

H.8b

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 10, 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.- June	week ending			
		July 14	July 21	July 28	Aug. 4
<u>United States</u>	+ 6	+ 2	+ 2	- 1	+ 7
<u>Boston District</u>	+ 2	+ 3	+ 4	- 4	+12
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Boston	Mass.	+ 1	+ 4	- 4	+12
Downtown Boston	"	- 1	+ 3	- 7	+10
Suburban Boston	"	+ 4	+10	+ 1	+16
Cambridge	"	+ 3	+21	- 4	+29
Lynn	"	+ 2	+21	- 9	-16
Quincy	"	+ 3	+14	- 2	-12
Lowell	"	- 1	- 4	- 5	-19
<u>Cities</u>					
Springfield	Mass.	+ 7	+21	+10	- 5
Providence	R. I.	- 2	- 5	+ 1	- 4
<u>New York District</u>	+ 5	+ 4	+ 9	+ 2	+12
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Buffalo	N. Y.	+ 5	- 2	+ 8	- 1
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J.	+ 7	+ 4	+10	+ 3
Newark	N. J.	+ 6	+ 9	+22	r+ 2
New York	N. Y.	*	+ 2	+ 6	r+ 3
Rochester	"	+ 6	+21	+ 6	- 1
Syracuse	"	+ 5	- 1	- 1	- 6
<u>Philadelphia District</u>	+ 7	+ 4	- 4	- 3	+11
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Wilmington	Del.	+14	r+25	r- 4	r- 1
Trenton	N. J.	+ 1	+17	+ 2	- 6
Lancaster	Pa.	+ 5	+ 1	- 2	- 7
Philadelphia	"	+ 7	+ 2	- 2	- 5
Reading	"	+ 6	+ 5	-14	- 3
Scranton	"	+ 9	+13	r 0	- 6
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	- 1	- 3	+ 3	-11
<u>Cleveland District</u>	+ 7	+ 1	- 3	+ 2	+ 6
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Lexington	Ky.	- 1	r 0	- 3	-13
Akron	Ohio	+ 6	+ 5	+ 2	- 5
Cincinnati	"	+ 4	-11	- 5	+18
Cleveland	"	+ 7	+ 4	+ 8	+ 1
Columbus	"	+ 7	0	+ 1	- 1
Springfield	"	+ 3	-13	- 6	-17
Toledo	"	+ 2	- 5	- 4	-15
Erie	Pa.	+ 8	0	r+ 5	- 2
Pittsburgh	"	+ 9	+ 1	-17	+10
Wheeling-Steubenville	W.Va.-Ohio	+ 7	0	- 3	- 7

WEEKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES - SELECTED CITIES AND AREAS (Continued)

Federal Reserve District, Area, and City	Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago (Based on retail dollar amounts)					
	Jan.- June	Week ending				
		July 14	July 21	July 28	Aug. 4	
<u>Richmond District</u>	+ 7	+ 3	- 3	- 4	+ 6	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Washington	D. C.	+ 8	+ 5	- 4	r- 4	+ 7
Downtown Washington	"	0	+ 8	- 5	r- 4	+ 5
Baltimore	Md.	+ 3	+ 1	+ 3	r- 4	+ 5
Richmond	Va.	+ 6	+ 6	- 9	- 4	+ 6
<u>Atlanta District</u>	+ 7	+ 4	0	r+ 1	+ 6	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Birmingham	Ala.	+ 5	- 4	+ 4	- 6	+25
Jacksonville	Fla.	+ 7	+17	+ 9	+12	+ 6
Atlanta	Ga.	+ 1	+ 6	- 4	r- 4	+ 5
Augusta	"	+ 1	+ 2	- 4	- 6	- 7
New Orleans	La.	+ 7	+ 7	+ 8	+ 1	- 5
Knoxville	Tenn.	+ 5	- 2	-16	r- 2	*
Nashville	"	+ 4	- 3	+ 8	- 9	+11
<u>City</u>						
Tampa	Fla.	+ 6	- 1	- 8	+ 2	*
<u>Chicago District</u>	+ 5	+ 2	+ 3	- 1	+ 5	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Chicago	Ill.	+ 5	+ 4	+ 4	+ 1	+12
Indianapolis	Ind.	+ 6	+ 8	+ 1	+ 1	+11
Detroit	Mich.	+ 4	- 3	0	- 1	+ 3
Milwaukee	Wis.	+ 8	+ 5	+ 5	+ 3	- 3
<u>St. Louis District</u>	+ 7	0	+ 4	- 5	0	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Little Rock	Ark.	+ 7	- 3	+12	+ 3	+ 2
Louisville	Ky.	+ 6	-13	- 6	- 3	-11
St. Louis	Mo.	+ 9	+ 2	+ 5	- 6	+ 1
Memphis	Tenn.	+ 5	+ 8	+ 4	- 6	+ 4
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	+ 6	0	- 2	- 2	r+ 3	
<u>Cities</u>						
Minneapolis	Minn.	+ 5	- 1	- 4	- 4	+ 4
St. Paul	"	+ 9	+ 1	+ 2	+ 4	+ 1
Duluth-Superior	Minn. & Wis.	+10	+ 8	+ 3	- 3	+12

WEEKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES - SELECTED CITIES AND AREAS (Continued)

Federal Reserve District, Area, and City	Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago (Based on retail dollar amounts)					
	Jan.-	week ending				
	June	July 14	July 21	July 28	Aug. 4	
<u>Kansas City District</u>	+ 3	- 7	+ 2	- 7	+ 3	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Denver	Colo.	+ 9	+ 1	+ 5	r- 4	+ 9
Topeka	Kans.	+10	-10	+13	- 6	+ 4
Wichita	"	+ 2	-11	- 3	r+ 1	- 5
St. Joseph	Mo.	+ 3	- 4	- 5	r- 1	+14
Albuquerque	N. Mex.	+ 6	- 1	- 5	- 8	+ 3
Oklahoma City	Okla.	+ 7	- 9	- 2	-10	+ 6
Tulsa	"	+ 5	- 8	+13	-13	+ 7
<u>Cities</u>						
Joplin	Mo.	+ 2	+ 1	+ 9	-10	+ 7
Kansas City	"	- 1	-12	- 1	- 6	- 5
<u>Dallas District</u>	+ 5	- 1	+ 8	- 4	+ 7	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Dallas	Tex.	+ 2	- 1	- 1	- 5	+18
El Paso	"	+ 4	+ 3	+ 6	- 4	+ 6
Fort Worth	"	+ 7	+ 5	+ 4	+ 2	+ 2
Houston	"	+ 7	- 9	+28	0	+ 2
San Antonio	"	0	+ 1	- 2	-12	+ 3
<u>San Francisco District</u>	+ 6	+ 4	+ 1	r- 4	+ 4	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Los Angeles-Long Beach	Calif.	+ 1	+ 3	- 1	- 5	+ 1
Downtown Los Angeles	"	- 5	+ 4	+ 6	- 6	0
Westside Los Angeles	"	+ 1	+ 6	- 3	- 6	+ 3
Sacramento	"	+ 8	+11	+16	+ 2	+ 8
San Diego	"	+ 9	+ 7	+10	-13	+ 6
San Francisco-Oakland	"	+ 3	+ 5	r+ 7	+ 4	+ 7
San Francisco City	"	+ 4	+ 4	+ 8	+ 3	+ 7
Oakland City	"	+ 2	+ 4	r+ 5	+ 2	+ 5
San Jose	"	+ 2	- 1	- 8	- 9	+ 5
Salt Lake City	Utah	+ 3	+ 2	- 8	+ 1	+10
Seattle	wash.	+ 5	+ 9	- 7	+ 3	+ 6
Spokane	"	+ 3	+ 9	+11	- 8	+ 2
Tacoma	"	+ 3	+ 6	r+ 5	- 2	+25
Portland	Ore.	+ 4	-12	+19	+12	+13

r--Revised.

*--Data not available.