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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.- Aug.	Week ending			
			Sept. 8	Sept. 15	Sept. 22	Sept. 29
United States		+ 6	+ 4	+ 4	+ 8	+ 3
Boston District		+ 3	+ 3	- 2	+10	+ 6
Metropolitan Areas						
Boston	Mass.	+ 2	+ 5	- 3	+ 9	+ 5
Downtown Boston	"	+ 1	+ 1	- 4	+ 8	+ 3
Suburban Boston	"	+ 5	+15	0	+13	+ 8
Cambridge	"	+ 5	+19	+ 6	+ 9	+ 9
Lynn	"	+ 1	+16	- 3	+ 7	+18
Quincy	"	+ 3	+ 5	-19	+33	+18
Lowell	"	- 1	+16	- 2	+22	+ 3
Cities						
Springfield	Mass.	+ 7	- 7	0	+11	+11
Providence	R. I.	- 2	- 4	- 1	+ 2	0
New York District		+ 6	- 3	+ 5	+15	+11
Metropolitan Areas						
Buffalo	N. Y.	+ 5	- 5	+ 7	r+12	+18
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J.	+ 8	- 3	+ 5	+17	+10
Newark	N. J.	+ 6	+ 1	+ 8	r+13	+11
New York	N. Y.	*	- 6	+ 3	+17	+10
Rochester	"	+ 6	- 3	+ 4	+ 1	+ 4
Syracuse	"	+ 5	- 4	0	+ 9	+ 7
Philadelphia District		+ 6	r- 5	+ 3	+12	+ 5
Metropolitan Areas						
Wilmington	Del.	+12	+ 2	+14	+14	+10
Trenton	N. J.	+ 2	0	+ 3	+ 3	+10
Lancaster	Pa.	+ 4	0	+ 7	+19	+ 2
Philadelphia	"	+ 5	r- 4	r+ 2	+ 9	+ 6
Reading	"	+ 5	- 4	+ 4	+46	- 6
Scranton	"	+11	-35	- 4	+20	+ 9
Wilkes-Barre-- Hazleton	"	0	- 3	- 1	r+31	-14
Cleveland District		+ 6	+ 6	+ 5	r+10	+ 6
Metropolitan Areas						
Lexington	Ky.	- 2	+17	+ 2	+22	+ 6
Akron	Ohio	+ 5	+22	+ 3	+11	+ 3
Cincinnati	"	+ 5	+ 7	+ 7	+13	+ 6
Cleveland	"	+ 6	0	+ 6	+16	+ 4
Columbus	"	+ 6	r+ 9	r+ 8	+ 2	+ 4
Springfield	"	0	+ 3	- 6	+ 9	- 1
Toledo	"	0	- 1	r- 2	-17	+16
Erie	Pa.	+ 8	+ 8	r+10	+14	0
Pittsburgh	"	+ 8	r+ 2	+ 4	+14	+ 8
Wheeling-Steubenville	W.Va-Ohio	+ 6	r+14	+17	+16	+21

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Richmond District		+ 6	- 5	± 1	+ 9	- 2
Metropolitan Areas						
Washington	D. C.	+ 7	-10	- 3	+ 5	- 5
Downtown Washington	"	+ 1	-14	- 8	- 2	-18
Baltimore	Md.	+ 3	- 9	+ 4	+10	- 3
Richmond	Va.	+ 5	+10	+ 4	+16	+ 4
Atlanta District		+ 7	+ 5	+ 7	+10	+14
Metropolitan Areas						
Birmingham	Ala.	+ 6	- 3	- 2	r+52	+45
Jacksonville	Fla.	+ 7	+15	+10	- 5	+16
Atlanta	Ga.	+ 2	+ 6	+ 1	r+ 7	*
Augusta	"	0	- 5	+ 5	r-11	+ 2
New Orleans	La.	+ 7	+ 5	+ 6	+ 7	+ 5
Knoxville	Tenn.	+ 3	0	+ 8	+ 4	*
Nashville	"	+ 7	+27	+ 1	+22	*
City						
Tampa	Fla.	+ 4	0	+ 6	- 6	+19
Chicago District		+ 5	+ 7	+ 4	r+11	+ 3
Metropolitan Areas						
Chicago	Ill.	+ 6	+ 3	+ 3	+11	0
Indianapolis	Ind.	+ 6	+ 8	+ 5	+17	+ 4
Detroit	Mich.	+ 4	+ 6	+ 4	+15	+ 9
Milwaukee	Wis.	+ 8	+13	+ 5	+11	+11
St. Louis District		+ 6	+14	- 2	+11	- 1
Metropolitan Areas						
Little Rock	Ark.	+ 7	+23	0	+ 4	+20
Louisville	Ky.	+ 6	r+ 7	r- 1	+14	- 4
St. Louis	Mo.	+ 7	+11	- 4	+ 9	- 7
Memphis	Tenn.	+ 6	+27	- 3	+16	+15
Minneapolis District		+ 6	+ 5	+10	+ 5	- 4
Cities,						
Minneapolis	Minn.	+ 5	+ 6	+10	0	*
St. Paul	"	+ 8	+ 3	+ 9	+11	-11
Duluth-Superior	Minn. & Wis.	+ 9	+11	+11	+22	+10

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Kansas City District		+ 3	+ 9	+ 1	- 3	- 2
Metropolitan Areas						
Denver	Col.	+ 8	+14	+ 5	- 6	- 1
Topeka	Kans.	+ 9	+21	+ 8	- 1	- 9
Wichita	"	+ 2	+17	+ 1	r- 3	- 5
St. Joseph	Mo.	+ 2	+ 7	+ 2	- 4	0
Albuquerque	N. Mex.	+ 4	+ 7	- 2	- 4	-16
Oklahoma City	Okla.	+ 5	+ 6	- 4	r- 2	+ 6
Tulsa	"	+ 5	+16	- 2	+ 1	+ 4
Cities						
Joplin	Mo.	+ 1	+12	-14	0	*
Kansas City	"	- 1	- 4	0	- 1	- 2
Dallas		+ 5	+15	+ 7	r- 3	- 3
Metropolitan Areas						
Dallas	Tex.	+ 2	+ 6	0	+ 2	- 2
El Paso	"	+ 4	+ 1	+10	+ 9	+ 3
Fort Worth	"	+ 6	+19	+12	+ 1	+ 2
Houston	"	+ 7	+36	+17	-21	-13
San Antonio	"	0	+ 8	- 1	+ 3	0
San Francisco District		+ 6	+ 2	+ 2	r- 3	r- 5
Metropolitan Areas						
Los Angeles-Long Beach	Calif.	0	- 1	+ 2	-11	-14
Downtown Los Angeles	"	- 4	r 0	+ 3	-18	-20
Westside Los Angeles	"	+ 1	+ 2	- 4	- 9	-15
Sacramento	"	+ 8	+13	+11	+ 8	0
San Diego	"	+ 7	+ 6	r+ 5	- 6	- 7
San Francisco-Oakland	"	+ 4	0	+ 3	- 3	- 2
San Francisco City	"	+ 4	- 2	r+ 2	- 4	- 2
Oakland City	"	+ 2	r+ 2	+ 3	+ 1	- 1
San Jose	"	+ 4	r- 3	- 2	+ 1	-21
Portland	Ore.	+ 1	+ 7	- 2	- 1	+ 5
Salt Lake City	Utah	+ 4	+13	+ 3	+ 2	+ 7
Seattle	Wash.	+ 4	- 2	0	+ 6	+11
Spokane	"	+ 4	+ 9	- 3	- 2	0
Tacoma	"	+ 4	+ 4	r 0	+13	+ 5

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