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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.-June	Week ending			
			July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
United States		+ 6	+ 3	+ 2	+ 2	- 1
Boston District		+ 2	+ 4	+ 3	+ 4	- 4
Metropolitan Areas						
Boston	Mass.	+ 1	+ 7	+ 1	+ 4	- 4
Downtown Boston	"	- 1	+ 3	- 4	+ 3	- 7
Suburban Boston	"	+ 4	+12	+10	+ 7	+ 1
Cambridge	"	+ 3	+ 3	+21	+ 7	- 4
Lynn	"	+ 2	+15	+21	- 9	-16
Quincy	"	+ 3	+ 9	+14	- 2	-12
Lowell	"	- 1	+ 3	- 4	- 5	-19
Cities						
Springfield	Mass.	+ 7	- 8	+21	+10	- 5
Providence	R. I.	- 2	- 8	- 5	+ 1	- 4
New York District		+ 5	+ 5	+ 4	+ 9	+ 2
Metropolitan Areas						
Buffalo	N. Y.	+ 5	+18	- 2	+ 8	- 1
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J.	+ 7	+ 4	+ 4	+10	+ 3
Newark	N. J.	+ 6	+15	+ 9	+22	+ 1
New York	N. Y.	*	+ 3	+ 2	+ 6	+ 4
Rochester	"	+ 6	+ 4	+21	+ 6	- 1
Syracuse	"	+ 5	+ 2	- 1	- 1	- 6
Philadelphia District		+ 7	- 7	+ 4	r- 4	- 3
Metropolitan Areas						
Wilmington	Del.	+14	-14	+22	- 5	- 5
Trenton	N. J.	+ 1	- 4	+17	+ 2	- 6
Lancaster	Pa.	+ 5	- 6	+ 1	- 2	- 7
Philadelphia	"	+ 7	- 8	+ 2	- 2	- 5
Reading	"	+ 6	- 6	+ 5	-14	- 3
Scranton	"	+ 9	0	+13	+ 1	- 6
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	- 1	- 3	- 3	+ 3	-11
Cleveland District		+ 7	0	+ 1	- 3	+ 2
Metropolitan Areas						
Lexington	Ky.	- 1	- 2	+ 1	- 3	-13
Akron	Ohio	+ 6	- 4	+ 5	+ 2	- 5
Cincinnati	"	+ 4	+ 2	-11	- 5	+18
Cleveland	"	+ 7	+ 3	+ 4	+ 8	+ 1
Columbus	"	+ 7	+ 5	0	+ 1	- 1
Springfield	"	+ 3	- 6	-13	- 6	-17
Toledo	"	+ 2	- 6	r- 5	- 4	-15
Erie	Pa.	+ 8	+14	r 0	+ 6	- 2
Pittsburgh	"	+ 9	- 6	+ 1	-17	+10
Wheeling-Steubenville	W.Va.-Ohio	+ 7	-12	0	- 3	- 7

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			July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
Richmond District		**+ 7**	**+11**	**+ 3**	**r- 3**	**- 4**
Metropolitan Areas						
Washington	D. C.	+ 3	+23	+ 5	- 4	- 3
Downtown Washington	"	0	+39	+ 8	r- 5	- 3
Baltimore	Md.	+ 3	0	+ 1	r+ 3	- 5
Richmond	Va.	+ 6	+ 6	+ 6	- 9	- 4
Atlanta District		**+ 7**	**+11**	**+ 4**	**r 0**	**0**
Metropolitan Areas						
Birmingham	Ala.	+ 5	+12	- 4	+ 4	- 6
Jacksonville	Fla.	+ 7	+10	+17	+ 9	+12
Atlanta	Ga.	+ 1	+ 7	+ 6	r- 4	- 5
Augusta	"	+ 1	0	+ 2	r- 4	- 6
New Orleans	La.	+ 7	+ 9	+ 7	+ 8	+ 1
Knoxville	Tenn.	+ 5	+ 3	- 2	-16	- 3
Nashville	"	+ 4	+10	- 3	+ 8	- 9
City						
Tampa	Fla.	+ 6	+16	- 1	- 8	+ 2
Chicago District		**+ 5**	**- 1**	**+ 2**	**+ 3**	**- 1**
Metropolitan Areas						
Chicago	Ill.	+ 5	0	+ 4	+ 4	+ 1
Indianapolis	Ind.	+ 6	0	+ 8	+ 1	+ 1
Detroit	Mich.	+ 4	- 2	- 3	0	- 1
Milwaukee	Wis.	+ 8	- 6	+ 5	+ 5	+ 3
St. Louis District		**+ 7**	**- 3**	**0**	**+ 4**	**- 5**
Metropolitan Areas						
Little Rock	Ark.	+ 7	+ 8	- 3	+12	+ 3
Louisville	Ky.	+ 6	+ 3	-13	- 6	- 3
St. Louis	Mo.	+ 9	-11	+ 2	+ 5	- 6
Memphis	Tenn.	+ 5	+14	r+ 8	+ 4	- 6
Minneapolis District		**+ 6**	**+ 7**	**0**	**- 2**	**- 2**
Cities						
Minneapolis	Minn.	+ 5	+ 8	- 1	- 4	- 4
St. Paul	"	+ 9	+ 5	+ 1	+ 2	+ 4
Duluth-Superior	Minn. & Wis.	+10	+ 5	+ 8	+ 3	- 3

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Kansas City District		+ 3	- 1	- 7	+ 2	- 7
Metropolitan Areas						
Denver	Colo.	+ 9	+ 6	+ 1	r+ 5	- 3
Topeka	Kans.	+10	+ 4	-10	+13	- 6
Wichita	"	+ 2	- 1	-11	- 3	+ 2
St. Joseph	Mo.	+ 3	- 1	- 4	- 5	0
Albuquerque	N. Mex.	+ 6	+ 1	- 1	- 5	*
Oklahoma City	Okla.	+ 7	+ 9	- 9	- 2	-10
Tulsa	"	+ 5	- 3	- 8	+13	-13
Cities						
Joplin	Mo.	+ 2	+ 3	+ 1	+ 9	-10
Kansas City	"	- 1	- 6	-12	- 1	- 6
Dallas District		+ 5	+10	- 1	+ 8	- 4
Metropolitan Areas						
Dallas	Tex.	+ 2	+ 5	- 1	- 1	- 5
El Paso	"	+ 4	+ 8	+ 3	+ 6	- 4
Fort Worth	"	+ 7	+10	+ 5	+ 4	+ 2
Houston	"	+ 7	+16	- 9	r+28	0
San Antonio	"	0	+ 7	+ 1	- 2	-12
San Francisco District		+ 6	+ 6	+ 4	+ 1	- 3
Metropolitan Areas						
Los Angeles-Long Beach	Calif.	+ 1	+ 6	+ 3	- 1	- 5
Downtown Los Angeles	"	- 5	+12	+ 4	+ 6	- 6
Westside Los Angeles	"	+ 1	+ 7	+ 6	- 3	- 6
Sacramento	"	+ 8	+ 9	r+11	+16	+ 2
San Diego	"	+ 9	+ 6	r+ 7	+10	-13
San Francisco-Oakland	"	+ 3	+ 5	+ 5	+ 8	+ 4
San Francisco City	"	+ 4	+ 7	+ 4	+ 8	+ 3
Oakland City	"	+ 2	+ 3	+ 4	+ 6	+ 2
San Jose	"	+ 4	+ 2	-12	+19	+12
Portland	Ore.	+ 2	+ 3	- 1	- 8	- 9
Salt Lake City	Utah	+ 3	+ 7	+ 2	- 8	+ 1
Seattle	Wash.	+ 5	+ 2	+ 9	- 7	+ 3
Spokane	"	+ 3	- 1	+ 9	+11	- 8
Tacoma	"	+ 3	+ 9	+ 6	+ 6	- 2

r--Revised.   *--Data not available.