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BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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February 20, 1959.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)				
	Year 1958	Week ending			
		Jan. 24	Jan. 31	Feb. 7	Feb. 14
<u>UNITED STATES</u>	+ 1	+ 5	+ 8	+ 9	+ 8
<u>Boston District</u>	0	+ 3	+ 2	+ 7	- 8
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Boston	Mass. + 3	+ 1	+ 3	+ 6	- 8
Downtown Boston	" - 3	- 8	- 4	- 2	-14
Suburban Boston	" +15	+23	+18	+25	+ 4
Cambridge	" + 9	+ 9	+15	+ 9	+ 3
Quincy	" +16	+29	+16	+26	+ 3
Lowell	" - 5	- 2	-12	- 1	- 7
<u>City</u>					
Springfield	" + 1	+19	+ 2	+16	- 2
<u>New York District</u>	+ 2	+ 1	+ 4	+ 6	+ 1
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Buffalo	N. Y. - 3	-13	+ 9	+ 3	+17
New York--N.E. New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J. + 4	+ 2	+ 4	+ 5	- 2
Newark	N. J. - 3	- 2	+ 3	+11	- 9
New York	N. Y. 0	+ 1	+ 2	+ 2	- 2
Rochester	" - 1	+ 4	+11	+27	+ 9
Syracuse	" - 2	+ 2	+ 4	- 4	+13
<u>Philadelphia District</u>	+ 2	+ 5	+ 3	+ 4	+ 8
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Wilmington	Del. + 3	+10	+ 7	r 0	+ 9
Trenton	N. J. + 1	-19	+ 3	+ 6	+ 1
Lancaster	Pa. +12	+16	+17	+53	+22
Philadelphia	" + 2	+ 6	0	0	+ 6
Reading	" + 1	+16	+ 2	+34	+39
Scranton	" + 3	+10	+ 4	+21	+ 5
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	" - 3	+ 8	- 6	+13	+ 2
<u>Cleveland District</u>	- 1	- 8	+ 4	+11	+12
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Lexington	Ky. 0	+17	+45	- 6	+21
Canton	Ohio - 6	- 2	+27	+ 8	+ 7
Cincinnati	" - 2	+ 1	r- 2	0	+15
Cleveland	" - 3	-12	+ 6	+11	+ 9
Downtown Cleveland	" *	-20	r+ 1	+ 6	+10
Columbus	" + 2	-21	+17	+17	+21
Springfield	" - 6	- 9	+ 3	+22	+22
Youngstown	" -10	-16	r+ 1	+ 2	+11
Erie	Pa. - 5	+ 8	r+13	+ 9	+12
Pittsburgh	" + 2	- 6	r- 1	+23	+13
Downtown Pittsburgh	" *	- 7	r- 4	+20	+12
Wheeling-Steubenville W. Va.&Ohio	- 3	- 6	+ 6	+29	+14

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<u>Richmond District</u>	+ 1	+11	+11	+ 8	+ 3	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Washington	Dr. C.	+ 4	+12	+14	+ 8	+ 3
Downtown Washington	"	+ 1	+ 5	+ 7	+ 2	- 6
Baltimore	Md.	- 1	+14	+ 5	+ 9	0
Downtown Baltimore	"	- 4	+10	+ 1	0	-12
Richmond	Va.	- 3	- 1	+14	+ 2	- 1
<u>Atlanta District</u>	+ 1	+10	+ 9	+ 5	+ 6	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Birmingham	Ala.	0	+ 1	+ 8	- 9	+49
Mobile	"	+ 2	+17	+15	+ 2	+21
Jacksonville	Fla.	+ 1	+14	- 1	+15	+19
Miami	"	+ 1	+ 7	+ 2	+ 9	+ 5
Downtown Miami	"	- 2	+ 3	- 1	+ 5	- 2
Atlanta	Ga.	+ 3	+10	+ 6	+ 8	+ 9
Augusta	"	- 4	+ 3	+25	+13	- 9
Columbus	"	+ 7	- 1	+11	-14	+ 6
New Orleans	La.	- 3	+ 5	+14	- 8	*
Knoxville	Tenn.	- 1	+20	+10	+17	+26
<u>Chicago District</u>	- 2	- 1	+ 6	+ 6	+ 6	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Chicago	Ill.	- 1	- 1	+ 1	- 5	+ 5
Indianapolis	Ind.	- 4	+ 6	+ 8	+ 8	+15
Detroit	Mich.	- 7	- 5	+10	+20	+ 7
Grand Rapids	"	- 4	- 9	+ 8	- 5	+14
Milwaukee	Wis.	- 2	- 2	+ 8	+ 8	- 1
<u>St. Louis District</u>	0	- 1	+22	+ 8	+11	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Little Rock	Ark.	+ 3	- 8	+ 2	+14	+12
Louisville	Ky.	0	+ 3	+24	+ 9	+15
St. Louis	Mo.	0	- 7	+29	+ 5	+ 7
Memphis	Tenn.	+ 1	+11	+ 8	+15	+18
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	0	+ 4	- 2	+ 4	+ 9	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Mpls.-St. Paul	Minn.	+ 1	+ 4	- 2	+ 4	*
Mpls. and Suburbs	"	0	+ 2	- 3	+ 5	*
St. Paul	"	+ 1	+11	0	+ 3	+ 9
<u>Cities</u>						
Duluth-Superior	Minn.&Wis.	- 2	+ 2	+ 6	+ 6	+11

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<u>Kansas City District</u>		+ 3	+16	+ 8	r+ 8	+13
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Denver	Col.	+ 5	+21	+ 7	+ 1	+17
Topeka	Kans.	+ 3	+13	+ 2	+ 8	- 6
Wichita	"	- 3	+ 3	- 4	+ 5	+ 8
Kansas City	Mo.	+ 2	+24	+14	r+ 8	+ 8
Downtown Kansas City	"	*	+ 3	+ 4	- 3	- 1
St. Joseph	"	- 3	+33	+ 1	r 0	+13
Lincoln	Nebr.	*	+ 9	+14	+18	+20
Albuquerque	N. Mex.	+ 9	+16	+11	+14	+16
Oklahoma City	Okla.	+ 1	+16	+14	+11	+31
Tulsa	"	+12	- 2	+ 3	+33	+ 5
<u>City</u>						
Joplin	Mo.	- 5	+14	+11	- 8	+ 8
<u>Dallas District</u>		0	+13	+ 7	+ 7	+16
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Dallas	Tex.	+ 1	+ 5	+10	+ 3	+18
El Paso	"	+ 4	+ 5	+ 1	+ 4	+13
Fort Worth	"	+ 3	+ 9	+ 7	+14	+18
Houston	"	- 6	+28	+ 8	+10	+16
San Antonio	"	+ 3	+12	+ 3	+ 9	+16
<u>San Francisco District</u>		+ 2	+15	+13	+14	r+11
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Los Angeles-Long Beach	Calif.	+ 1	+17	+10	+12	+12
Downtown Los Angeles	"	- 6	+ 9	r+ 7	+ 5	- 5
Westside Los Angeles	"	0	+10	+ 8	+15	+ 8
Sacramento	"	+ 8	+18	+28	+27	+26
San Diego	"	- 1	+10	+14	+16	+19
San Francisco-Oakland	"	+ 1	+12	+16	+17	+ 7
San Francisco City	"	- 1	+12	r+14	+19	+ 5
Oakland	"	-12	+ 5	+ 9	+ 8	0
San Jose	"	+ 5	+21	+19	+27	+24
Portland	Ore.	+ 2	+15	+18	+14	+ 5
Salt Lake City	Utah	+ 1	+20	+ 5	+13	+ 6
Seattle	Wash.	+ 2	+15	+12	+ 5	+ 6
Spokane	"	+ 2	+ 3	+ 9	+ 9	+ 2
Tacoma	"	+ 2	+11	+11	+ 7	+ 1

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*Data not available.