



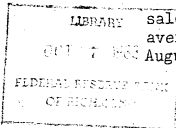
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The seasonally adjusted index of department store sales for September is estimated at 119 per cent of the 1957-59 average. This is 6 points below the all-time high reached in August, and up two points from the 117 recorded a year ago.



	1963			1962	
	Sept.	Aug.	July	Sept.	Sept.
Monthly sales index 1957-59=100	e119	125	120	117	117
Adjusted for seasonal variation	e118	113	100	117	117
Without seasonal adjustment					

WEEKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES - weekly

Federal Reserve District	Percentage change from corresponding periods a year ago (Based on retail dollar amounts)					
	One week ending				Four weeks ending	Jan. 1 to
	Sept. 28	Sept. 21	Sept. 14	Sept. 7	Sept. 28	Sept. 28
Boston	+ 7	+ 2	+15	+ 2	+ 7	+ 5
New York	+ 9	+ 1	+12	+ 5	+ 7	+ 5
Philadelphia	+ 8	+ 1	+ 7	- 1	+ 4	0
Cleveland	+ 2	0	+ 7	+ 3	+ 3	+ 2
Richmond	+ 1	r 0	+10	+ 2	+ 3	+ 4
Atlanta	+13	r+7	+13	+ 9	+10	+ 9
Chicago	- 1	- 1	+11	+ 8	+ 4	+ 5
St. Louis	+ 2	- 3	r- 2	- 1	- 1	+ 3
Minneapolis	+ 7	0	+ 3	+ 4	+ 3	+ 5
Kansas City	- 1	+ 2	+ 2	- 3	0	+ 4
Dallas	- 2	+ 5	+ 3	0	+ 2	+ 6
San Francisco	- 7	+ 7	+ 2	+ 3	+ 2	+ 4
U.S. Total	+ 3	+ 2	+ 8	+ 3	+ 4	+ 4

U.S. weekly sales index, without seasonal adjustment, 1957-59=100 1/											
1963	Aug.	31	126	1962	Sept.	1	116	1961	Sept.	2	111
		7	108			8	105			9	93
		14	122			15	113			16	108
		21	119			22	117			23	111
		28	119			29	116			30	113

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e--Estimated

1/ For description of monthly indexes see Federal Reserve Bulletin for July 1962. A description of weekly indexes appears in Bulletin for August 1962.

Weekly indexes at the district and city levels are published by several of the Federal Reserve Banks.