 6	+ 4
Cleveland	"	+ 6	+ 5	+ 4	+11	+ 4
Columbus	"	+ 5	+15	+ 5	+ 9	+ 7
Springfield	"	+ 3	- 3	-10	+ 8	+10
Toledo	"	+ 1	- 2	+ 7	+ 1	0
Erie	Pa.	+ 7	0	+ 1	+12	+ 8
Pittsburgh	"	+11	+ 6	+ 9	+ 8	+ 4
Wheeling-Steubenville	W. Va.-Ohio	+ 5	+ 7	+11	+20	+ 5

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<u>Richmond District</u>	<u>+ 5</u>	<u>+12</u>	<u>- 7</u>	<u>+ 1</u>	<u>+11</u>
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Washington D. C.	+ 7	+ 8	- 9	- 2	+10
" Downtown Washington	- 1	- 2	-13	r-12	+ 7
Baltimore Md.	0	+14	- 7	+ 1	+13
Richmond Va.	+ 4	+11	- 6	r+10	+11
<u>Atlanta District</u>	<u>+ 5</u>	<u>+12</u>	<u>+ 4</u>	<u>r+ 1</u>	<u>+ 9</u>
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Birmingham Ala.	+ 5	+12	- 3	- 2	+ 5
Jacksonville Fla.	+ 6	+15	+12	+ 9	+ 8
Atlanta Ga.	0	+10	c+ 5	- 2	+ 7
Augusta "	- 4	+22	- 7	r- 3	+ 5
New Orleans La.	+ 5	+12	+ 9	+ 4	+10
Knoxville Tenn.	+ 2	+18	+ 1	+10	+ 9
Nashville "	+ 2	+10	0	+ 1	+15
City					
Tampa Fla.	+ 8	+ 8	+ 7	+ 3	+ 6
<u>Chicago District</u>	<u>+ 4</u>	<u>+ 5</u>	<u>+ 5</u>	<u>+ 9</u>	<u>+ 8</u>
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Chicago Ill.	+ 4	+ 6	+ 4	+10	+10
Indianapolis Ind.	+ 3	+10	+24	0	+11
Detroit Mich.	+ 4	+ 2	+ 4	+12	+ 2
Milwaukee Wis.	+ 7	+ 8	+ 5	+12	+10
<u>St. Louis District</u>	<u>+ 5</u>	<u>+ 6</u>	<u>+ 6</u>	<u>+ 9</u>	<u>+13</u>
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Little Rock Ark.	+ 5	+25	+15	+ 6	+ 2
Louisville Ky.	+ 5	+12	+ 1	+ 8	+ 6
St. Louis Mo.	+ 6	+ 9	r+ 6	+11	+17
Memphis Tenn.	+ 3	-20	+ 3	+ 5	+13
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	<u>+ 4</u>	<u>+ 5</u>	<u>+10</u>	<u>+31</u>	<u>+11</u>
<u>Cities</u>					
Minneapolis Minn.	+ 3	+ 4	+10	+32	+ 6
St. Paul "	+ 5	+ 9	+ 9	+33	+25
Duluth-Superior Minn. & Wis.	+10	+ 4	+ 8	+15	+ 7

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<u>Kansas City District</u>	+ 1	+ 7	+ 5	r+ 8	+ 9
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Denver Colo.	+ 8	+13	+ 8	+14	+11
Topeka Kans.	+ 6	+11	+ 7	+ 5	+12
Wichita "	- 2	+ 8	+11	r+ 4	+ 6
St. Joseph Mo.	+ 1	+14	+38	+ 3	+ 8
Albuquerque N. Mex.	+ 7	+ 2	-10	+10	*
Oklahoma City Okla.	+ 5	+15	+ 2	+ 8	+ 1
Tulsa "	+ 3	+15	+ 3	+12	+18
<u>Cities</u>					
Joplin Mo.	- 3	- 1	+10	+ 6	*
Kansas City "	- 5	+ 1	+ 6	+10	+ 9
<u>Dallas District</u>	+ 3	+ 3	+ 5	+ 9	r+ 6
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Dallas Tex.	+ 1	+ 9	+ 4	+ 5	+ 1
El Paso "	+ 2	- 4	0	+ 4	+ 2
Fort worth "	+ 4	+ 4	+38	+12	+13
Houston "	+ 5	+ 8	+ 1	+18	+ 6
San Antonio "	- 2	-14	- 5	+ 1	+ 6
<u>San Francisco District</u>	+ 6	+ 3	+ 1	+ 5	r+ 3
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Los Angeles-Long Beach Calif.	0	+ 1	- 3	+ 2	+ 1
Downtown Los Angeles "	- 6	- 7	- 7	- 4	- 9
Westside Los Angeles "	0	+ 4	- 2	+ 4	+ 1
Sacramento "	+ 8	+14	r+ 7	+14	- 3
San Diego "	+ 8	+11	r+ 4	+10	+ 2
San Francisco-Oakland "	+ 4	0	+ 3	+10	+ 4
San Francisco City "	+ 4	- 1	+ 2	+10	+ 7
Oakland City "	+ 2	- 1	+ 3	+10	0
San Jose "	+ 3	+16	0	- 6	0
Portland Ore.	+ 1	+ 3	+ 6	+ 8	+ 4
Salt Lake City Utah	+ 2	+ 9	+ 7	+ 5	+ 3
Seattle Wash.	+ 4	+11	+ 8	+ 5	+ 7
Spokane "	+ 4	-10	+ 7	- 4	0
Tacoma "	+ 4	- 3	- 3	+ 8	- 2

r--Revised.
l/ Three months 1956.

*--Data not available.
c--Corrected.