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September 14, 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.- July	Week ending				
		Aug. 18	Aug. 25	Sept. 1	Sept. 8	
<u>United States</u>	+ 5	+ 5	+ 8	+ 2	+ 4	
<u>Boston District</u>	+ 2	+19	+ 4	- 1	+ 2	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Boston	Mass.	+ 1	+21	+ 4	- 1	+ 5
Downtown Boston	"	0	+17	+ 6	- 4	+ 1
Suburban Boston	"	+ 4	+29	+ 2	+ 6	+13
Cambridge	"	+ 3	+25	+15	+ 2	+19
Lynn	"	0	+11	- 5	- 2	+16
Quincy	"	+ 2	+17	- 1	-10	+ 5
Lowell	"	- 2	- 3	+ 2	- 1	+16
<u>Cities</u>						
Springfield	Mass.	+ 6	+39	+ 4	- 5	- 7
Providence	R. I.	- 3	- 4	- 7	+ 5	- 4
<u>New York District</u>	+ 6	+ 3	+ 7	r 0	- 3	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Buffalo	N. Y.	+ 5	+ 6	+ 4	r- 1	- 6
New York-N.E.New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J.	+ 7	+ 1	+ 7	r 0	- 3
Newark	N. J.	+ 6	+ 1	+ 8	r- 1	+ 1
New York	N. Y.	*	+ 1	+ 5	- 1	- 6
Rochester	"	+ 6	+11	+11	- 1	- 3
Syracuse	"	+ 4	+ 6	+ 8	r- 5	- 4
<u>Philadelphia District</u>	+ 6	+ 3	+ 8	r- 9	- 6	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Wilmington	Del.	+12	+ 5	+14	r- 2	+ 3
Trenton	N. J.	0	+ 5	+11	- 7	+ 1
Lancaster	Pa.	+ 3	0	- 2	+ 6	0
Philadelphia	"	+ 6	+ 1	+ 5	r-11	- 5
Reading	"	+ 4	+ 3	+ 4	r- 4	- 4
Scranton	"	+ 8	+32	+87	r-10	-35
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	- 1	+ 7	+ 4	r- 5	- 4
<u>Cleveland District</u>	+ 6	+ 2	+11	0	+ 6	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Lexington	Ky.	- 3	+ 7	+19	+ 8	+17
Akron	Ohio	+ 5	+ 3	+11	+ 1	+22
Cincinnati	"	+ 5	+ 5	+14	+ 3	+ 7
Cleveland	"	+ 6	+ 4	r+10	- 1	0
Columbus	"	+ 6	- 1	+16	+ 3	+11
Springfield	"	+ 1	+ 3	+ 1	0	+ 3
Toledo	"	+ 1	- 8	+ 2	- 8	- 1
Erie	Pa.	+ 8	+ 3	r+15	0	+ 8
Pittsburgh	"	+ 8	+ 3	+ 8	+ 2	0
Wheeling-Steubenville	W.Va.-Ohio	+ 6	+16	+10	+ 2	+12

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<u>Richmond District</u>	+ 6	+ 2	+ 1	- 5	- 5
Metropolitan Areas					
Washington D. C.	+ 7	0	+ 2	r- 6	-10
Downtown Washington "	+ 1	- 2	- 7	r-16	-14
Baltimore Md.	+ 3	0	0	r- 6	- 9
Richmond Va.	+ 5	+ 3	0	- 4	+11
<u>Atlanta District</u>	+ 6	+ 3	+10	+ 4	+ 5
Metropolitan Areas					
Birmingham Ala.	+ 5	+ 2	+ 9	+ 5	- 3
Jacksonville Fla.	+ 7	+ 6	+12	+ 7	+15
Atlanta Ga.	+ 1	+ 7	+ 3	+11	+ 5
Augusta "	0	+ 1	-10	r- 8	- 4
New Orleans La.	+ 7	+ 5	+16	+ 4	+ 5
Knoxville Tenn.	+ 4	-16	+50	-13	- 1
Nashville "	+ 5	- 5	+17	+11	+27
City					
Tampa Fla.	+ 6	- 6	+ 3	- 5	0
<u>Chicago District</u>	+ 4	+10	+14	+ 2	+ 6
Metropolitan Areas					
Chicago Ill.	+ 5	+ 7	+14	+ 4	+ 3
Indianapolis Ind.	+ 5	+ 6	+13	+ 4	+ 8
Detroit Mich.	+ 4	+16	+19	- 6	+ 6
Milwaukee Wis.	+ 7	+14	+10	+ 4	+13
<u>St. Louis District</u>	+ 6	+ 2	r+ 6	r+ 4	+14
Metropolitan Areas					
Little Rock Ark.	+ 6	+13	+14	+11	+23
Louisville Ky.	+ 6	+ 1	+ 6	- 3	+ 6
St. Louis Mo.	+ 7	- 2	+ 3	+ 5	+11
Memphis Tenn.	+ 5	+ 6	+13	+10	+27
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	+ 5	+ 7	+11	+ 6	+ 5
Cities					
Minneapolis Minn.	+ 4	+ 8	+ 9	+ 7	+ 6
St. Paul "	+ 9	+ 6	+14	+ 3	+ 3
Duluth-Superior Minn. & Wis.	+ 8	+ 7	r+ 9	+ 7	+11

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<u>Kansas City</u>	+ 2	0	+10	r+ 1	+ 9
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Denver	Col. + 8	- 1	+12	r+ 8	+14
Topeka	Kans. + 9	- 1	r+11	+ 4	+21
Wichita	" + 1	+ 1	+ 4	+ 1	+17
St. Joseph	Mo. + 2	-18	+ 3	- 5	+ 7
Albuquerque	N.Mex. + 4	0	+ 4	*	*
Oklahoma City	Okla. + 5	+ 6	+11	- 3	+ 6
Tulsa	" + 4	- 4	+11	+ 6	+16
<u>Cities</u>					
Joplin	Mo. 0	+ 2	+27	-11	+12
Kansas City	" - 2	+ 1	+ 8	- 8	- 4
<u>Dallas District</u>	+ 5	+ 2	+ 6	+ 4	+15
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Dallas	Tex. + 2	- 7	+ 5	+ 7	+ 6
El Paso	" + 4	+ 5	+12	- 3	+ 1
Fort Worth	" + 7	- 1	+ 9	+ 8	+19
Houston	" + 7	+ 4	+10	+ 2	+36
San Antonio	" 0	+ 3	0	+ 4	+ 8
<u>San Francisco District</u>	+ 6	+ 2	- 2	+11	r+ 2
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Los Angeles-Long Beach	Calif. 0	+ 1	- 5	+15	- 1
Downtown Los Angeles	" - 3	r- 3	-16	+18	- 1
Westside Los Angeles	" + 1	0	r- 4	+31	+ 2
Sacramento	" + 8	+ 3	r+ 6	+10	+13
San Diego	" + 8	+ 1	+ 5	+18	+ 6
San Francisco-Oakland	" + 4	+ 4	+ 1	+10	0
San Francisco City	" + 4	+ 4	- 2	+12	- 2
Oakland City	" + 3	+ 4	+ 4	+ 5	+ 3
San Jose	" + 4	- 3	- 4	+ 1	- 2
Portland	Ore. + 1	0	- 8	+ 1	+ 7
Salt Lake City	Utah + 3	+ 7	+ 6	+ 8	+13
Seattle	Wash. + 4	- 5	r- 7	+10	- 2
Spokane	" + 3	0	-22	+18	+ 9
Tacoma	" + 4	+ 8	+ 3	- 2	+ 4

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*--Data not available.