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BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 8, 1960.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.-Nov. 1959	Week ending			
		Dec. 12 1959	Dec. 19 1959	Dec. 26* 1959	Jan. 2 1960
<u>UNITED STATES</u>	+ 7	+ 2	+ 5	+20	+ 9
<u>Boston District</u>	+ 3	+ 1	+ 5	+20	+ 6
Metropolitan Areas					
Boston	Mass. + 4	+ 2	+ 6	+21	+ 8
Downtown Boston	" - 1	+ 1	+ 4	+18	+10
Suburban Boston	" +10	+ 5	+ 9	+25	+ 5
Cambridge	" + 5	- 5	+ 8	+22	+15
Quincy	" +10	+ 2	+ 5	+20	+18
Lowell	" - 3	- 9	- 3	+23	-14
City					
Springfield	" + 4	- 3	+ 1	+16	0
<u>New York District</u>	+ 3	+ 1	+ 8	r+21	+ 7
Metropolitan Areas					
Buffalo	N.Y. + 4	- 4	+ 8	r+15	+ 1
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J. + 3	+ 2	+ 9	r+22	+ 9
Newark	N.J. + 1	- 6	- 1	r+15	+ 2
New York	N.Y. 0	- 4	+ 5	r+21	+ 5
Rochester	" + 5	- 3	+ 3	+15	+ 2
Syracuse	" + 3	- 1	+ 5	+20	- 7
<u>Philadelphia District</u>	+ 5	- 4	+ 5	r+18	+13
Metropolitan Areas					
Wilmington	Del. + 8	- 1	r+12	r+14	+ 4
Trenton	N.J. + 4	- 1	+ 8	+22	+ 5
Lancaster	Pa. +13	- 8	+12	r+19	+14
Philadelphia	" + 4	- 4	+ 5	r+18	+16
Reading	" + 7	- 9	+ 1	+26	+20
Scranton	" + 3	- 4	+ 1	+19	-18
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	" + 2	- 3	+ 3	+18	+28
<u>Cleveland District</u>	+ 8	- 1	+ 5	+19	+ 5
Metropolitan Areas					
Lexington	Ky. + 9	- 7	r+ 2	+18	- 7
Akron	Ohio + 2	+ 1	+ 2	+18	+ 7
Canton	" + 6	- 6	+ 2	+18	+ 3
Cincinnati	" + 8	- 1	+ 7	+21	- 5
Cleveland	" + 9	+ 2	+ 6	+21	+ 9
Downtown Cleveland	" + 6	+ 1	+ 4	+17	+ 6
Columbus	" + 9	+ 8	+ 3	+15	+ 2
Springfield	" +10	+ 4	+11	+19	- 4
Youngstown	" + 6	- 4	+ 5	+22	- 1
Erie	Pa. + 4	- 1	r+ 6	+12	+10
Pittsburgh	" + 7	- 7	+ 7	+17	+12
Downtown Pittsburgh	" + 6	- 9	+ 6	+16	+10
Wheeling	W.Va. - 1	- 7	- 6	+ 5	- 4

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<u>Richmond District</u>	+ 6	- 3	0	+16	0
Metropolitan Areas					
Washington D.C.	+ 7	- 5	+ 4	r+22	+ 3
Downtown Washington	" +1	- 9	- 3	r+15	- 1
Baltimore Md.	+ 1	- 8	- 2	r+ 7	+ 3
Downtown Baltimore	" - 7	-15	-11	- 2	- 7
Richmond Va.	+ 3	+10	- 3	+14	-10
<u>Atlanta District</u>	+ 8	+ 4	+ 3	+22	r+ 4
Metropolitan Areas					
Birmingham Ala.	+ 2	- 2	- 6	r+16	- 6
Mobile "	+ 5	- 2	0	+18	+ 2
Jacksonville Fla.	+21	+19	+17	+44	**
Miami "	+ 9	+10	+ 5	+17	+ 1
Tampa-St. Petersburg	" +19	+13	+12	+26	+17
Atlanta Ga.	+ 6	+ 6	+ 7	+29	+ 1
Augusta "	+16	+22	+10	+36	**
Columbus "	0	+ 5	- 2	+14	0
New Orleans La.	+ 6	- 1	+ 1	+21	+ 9
Knoxville Tenn.	+ 9	- 1	+ 5	r+16	+ 6
Cities					
Central Atlanta Ga.	- 1	-13	r-14	+ 2	-11
Miami-Downtown Fla.	+ 7	+ 9	+ 3	+14	- 5
<u>Chicago District</u>	+ 8	+ 2	+ 3	+19	+ 5
Metropolitan Areas					
Chicago Ill.	+ 4	0	- 2	+14	+ 1
Indianapolis Ind.	+10	+ 2	+ 2	+13	+ 6
Detroit Mich.	+14	+ 5	+ 9	+30	+ 6
Grand Rapids "	+ 9	- 2	+ 5	+22	+14
Milwaukee Wis.	+10	+ 7	+ 7	+19	+18
<u>St. Louis District</u>	+ 7	+ 1	+ 1	+16	+16
Metropolitan Areas					
Little Rock Ark.	+ 5	+ 6	- 8	+13	+16
Louisville Ky.	+ 6	+ 1	r+ 7	+29	+ 9
St. Louis Mo.	+ 5	- 1	+ 3	+13	+23
Memphis Tenn.	+13	+ 7	- 4	+17	+ 7
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	+ 5	+ 1	+ 1	+19	+ 6
Metropolitan Areas					
Mpls.--St. Paul Minn.	+ 5	+ 1	+ 1	r+18	+ 7
Mpls. and Suburbs "	+ 4	+ 2	+ 1	+19	+ 6
St. Paul "	+ 7	0	+ 2	+18	+ 8
Cities					
Duluth-Superior Minn. & Wis.	+ 7	- 6	+ 3	r+23	- 1

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<u>Kansas City District</u>	+ 7	+ 1	- 1	r+14	+24
Metropolitan Areas					
Denver Col.	+ 8	+ 4	+ 2	+16	+21
Topeka Kans.	+ 4	- 5	- 3	+15	+ 4
Wichita "	0	- 7	- 6	+ 2	+31
Kansas City Mo.-Kans.	+ 9	0	0	+17	+37
Downtown Kansas City Mo.	- 1	- 2	- 2	+13	+33
St. Joseph "	+ 4	- 2	- 2	+ 9	+16
Lincoln Nebr.	+ 4	- 2	+ 1	+ 9	+ 5
Albuquerque N.Mex.	+ 9	+ 3	0	+ 8	+16
Oklahoma City Okla.	+ 7	+ 7	- 6	r+10	+33
Tulsa "	+ 7	- 3	- 8	+13	+36
City					
Joplin Mo.	0	+15	- 9	+ 9	+33
<u>Dallas District</u>	+ 9	+ 2	+ 5	+23	+13
Metropolitan Areas					
Dallas Tex.	+12	+ 5	+10	+30	+24
El Paso "	+ 3	- 5	- 7	+ 9	+ 1
Fort Worth "	+ 6	- 2	- 1	+12	+13
Houston "	+12	+ 6	+ 8	+28	+12
San Antonio "	+ 5	- 5	+ 2	+18	+ 2
<u>San Francisco District</u>	+10	+ 4	+ 6	r+22	r+ 7
Metropolitan Areas					
Los Angeles-Long Beach Calif.	+12	+ 6	+ 8	+22	+15
Downtown Los Angeles "	+ 4	- 1	r+ 2	+10	+18
Westside Los Angeles "	+ 6	+ 3	+ 6	+18	+ 3
Sacramento "	+15	+ 9	+10	+22	- 3
San Diego "	+11	+ 5	+ 9	+21	0
San Francisco-Oakland "	+ 7	+ 3	+ 4	+21	+ 4
San Francisco City "	+ 6	+ 4	+ 4	+20	+ 4
Oakland "	0	- 3	- 1	+15	- 1
San Jose "	+19	+10	+ 9	+31	+ 5
Portland Ore.	+11	+ 4	+ 7	+17	+ 7
Salt Lake City Utah	+ 9	+ 2	+ 4	+24	+ 6
Seattle Wash.	+ 5	- 2	- 2	+19	+ 1
Spokane "	+ 4	- 2	- 1	+17	+ 6
Tacoma "	+ 6	0	+18	+16	+ 7

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* The large increases shown for this week reflect in part the fact that this year Christmas was on Friday and the week therefore included 4 days of heavy pre-Christmas shopping; in the corresponding week last year Christmas was on Thursday.