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BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 2, 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)				
		Jan-Aug. 1959	Week ending			
			Sept. 5*	Sept. 12*	Sept. 19	Sept. 26
<u>UNITED STATES</u>		<u>+ 7</u>	<u>+20</u>	<u>- 8</u>	<u>+16</u>	<u>+ 7</u>
<u>Boston District</u>		<u>+ 3</u>	<u>+12</u>	<u>-14</u>	<u>+18</u>	<u>+ 3</u>
Metropolitan Areas						
Boston	Mass.	+ 4	+ 9	-16	+18	+ 2
Downtown Boston	"	- 2	+ 7	-20	+21	+ 3
Suburban Boston	"	+13	+11	- 9	+14	+ 1
Cambridge	"	+ 5	+ 6	-28	+ 3	- 4
Quincy	"	+14	**	- 5	+ 3	+ 8
Lowell	"	- 4	+19	-17	+ 9	+15
City						
Springfield	"	+ 5	+22	- 8	+31	- 5
<u>New York District</u>		<u>+ 3</u>	<u>+10</u>	<u>-17</u>	<u>+20</u>	<u>+ 8</u>
Metropolitan Areas						
Buffalo	N. Y.	+ 3	+18	-22	r+18	+ 7
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J.	+ 3	+ 8	-16	+20	+ 8
Newark	N. J.	0	+11	-24	+18	+ 6
New York	N. Y.	0	0	-20	r+16	+ 6
Rochester	"	+ 5	+16	-16	r+14	+ 2
Syracuse	"	+ 3	+12	-25	r+26	+ 5
<u>Philadelphia District</u>		<u>+ 6</u>	<u>+19</u>	<u>-17</u>	<u>r+16</u>	<u>+ 3</u>
Metropolitan Areas						
Wilmington	Del.	+ 8	+25	-16	r+23	+ 9
Trenton	N. J.	+ 5	+22	-10	r+18	+ 2
Lancaster	Pa.	+15	+33	+14	r+25	+16
Philadelphia	"	+ 6	+18	-20	r+16	+ 3
Reading	"	+10	+17	+ 7	+ 4	- 5
Scranton	"	+ 3	+24	-19	r+19	+10
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	+ 2	+20	-25	r+16	0
<u>Cleveland District</u>		<u>+ 7</u>	<u>+25</u>	<u>-11</u>	<u>+20</u>	<u>+ 5</u>
Metropolitan Areas						
Lexington	Ky.	+ 9	+22	- 5	+19	+10
Akron	Ohio	0	+ 5	+ 4	+17	+ 7
Canton	"	+ 6	+24	+ 3	+25	- 4
Cincinnati	"	+ 7	+35	-14	+18	+ 4
Cleveland	"	+ 8	+33	-12	+27	+ 7
Downtown Cleveland	"	+ 4	+32	-17	+30	+ 6
Columbus	"	+ 9	+32	- 6	+25	+ 3
Springfield	"	+ 9	+26	+13	+18	+ 3
Youngstown	"	+ 8	+14	r-10	+17	- 5
Erie	Pa.	+ 5	+14	r- 8	+26	+ 9
Pittsburgh	"	+ 7	+26	-22	+15	+ 7
Downtown Pittsburgh	"	+ 6	+27	-24	+13	+ 7
Wheeling	W. Va.	0	+13	-24	- 1	- 8

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<u>Richmond District</u>		+ 7	+12	-15	+16	+ 2
Metropolitan Areas						
Washington	D. C.	+ 8	+14	-13	+20	+ 4
Downtown Washington	"	+ 2	+13	-18	+ 9	- 3
Baltimore	Md.	+ 3	+14	-25	+ 8	- 2
Downtown Baltimore	"	- 4	- 1	-39	- 6	-14
Richmond	Va.	+ 3	0	-11	+18	+ 7
<u>Atlanta District</u>		+ 8	+20	+ 4	+13	+ 8
Metropolitan Areas						
Birmingham	Ala.	+ 3	+ 4	- 2	+ 8	- 6
Mobile	"	+ 5	+24	0	+ 8	+ 3
Miami	Fla.	+ 8	+22	+16	+11	+15
Atlanta	Ga.	+ 5	+12	+ 6	+19	+12
Augusta	"	+14	+38	+ 5	+37	+18
Columbus	"	- 2	+27	- 5	+10	+ 5
New Orleans	La.	+ 6	+35	- 3	+12	+ 4
Knoxville	Tenn.	+ 9	+22	+ 9	+ 9	+ 6
Cities						
Central Atlanta	Ga.	**	- 8	- 8	0	- 8
Miami-Downtown	Fla.	+ 6	+26	+10	+12	+16
<u>Chicago District</u>		+ 7	+24	-10	+17	+ 7
Metropolitan Areas						
Chicago	Ill.	+ 4	+18	-12	+13	+ 3
Indianapolis	Ind.	+11	+22	+ 1	+18	+ 4
Detroit	Mich.	+12	+36	-11	+31	+16
Grand Rapids	"	+ 9	+20	-16	+13	+37
Milwaukee	Wis.	+ 9	+27	0	+ 8	- 2
<u>St. Louis District</u>		+ 7	+20	- 9	+13	+ 3
Metropolitan Areas						
Little Rock	Ark.	+ 6	+25	-21	+16	+ 9
Louisville	Ky.	+ 7	+31	0	+20	- 1
St. Louis	Mo.	+ 5	+21	-12	+12	+ 2
Memphis	Tenn.	+14	+ 4	+ 2	+11	+ 7
<u>Minneapolis District</u>		+ 6	+20	- 6	+19	+13
Metropolitan Areas						
Mpls.--St. Paul	Minn.	+ 5	**	- 6	+20	+13
Mpls. and Suburbs	"	+ 4	**	- 7	+27	+12
St. Paul	"	+ 8	+17	- 4	+ 8	+17
Cities						
Duluth-Superior	Minn. & Wis.	+ 6	+28	- 2	+13	+ 9

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<u>Kansas City District</u>		<u>+ 7</u>	<u>+18</u>	<u>- 3</u>	<u>r+ 5</u>	<u>+ 5</u>
Metropolitan Areas						
Denver	Col.	+ 9	+16	- 5	+ 8	+12
Topeka	Kans.	+ 4	+ 5	+ 1	- 3	+ 5
Wichita	"	+ 1	+ 9	-10	- 8	- 2
Kansas City	Mo.-Kans.	+ 9	+26	- 1	+ 7	+13
Downtown Kansas City	Mo.	- 2	+19	- 9	0	+ 2
St. Joseph	"	+ 4	+22	- 6	+ 2	- 4
Lincoln	Nebr.	+ 4	+ 9	+ 1	+ 8	+ 5
Albuquerque	N. Mex.	+14	+18	-11	0	0
Oklahoma City	Okla.	+ 9	+20	- 6	- 3	- 7
Tulsa	"	+ 8	+11	+ 2	+16	- 9
City						
Joplin	Mo.	0	+44	-17	+ 3	+ 7
<u>Dallas District</u>		<u>+ 9</u>	<u>+25</u>	<u>- 7</u>	<u>+ 4</u>	<u>+ 2</u>
Metropolitan Areas						
Dallas	Tex.	+12	+25	+ 1	+10	+ 3
El Paso	"	+ 5	+17	-22	0	+ 2
Fort Worth	"	+ 8	+24	- 7	- 2	- 3
Houston	"	+13	+35	- 4	+13	+ 7
San Antonio	"	+ 5	+33	-15	+ 4	0
<u>San Francisco District</u>		<u>+11</u>	<u>+27</u>	<u>- 1</u>	<u>+16</u>	<u>r+ 9</u>
Metropolitan Areas						
Los Angeles-Long Beach	Calif.	+13	+30	r- 5	+24	+14
Downtown Los Angeles	"	+ 3	+29	-13	+23	+ 3
Westside Los Angeles	"	+ 6	+17	-11	+21	+15
Sacramento	"	+20	+14	- 3	+23	+ 5
San Diego	"	+12	+23	- 4	+18	+ 4
San Francisco-Oakland	"	+ 6	+21	+ 9	+13	+10
San Francisco City	"	+ 6	+26	r+ 6	+11	+13
Oakland	"	- 1	+11	+ 7	+12	+ 3
San Jose	"	+20	+33	+11	+28	+22
Portland	Ore.	+12	+24	- 5	+18	+12
Salt Lake City	Utah	+11	+21	-12	+16	+11
Seattle	Wash.	+ 7	+35	- 2	- 2	- 5
Spokane	"	+ 5	+30	r-13	+ 6	- 3
Tacoma	"	+ 9	+39	+14	+ 1	- 4

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**Data not available.

* Labor Day in 1958 occurred in the week ending September 6, whereas this year it occurred one week later. Therefore, the week ending September 5, 1959 had one more trading day than the corresponding week last year, while the week ending September 12, 1959 had one less trading day than the week ending September 13 last year.