

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 22, 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 26 | June 2 | June 9 | June 16 | |
| <u>United States</u> | + 4 | + 3 | + 7 | + 9 | +12 | |
| <u>Boston District</u> | - 1 | - 5 | + 1 | +15 | + 9 | |
| <u>Metropolitan Areas</u> | | | | | | |
| Boston | Mass. | - 2 | - 5 | + 3 | +14 | + 8 |
| Downtown Boston | " | - 2 | - 4 | + 2 | +11 | + 4 |
| Suburban Boston | " | - 1 | - 8 | + 4 | +21 | +16 |
| Cambridge | " | - 1 | + 7 | +16 | - 3 | +16 |
| Lynn | " | - 2 | - 9 | +22 | +13 | +15 |
| Quincy | " | - 3 | -10 | - 6 | +20 | +17 |
| Lowell | " | - 6 | - 5 | -16 | +43 | +15 |
| <u>Cities</u> | | | | | | |
| Springfield | Mass. | + 5 | - 1 | - 4 | +17 | +19 |
| Providence | K. I. | - 6 | - 9 | - 1 | +12 | + 2 |
| <u>New York District</u> | | + 3 | - 1 | + 6 | +11 | +13 |
| <u>Metropolitan Areas</u> | | | | | | |
| Buffalo | N. Y. | + 3 | + 1 | + 1 | + 2 | +11 |
| New York-N.E.New Jersey | N.Y.-N.J. | + 4 | - 2 | + 7 | r+14 | +14 |
| Newark | " | + 4 | 0 | +11 | r+18 | +18 |
| New York | N. Y. | + 4 ^{1/2} | - 2 | + 7 | r+12 | +10 |
| Rochester | " | + 5 | +10 | - 3 | r+ 5 | +17 |
| Syracuse | " | + 3 | - 1 | +13 | r+ 4 | +14 |
| <u>Philadelphia District</u> | | + 5 | 0 | + 6 | r+11 | +15 |
| <u>Metropolitan Areas</u> | | | | | | |
| Wilmington | Del. | +13 | + 1 | + 7 | +18 | +17 |
| Trenton | N. J. | - 2 | - 7 | + 3 | r+ 7 | +15 |
| Lancaster | Pa. | + 3 | + 4 | - 3 | +12 | +12 |
| Philadelphia | " | + 5 | - 1 | + 8 | r+12 | +15 |
| Reading | " | + 5 | - 6 | - 4 | +11 | +14 |
| Scranton | " | + 7 | +21 | - 3 | + 6 | +25 |
| Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton | " | - 2 | - 2 | - 4 | + 2 | + 4 |
| <u>Cleveland District</u> | | + 6 | + 4 | + 8 | + 4 | +14 |
| <u>Metropolitan Areas</u> | | | | | | |
| Lexington | Ky. | - 2 | - 8 | -15 | - 1 | -16 |
| Akron | Ohio | + 5 | - 1 | + 6 | + 2 | + 9 |
| Cincinnati | " | + 1 | + 1 | + 6 | + 4 | +15 |
| Cleveland | " | + 6 | + 4 | +11 | + 4 | +13 |
| Columbus | " | + 5 | + 5 | + 9 | + 7 | +13 |
| Springfield | " | + 3 | -10 | + 8 | +10 | +13 |
| Toledo | " | + 1 | + 7 | r 0 | 0 | +14 |
| Erie | Pa. | + 7 | + 1 | r+11 | + 8 | +25 |
| Pittsburgh | " | +11 | + 9 | + 8 | + 4 | +18 |
| Wheeling-Steubenville | W.Va.-Ohio | + 5 | +11 | +20 | + 5 | +17 |

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| <u>Richmond District</u> | | + 5 | - 7 | + 1 | +11 | +17 |
| Metropolitan Areas | | | | | | |
| Washington | D. C. | + 7 | - 9 | - 2 | r+ 9 | +19 |
| Downtown Washington | " | - 1 | -13 | -12 | r+ 6 | + 8 |
| Baltimore | Md. | 0 | - 7 | + 1 | r+14 | +16 |
| Richmond | Va. | + 4 | - 6 | +10 | +11 | +17 |
| <u>Atlanta District</u> | | + 5 | + 4 | + 1 | + 9 | + 5 |
| Metropolitan Areas | | | | | | |
| Birmingham | Ala. | + 5 | - 3 | - 2 | + 5 | 0 |
| Jacksonville | Fla. | + 6 | +12 | + 9 | + 8 | + 8 |
| Atlanta | Ga. | 0 | + 5 | - 2 | r+ 6 | 0 |
| Augusta | " | - 4 | - 7 | - 3 | + 5 | - 5 |
| New Orleans | La. | + 5 | + 9 | + 4 | +10 | + 2 |
| Knoxville | Tenn. | + 2 | + 1 | +10 | + 9 | * |
| Nashville | " | + 2 | 0 | + 1 | +15 | + 8 |
| City | | | | | | |
| Tampa | Fla. | + 8 | + 7 | + 3 | + 6 | + 8 |
| <u>Chicago District</u> | | + 4 | + 5 | + 9 | + 8 | +13 |
| Metropolitan Areas | | | | | | |
| Chicago | Ill. | + 4 | + 4 | +10 | +10 | +10 |
| Indianapolis | Ind. | + 3 | +24 | 0 | +11 | +14 |
| Detroit | Mich. | + 4 | + 4 | +12 | + 2 | +12 |
| Milwaukee | Wis. | + 7 | + 5 | +12 | +10 | +19 |
| <u>St. Louis District</u> | | + 5 | + 6 | + 9 | +13 | +12 |
| Metropolitan Areas | | | | | | |
| Little Rock | Ark. | + 5 | +15 | + 6 | + 2 | + 5 |
| Louisville | Ky. | + 5 | + 1 | + 8 | + 6 | + 4 |
| St. Louis | Mo. | + 6 | + 6 | +11 | +17 | +15 |
| Memphis | Tenn. | + 3 | + 3 | + 5 | +13 | +10 |
| <u>Minneapolis District</u> | | + 4 | +10 | +31 | +11 | r+18 |
| Cities | | | | | | |
| Minneapolis | Minn. | + 3 | +10 | +32 | + 6 | +11 |
| St. Paul | " | + 5 | + 9 | +33 | +25 | +38 |
| Duluth-Superior | Minn. & Wis. | +10 | + 8 | +15 | + 7 | +10 |

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| <u>Kansas City District</u> | <u>+ 1</u> | <u>+ 5</u> | <u>+ 8</u> | <u>+ 9</u> | <u>+10</u> |
| <u>Metropolitan Areas</u> | | | | | |
| Denver | Colo. + 8 | + 8 | +14 | +11 | +14 |
| Topeka | Kans. + 6 | + 7 | + 5 | +12 | +10 |
| Wichita | " - 2 | +11 | + 4 | r+ 5 | + 3 |
| St. Joseph | Mo. + 1 | +38 | + 3 | + 8 | +13 |
| Albuquerque | N. Mex. + 7 | -10 | +10 | + 7 | +26 |
| Oklahoma City | Okla. + 5 | + 2 | + 8 | + 1 | +14 |
| Tulsa | " + 3 | + 3 | +12 | +18 | +11 |
| <u>Cities</u> | | | | | |
| Joplin | Mo. - 3 | +10 | + 6 | +13 | * |
| Kansas City | " - 5 | + 6 | +10 | + 9 | + 7 |
| <u>Dallas District</u> | <u>+ 3</u> | <u>+ 5</u> | <u>+ 9</u> | <u>+ 6</u> | <u>+ 5</u> |
| <u>Metropolitan Areas</u> | | | | | |
| Dallas | Tex. + 1 | + 4 | + 5 | + 1 | + 4 |
| El Paso | " + 2 | 0 | + 4 | + 2 | + 6 |
| Fort Worth | " + 4 | +38 | +12 | +13 | +11 |
| Houston | " + 5 | + 1 | +18 | + 6 | + 6 |
| San Antonio | " - 2 | - 5 | + 1 | + 6 | + 4 |
| <u>San Francisco District</u> | <u>+ 6</u> | <u>+ 1</u> | <u>+ 5</u> | <u>+ 3</u> | <u>+ 3</u> |
| <u>Metropolitan Areas</u> | | | | | |
| Los Angeles-Long Beach | Calif. 0 | - 3 | + 2 | + 1 | + 1 |
| Downtown Los Angeles | " - 6 | - 7 | - 4 | - 9 | - 7 |
| Westside Los Angeles | " 0 | - 2 | + 4 | + 1 | + 4 |
| Sacramento | " + 8 | + 7 | r+15 | - 3 | +14 |
| San Diego | " + 8 | + 4 | r+11 | + 2 | + 7 |
| San Francisco-Oakland | " + 4 | + 3 | r+ 9 | + 4 | + 5 |
| San Francisco City | " + 4 | + 2 | r+ 9 | + 7 | + 4 |
| Oakland City | " + 2 | + 3 | r+ 9 | 0 | + 4 |
| San Jose | " + 3 | 0 | r- 5 | 0 | +14 |
| Portland | Ore. + 1 | + 6 | + 8 | + 4 | - 2 |
| Salt Lake City | Utah + 2 | + 7 | + 5 | + 3 | + 7 |
| Seattle | Wash. + 4 | + 8 | + 5 | + 7 | 0 |
| Spokane | " + 4 | + 7 | - 4 | 0 | - 1 |
| Tacoma | " + 4 | - 3 | r+ 9 | - 2 | 0 |

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*--Data not available.

1/ Three months 1956.