

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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DEPARTMENT STORE SALES IN AUGUST 1936 Preliminary report

Department store sales increased from July to August by less than the usual amount and the Board's seasonally adjusted index was 86 percent of the 1923-1925 average, as compared with 91 percent in July and 87 percent in June.

Total sales in August were 7 percent larger than a year ago, although the month had one less business day this year. In the first eight months sales were 10 percent larger than in the corresponding period of last year.

REPORTS BY FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS

	Percentage change from a year ago		Number of stores report- ing	Number of cities in- cluded
	August*	January 1 to August 31		
Total	+7	+10	532	269
Federal Reserve districts:				
Boston	+4	+9	55	33
New York	+3	+9	54	28
Philadelphia	+8	+10	33	15
Cleveland	+13	+12	29	11
Richmond	+2	+9	59	28
Atlanta	+14	+13	33	21
Chicago	+9	+11	61	35
St. Louis	0	+8	37	20
Minneapolis	+9	+9	39	22
Kansas City	0	+8	21	13
Dallas	+18	+17	21	10
San Francisco	+9	+11	90	33

* August figures preliminary; in most cities the month had one less business day this year than last year.