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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 24, 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 28	Aug. 4	Aug. 11	Aug. 18	
<u>United States</u>	+ 6	- 1	+ 7	+ 7	+ 5	
<u>Boston District</u>	+ 2	- 4	+12	+ 7	+19	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Boston	Mass.	+ 1	- 4	+12	+ 7	+21
Downtown Boston	"	- 1	- 7	+10	+ 9	+17
Suburban Boston	"	+ 4	+ 1	+16	+ 2	+29
Cambridge	"	+ 3	- 4	+29	+ 3	+25
Lynn	"	+ 2	-16	- 5	0	+11
Quincy	"	+ 3	-12	+ 6	+ 1	+17
Lowell	"	- 1	-19	- 2	- 8	- 3
<u>Cities</u>						
Springfield	Mass.	+ 7	- 5	+12	+ 6	+39
Providence	R. I.	- 2	- 4	+ 9	+15	- 4
<u>New York District</u>		+ 5	+ 2	+12	+10	+ 2
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Buffalo	N. Y.	+ 5	- 1	+ 7	+ 1	+ 6
New York-N.E. New Jersey-N.Y.-N.J.		+ 7	+ 3	+13	r+13	+ 1
Newark	N. J.	+ 6	+ 2	+17	+ 3	+ 1
New York	N. Y.	*	+ 3	+12	r+14	0
Rochester	"	+ 6	- 1	+ 5	0	+12
Syracuse	"	+ 5	- 6	+17	+ 6	+ 6
<u>Philadelphia District</u>		+ 7	- 3	+33	+11	+ 3
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Wilmington	Del.	+14	- 1	+ 5	r+28	+ 4
Trenton	N. J.	+ 1	- 6	+ 6	+ 7	+ 5
Lancaster	Pa.	+ 5	r- 8	+17	r+14	- 2
Philadelphia	"	+ 7	- 5	+11	+ 9	+ 1
Reading	"	+ 6	- 3	+18	+11	+ 3
Scranton	"	+ 9	- 6	+33	+15	+32
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	- 1	-11	+ 9	+ 7	+ 6
<u>Cleveland District</u>		+ 7	+ 2	+ 6	+ 3	+ 2
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Lexington	Ky.	- 1	-13	r+ 8	- 3	+ 8
Akron	Ohio	+ 6	- 5	+ 2	+ 4	+ 3
Cincinnati	"	+ 4	+18	+16	+ 2	+ 5
Cleveland	"	+ 7	0	+ 5	+ 4	+ 4
Columbus	"	+ 7	- 1	+ 7	+ 3	- 1
Springfield	"	+ 3	-17	-26	+22	+ 3
Toledo	"	+ 2	-15	- 9	- 6	- 8
Erie	Pa.	+ 8	- 2	r+12	+ 7	+ 4
Pittsburgh	"	+ 9	+10	+ 9	+ 2	+ 3
Wheeling-Steubenville	W.Va.-Ohio	+ 7	- 7	- 3	+ 2	+16

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		July 28	Aug. 4	Aug. 11	Aug. 18
<u>Richmond District</u>	+ 7	- 4	+ 6	+11	+ 3
Metropolitan Areas					
Washington D.C.	+ 8	- 4	+ 6	r+ 7	+ 1
Downtown Washington "	0	- 4	+ 3	r+ 7	- 2
Baltimore Md.	+ 3	- 4	+ 5	+12	0
Richmond Va.	+ 6	- 4	+ 6	r+23	+ 3
<u>Atlanta District</u>	+ 7	+ 1	+ 5	r+10	+ 4
Metropolitan Areas					
Birmingham Ala.	+ 5	- 6	+25	+23	+ 2
Jacksonville Fla.	+ 7	+12	+ 6	+ 7	+ 6
Atlanta Ga.	+ 1	- 4	+ 5	r+ 8	+ 7
Augusta "	+ 1	- 6	- 6	r+11	+ 1
New Orleans La.	+ 7	+ 1	- 6	+ 6	+ 5
Knoxville Tenn.	+ 5	- 2	+ 3	r-24	-16
Nashville "	+ 4	- 9	+11	+61	- 5
City					
Tampa Fla.	+ 6	+ 2	+21	+ 2	*
<u>Chicago District</u>	+ 5	- 1	+ 5	+ 5	+10
Metropolitan Areas					
Chicago Ill.	+ 5	+ 1	+12	+ 9	+ 7
Indianapolis Ind.	+ 6	+ 1	+11	+ 3	+ 6
Detroit Mich.	+ 4	- 1	+ 3	+ 5	+16
Milwaukee Wis.	+ 8	+ 3	- 3	- 2	+14
<u>St. Louis District</u>	+ 7	- 5	- 1	+14	+ 2
Metropolitan Areas					
Little Rock Ark.	+ 7	+ 3	+ 2	+12	+13
Louisville Ky.	+ 6	- 3	-11	+18	+ 1
St. Louis Mo.	+ 9	- 6	+ 1	+15	- 2
Memphis Tenn.	+ 5	- 6	+ 4	+11	+ 6
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	+ 6	- 2	+ 3	0	+ 8
Cities					
Minneapolis Minn.	+ 5	- 4	+ 4	0	+ 8
St. Paul "	+ 9	+ 4	+ 1	0	+ 6
Duluth-Superior Minn.&Wis.	+10	- 3	+12	+ 1	+ 7

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

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*--Data not available.