

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

H.8b

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
November 2, 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.- Sept.	Week ending			
			Oct. 6	Oct. 13	Oct. 20	Oct. 27
<u>United States</u>		+ 5	+ 2	+ 5	- 3	+ 2
<u>Boston District</u>		+ 3	+ 6	+16	- 9	- 4
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Boston	Mass.	+ 2	+ 6	+17	- 9	- 5
Downtown Boston	"	+ 1	+ 7	+15	-13	- 8
Suburban Boston	"	+ 5	+ 4	+20	- 3	+ 1
Cambridge	"	+ 6	- 5	+11	+ 4	+ 3
Lynn	"	+ 1	+14	+15	- 2	-11
Quincy	"	+ 3	- 1	+15	- 7	+ 1
Lowell	"	- 1	0	+19	- 5	- 8
<u>Cities</u>						
Springfield	"	+ 7	+12	+ 6	- 2	+ 1
Providence	R. I.	- 2	+ 4	+19	-12	- 5
<u>New York District</u>		+ 6	+10	+10	- 6	- 2
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Buffalo	N. Y.	+ 5	+ 3	+ 1	- 6	- 2
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J.	+ 3	+10	+12	- 5	- 2
Newark	N. J.	+ 6	+10	+19	r 0	- 5
New York	N. Y.	*	+10	+ 9	- 7	- 3
Rochester	"	+ 5	+20	+13	r-10	+ 1
Syracuse	"	+ 4	+ 5	- 2	-15	- 1
<u>Philadelphia District</u>		+ 5	+ 3	+20	- 7	- 5
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Wilmington	Del.	+12	+10	+ 7	r- 4	+17
Trenton	N. J.	+ 2	+ 2	+37	-15	- 3
Lancaster	Pa.	+ 4	+ 4	+10	0	- 2
Philadelphia	"	+ 5	+ 6	+21	r- 8	- 8
Reading	"	+ 6	- 3	+12	- 6	+35
Scranton	"	+ 8	-32	+20	+12	-12
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	0	+ 3	+16	- 7	- 3
<u>Cleveland District</u>		+ 6	+ 2	+ 3	r- 8	+ 2
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Lexington	Ky.	- 1	+ 6	+ 5	- 8	- 7
Akron	Ohio	+ 5	- 5	- 6	-12	- 2
Cincinnati	"	+ 5	+ 4	- 2	- 8	-10
Cleveland	"	+ 6	- 2	+ 2	- 7	- 1
Columbus	"	+ 6	+ 1	+ 3	- 3	+ 9
Springfield	"	0	-10	r+ 6	- 4	- 9
Toledo	"	- 1	+ 4	+ 1	-11	-11
Erie	Pa.	+ 8	+ 5	r+ 8	- 2	+ 4
Pittsburgh	"	+ 7	+ 7	+11	- 8	+ 6
Wheeling-Steubenville	W.Va.-Ohio	+ 7	+ 4	+ 6	- 7	+ 3

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.- Sept.	Week ending			
		Oct. 6	Oct. 13	Oct. 20	Oct. 27
<u>Richmond District</u>	+ 6	- 2	+ 7	- 5	+ 4
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Washington D. C.	+ 6	- 7	+ 19	r- 6	+ 1
Downtown Washington "	- 1	- 16	+ 7	r- 12	- 8
Baltimore Md.	+ 2	- 2	- 4	r- 6	+ 7
Richmond Va.	+ 5	+ 10	+ 1	- 8	+ 4
<u>Atlanta District</u>	+ 7	- 1	- 2	- 3	+ 6
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Birmingham Ala.	+ 7	+ 2	- 8	- 3	+ 7
Jacksonville Fla.	+ 7	+ 2	0	0	+ 10
Atlanta Ga.	+ 3	- 1	- 3	- 1	+ 10
Augusta "	0	- 15	- 1	+ 7	- 7
New Orleans La.	+ 7	+ 5	- 1	- 10	- 1
Knoxville Tenn.	+ 3	- 11	- 15	- 11	+ 9
Nashville "	+ 8	+ 3	+ 15	+ 10	+ 16
<u>City</u>					
Tampa Fla.	+ 5	- 15	- 3	- 8	+ 1
<u>Chicago District</u>	+ 5	+ 2	+ 2	- 3	- 1
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Chicago Ill.	+ 5	+ 5	- 1	- 7	+ 6
Indianapolis Ind.	+ 6	- 2	+ 2	- 3	- 7
Detroit Mich.	+ 4	+ 3	+ 3	- 4	- 1
Milwaukee Wis.	+ 7	0	+ 5	+ 5	+ 4
<u>St. Louis District</u>	+ 6	- 1	0	- 8	+ 1
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Little Rock Ark.	+ 7	+ 3	- 5	+ 2	+ 8
Louisville Ky.	+ 5	+ 9	- 5	- 8	0
St. Louis Mo.	+ 6	- 4	+ 1	- 11	- 1
Memphis Tenn.	+ 6	+ 1	- 1	0	0
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	+ 6	- 3	+ 7	+ 6	+ 12
<u>Metropolitan Area</u>					
Mpls.- St. Paul Minn.	*	*	+ 6	*	+ 11
Mpls. and Suburbs "	*	*	+ 6	*	+ 14
Mpls. City "	+ 7	*	*	*	*
St. Paul "	+ 7	- 6	+ 7	+ 5	+ 6
<u>Cities</u>					
Duluth-Superior Minn.&Wis.	+ 10	- 2	+ 9	+ 2	+ 17

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.- Sept.	Week ending			
		Oct. 6	Oct. 13	Oct. 20	Oct. 27
<u>Kansas City District</u>	+ 2	- 3	- 4	+ 4	+ 2
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Denver	Col. + 7	- 3	r- 8	r+ 6	0
Topeka	Kans. + 9	+ 4	- 5	+ 2	+ 4
Wichita	" + 2	- 4	+ 2	+25	+17
St. Joseph	Mo. + 1	-19	+ 1	r- 1	- 3
Albuquerque	N. Mex. + 3	-15	- 2	+ 9	+ 9
Oklahoma City	Okla. + 5	0	- 3	+ 2	- 1
Tulsa	" + 4	- 3	+ 2	+ 3	+ 5
<u>Cities</u>					
Joplin	Mo. 0	-17	-12	+12	+12
Kansas City	" - 2	- 8	-11	- 7	- 5
<u>Dallas</u>	+ 4	-10	- 7	+ 9	+ 6
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Dallas	Tex. + 2	-14	- 8	+ 9	- 2
El Paso	" + 4	- 7	- 2	+11	+17
Fort Worth	" + 6	+ 7	0	+15	+24
Houston	" + 6	- 7	- 9	- 1	+ 6
San Antonio	" 0	-29	-10	+39	+ 8
<u>San Francisco District</u>	+ 6	- 1	+ 2	+ 1	+ 4
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Los Angeles-Long Beach	Calif. 0	- 4	- 1	- 1	+ 3
Downtown Los Angeles	" - 4	-10	r- 4	- 2	- 2
Westside Los Angeles	" 0	- 2	+ 2	0	+ 8
Sacramento	" + 8	- 7	+10	+ 3	+ 6
San Diego	" + 7	0	r 0	- 1	+ 9
San Francisco-Oakland	" + 3	+ 2	r+ 4	- 1	+ 5
San Francisco City	" + 4	0	+ 3	0	+ 2
Oakland City	" + 1	+ 6	+ 8	- 3	+10
San Jose	" + 3	- 4	r+ 2	-12	-11
Portland	Ore. + 1	- 7	- 8	+ 7	- 1
Salt Lake City	Utah + 3	+ 1	+11	+ 6	+ 4
Seattle	Wash. + 4	+ 4	r+ 2	+ 6	+ 2
Spokane	" + 3	+ 2	+33	- 3	- 2
Tacoma	" + 4	+10	r- 4	+ 3	+ 5

r--Revised.

*--Data not available.

H.8a Nov. 3, 1956, "Weekly Department Store Sales" not available
for filming