Department store sales increased by more than the usual seasonal amount from July to August and the Board's adjusted index advanced 3 points to 89, about the same as the level reached in the latter part of last year. The index is shown below for the last three months and for August 1938.

Sales in August were 7 per cent larger than in August 1938, and the total for the first eight months of the year was 4 per cent above last year.

REPORT BY FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS

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Federal Reserve districts:

- **Boston**: +1, +2, 51, 31
- **New York**: +6, 0, 61, 30
- **Philadelphia**: +4, +5, 23, 10
- **Cleveland**: +13, +6, 27, 11
- **Richmond**: +6, +3, 50, 25
- **Atlanta**: +15, +9, 25, 17
- **Chicago**: +7, +6, 90, 31
- **St. Louis**: +12, +6, 33, 16
- **Minneapolis**: +10, +4, 34, 16
- **Kansas City**: +7, +1, 17, 11
- **Dallas**: +1, +1, 20, 10
- **San Francisco**: +3, +3, 78, 29

* August figures preliminary; in most cities the month had the same number of business days this year and last year.