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## ADVANCE REPORT ON RETAIL TRADE, JUNE 1957

On the basis of an indicated 2 percent decrease in June sales from May of this year as reported by a sample of about 1,700 retail firms which, in total, operate some 35,000 stores, the total sales of retail stores in June were \$16.7 billion, the U. S. Department of Commerce announced today. After adjustment for seasonal factors and trading day differences, sales were off one-half of 1 percent from the previous month.

Table 1.--PERCENTAGE CHANGE OF SALES OF RETAIL STORES IN THE UNITED STATES,  
BY KIND-OF-BUSINESS GROUP, JUNE 1957 FROM MAY 1957

(NOT ADJUSTED for seasonal factors and trading day differences)

Kind-of-business group	Percentage change June 1957 from May 1957*
Retail stores, total <sup>1</sup> .....	-2
Food group.....	-3
Grocery stores.....	-3
Eating and drinking places.....	+2
General merchandise group.....	-2
Department stores <sup>2</sup> .....	-4
Apparel group.....	-2
Furniture and appliance group.....	+1
Lumber, building, hardware group <sup>3</sup> .....	+2
Automotive group.....	+1
Gasoline service stations.....	+1
Drug and proprietary stores.....	-1

See footnotes below table 2.

Source: Bureau of the Census

Table 2.--PERCENTAGE CHANGE OF SALES OF RETAIL STORES IN THE UNITED STATES,  
BY DURABLE AND NONDURABLE GOODS STORES, JUNE 1957 FROM MAY 1957

(ADJUSTED for seasonal factors and trading day differences)

Kind-of-business group	Percentage change June 1957 from May 1957*
Retail stores, total <sup>1</sup> .....	-0.5
Durable goods stores, total <sup>1</sup> .....	0.0
Nondurable goods stores, total <sup>1</sup> .....	-1.0

Source: Office of Business Economics

\* The Monthly Retail Trade Report sample which is used as the basis for estimating dollar volume of sales by kind of business is undergoing revision. Preliminary dollar figures usually presented in these tables are not shown pending the introduction of the estimates obtained from the revised sample.

<sup>1</sup> Totals include data for kinds of business not shown separately.

<sup>2</sup> Based on preliminary estimates supplied by Federal Reserve Board.

<sup>3</sup> Includes farm equipment dealers.