

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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August 31, 1956

WEEKLY 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.- July | Week ending | | | | |
| | | Aug. 4 | Aug. 11 | Aug. 18 | Aug. 25 | |
| <u>United States</u> | + 5 | + 7 | + 7 | + 5 | + 8 | |
| <u>Boston District</u> | + 2 | +12 | + 7 | +19 | + 4 | |
| <u>Metropolitan Areas</u> | | | | | | |
| Boston | Mass. | + 1 | +12 | + 7 | +21 | + 4 |
| Downtown Boston | " | 0 | +10 | + 9 | +17 | + 6 |
| Suburban Boston | " | + 4 | +16 | + 2 | +29 | + 2 |
| Cambridge | " | + 3 | +29 | + 3 | +25 | +15 |
| Lynn | " | 0 | - 5 | 0 | +11 | - 5 |
| Quincy | " | + 2 | + 6 | + 1 | +17 | - 1 |
| Lowell | " | - 2 | - 2 | - 8 | - 3 | + 2 |
| <u>Cities</u> | | | | | | |
| Springfield | Mass. | + 6 | +12 | + 6 | +39 | + 4 |
| Providence | R. I. | - 3 | + 9 | +15 | - 4 | - 7 |
| <u>New York District</u> | + 6 | +12 | +10 | r+ 3 | + 7 | |
| <u>Metropolitan Areas</u> | | | | | | |
| Buffalo | N. Y. | + 5 | + 7 | + 1 | + 6 | + 4 |
| New York-N.E. New Jersey | N. Y., N. J. | + 7 | +13 | +13 | + 1 | + 7 |
| Newark | N. J. | + 6 | +17 | + 3 | + 1 | + 8 |
| New York | N. Y. | * | +12 | +14 | r+ 1 | + 5 |
| Rochester | " | + 6 | + 5 | 0 | r+11 | +11 |
| Syracuse | " | + 4 | +17 | + 6 | + 6 | + 8 |
| <u>Philadelphia District</u> | + 6 | +13 | +11 | + 3 | + 8 | |
| <u>Metropolitan Areas</u> | | | | | | |
| Wilmington | Del. | +12 | + 5 | +28 | r+ 5 | +13 |
| Trenton | N. J. | 0 | + 6 | + 7 | + 5 | +11 |
| Lancaster | Pa. | + 3 | +17 | +14 | r 0 | - 1 |
| Philadelphia | " | + 6 | +11 | + 9 | + 1 | + 4 |
| Reading | " | + 4 | +48 | +11 | + 3 | + 4 |
| Scranton | " | + 8 | +33 | +15 | +32 | +87 |
| Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton | " | - 1 | + 9 | + 7 | r+ 7 | + 3 |
| <u>Cleveland District</u> | + 6 | + 6 | + 3 | + 2 | +11 | |
| <u>Metropolitan Areas</u> | | | | | | |
| Lexington | Ky. | - 3 | + 8 | - 3 | + 8 | +19 |
| Akron | Ohio | + 5 | + 2 | + 4 | + 3 | +11 |
| Cincinnati | " | + 5 | +16 | + 2 | + 5 | +14 |
| Cleveland | " | + 6 | + 5 | + 4 | + 4 | + 9 |
| Columbus | " | + 6 | + 7 | + 3 | - 1 | +16 |
| Springfield | " | + 1 | -26 | +22 | + 3 | + 1 |
| Toledo | " | + 1 | - 9 | - 6 | - 8 | + 2 |
| Erie | Pa. | + 8 | +12 | r+ 6 | + 4 | +16 |
| Pittsburgh | " | + 8 | + 9 | + 2 | + 3 | + 8 |
| Wheeling-Steubenville | W. Va., Ohio | + 6 | - 3 | + 2 | +16 | +10 |

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| | Jan.- July | Week ending | | | |
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| <u>Richmond District</u> | + 6 | + 6 | +11 | r+ 2 | + 1 |
| Metropolitan Areas | | | | | |
| Washington D. C. | + 7 | + 6 | + 7 | r 0 | + 2 |
| Downtown Washington " | + 1 | + 3 | + 7 | - 2 | - 6 |
| Baltimore Md. | + 3 | + 5 | +12 | 0 | - 2 |
| Richmond Va. | + 5 | + 6 | +23 | + 3 | 0 |
| <u>Atlanta District</u> | + 6 | + 5 | +10 | r+ 3 | +10 |
| Metropolitan Areas | | | | | |
| Birmingham Ala. | + 5 | +25 | +23 | + 2 | + 9 |
| Jacksonville Fla. | + 7 | + 6 | + 7 | + 6 | +12 |
| Atlanta Ga. | + 1 | + 5 | + 8 | + 7 | + 3 |
| Augusta " | 0 | - 6 | +11 | + 1 | - 8 |
| New Orleans La. | + 7 | - 6 | + 6 | + 5 | +16 |
| Knoxville Tenn. | + 4 | + 3 | -24 | -16 | +49 |
| Nashville " | + 5 | +11 | +61 | - 5 | +17 |
| City | | | | | |
| Tampa Fla. | + 6 | +21 | + 2 | - 6 | + 3 |
| <u>Chicago District</u> | + 4 | + 5 | + 5 | +10 | +14 |
| Metropolitan Areas | | | | | |
| Chicago Ill. | + 5 | +12 | + 9 | + 7 | +14 |
| Indianapolis Ind. | + 5 | +11 | + 3 | + 6 | +13 |
| Detroit Mich. | + 4 | + 3 | + 5 | +16 | +19 |
| Milwaukee Wis. | + 7 | - 3 | - 2 | +14 | +10 |
| <u>St. Louis District</u> | + 6 | - 1 | +14 | + 2 | + 7 |
| Metropolitan Areas | | | | | |
| Little Rock Ark. | + 6 | + 2 | +12 | +13 | +14 |
| Louisville Ky. | + 6 | r-12 | +18 | + 1 | + 6 |
| St. Louis Mo. | + 7 | + 1 | +15 | - 2 | + 3 |
| Memphis Tenn. | + 5 | + 4 | +11 | + 6 | +13 |
| <u>Minneapolis District</u> | + 5 | + 3 | 0 | r+ 9 | +11 |
| Cities | | | | | |
| Minneapolis Minn. | + 4 | + 4 | 0 | + 8 | + 9 |
| St. Paul " | + 9 | + 1 | 0 | + 6 | +14 |
| Duluth-Superior Minn.&Wis. | + 8 | +12 | + 1 | + 7 | +11 |

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| <u>Kansas City District</u> | + 2 | + 3 | r+ 7 | 0 | +10 |
| Metropolitan Areas | | | | | |
| Denver Col. | + 8 | + 9 | +10 | - 1 | +12 |
| Topeka Kans. | + 9 | + 4 | + 6 | - 1 | * |
| Wichita " | + 1 | - 6 | +13 | + 1 | + 5 |
| St. Joseph Mo. | + 2 | +14 | + 9 | -18 | + 2 |
| Albuquerque N. Mex. | + 4 | + 3 | - 3 | + 1 | * |
| Oklahoma City Okla. | + 5 | + 6 | + 7 | + 6 | +12 |
| Tulsa " | + 4 | + 7 | +21 | - 4 | +11 |
| Cities | | | | | |
| Joplin Mo. | 0 | + 7 | +10 | + 2 | +27 |
| Kansas City " | - 2 | - 5 | 0 | + 1 | + 8 |
| <u>Dallas District</u> | + 5 | + 7 | + 6 | + 2 | + 6 |
| Metropolitan Areas | | | | | |
| Dallas Tex. | + 2 | +18 | - 1 | - 7 | + 5 |
| El Paso " | + 4 | + 6 | +11 | + 5 | +12 |
| Fort Worth " | + 7 | + 2 | + 3 | - 1 | + 9 |
| Houston " | + 7 | + 2 | +10 | + 4 | +10 |
| San Antonio " | 0 | + 3 | + 3 | + 3 | 0 |
| <u>San Francisco District</u> | + 6 | + 4 | + 3 | + 2 | r- 2 |
| Metropolitan Areas | | | | | |
| Los Angeles-Long Beach Calif. | 0 | + 1 | - 1 | + 1 | - 5 |
| Downtown Los Angeles " | - 3 | 0 | r- 1 | - 2 | -16 |
| Westside Los Angeles " | + 1 | + 3 | + 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Sacramento " | + 8 | + 8 | r+ 3 | + 3 | + 8 |
| San Diego " | + 8 | + 6 | + 8 | + 1 | + 5 |
| San Francisco-Oakland " | + 4 | + 6 | + 9 | + 4 | + 1 |
| San Francisco City " | + 4 | + 7 | r+ 8 | + 4 | - 2 |
| Oakland City " | + 3 | + 4 | r+10 | + 4 | + 4 |
| San Jose " | + 4 | +13 | - 1 | - 4 | - 4 |
| Portland Ore. | + 1 | + 5 | r+ 1 | 0 | - 8 |
| Salt Lake City Utah | + 3 | +10 | + 7 | + 7 | + 6 |
| Seattle Wash. | + 4 | + 6 | + 6 | - 5 | - 5 |
| Spokane " | + 3 | + 2 | + 5 | 0 | -22 |
| Tacoma " | + 4 | +25 | r- 1 | + 8 | + 3 |

r--Revised.

*--Data not available.