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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 27	Aug. 3	Aug. 10	Aug. 17
UNITED STATES		+ 1	+ 4	0	+ 3	+ 4
Boston District		- 1	0	-10	0	0
Metropolitan Areas						
Boston	Mass.	+ 2	- 1	-13	- 1	- 3
Downtown Boston	"	0	- 3	-17	- 6	- 7
Suburban Boston	"	+ 5	+ 4	- 5	+ 7	+ 4
Cambridge	"	+ 5	+ 2	-11	0	+ 3
Quincy	"	+ 2	+ 3	- 8	0	+ 1
Lowell	"	- 1	- 1	- 7	+ 4	+ 7
City						
Springfield	"	0	+10	- 1	+ 3	+ 6
New York District		+ 4	+ 8	+ 3	+ 8	+ 8
Metropolitan Areas						
Buffalo	N. Y.	0	- 5	- 6	- 4	- 2
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J.	+ 6	+11	+ 6	+10	+11
Newark	N. J.	- 2	+ 1	- 8	0	+ 2
New York	N. Y.	*	- 1	- 2	0	- 1
Rochester	"	- 2	+ 1	-12	+ 3	- 3
Syracuse	"	0	+ 3	- 3	r+13	0
Philadelphia District		+ 2	+ 6	- 3	r+ 1	+ 3
Metropolitan Areas						
Wilmington	Del.	+ 8	+ 4	+ 3	+ 7	+10
Trenton	N. J.	+ 3	+ 6	-10	r+10	+ 2
Lancaster	Pa.	+ 1	+13	-14	r+ 7	- 5
Philadelphia	"	+ 1	+ 4	- 2	r 0	+ 2
Reading	"	+11	+56	-17	+16	+ 8
Scranton	"	0	- 3	- 4	r+ 4	+ 1
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	0	+ 4	- 8	r+ 1	+ 4
Cleveland District		0	+ 2	- 5	r+ 2	+ 2
Metropolitan Areas						
Lexington	Ky.	+ 8	+21	+ 5	+12	+16
Akron	Ohio	- 3	- 3	- 3	+ 3	- 2
Cincinnati	"	- 5	- 5	-12	- 3	- 3
Cleveland	"	- 2	+ 4	- 6	- 3	+ 3
Columbus	"	+ 1	+ 5	- 4	+ 2	+ 3
Springfield	"	- 5	- 7	- 9	- 4	- 3
Toledo	"	- 6	- 2	-10	+ 2	-10
Erie	Pa.	- 1	+ 5	r- 2	- 5	+ 8
Pittsburgh	"	+ 3	+ 2	r- 1	+ 5	+ 4
Wheeling-Steubenville	W.Va.&Ohio	+ 6	+15	+ 5	+10	- 3

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

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Kansas City District		– 2	+ 5	– 1	r– 1	0
Metropolitan Areas						
Denver	Col.	0	+ 2	– 4	– 4	+ 2
Topeka	Kans.	– 3	+ 5	+ 1	– 2	+ 9
Wichita	"	+ 1	+13	+ 3	r+ 2	+ 5
St. Joseph	Mo.	– 8	+22	– 3	– 9	+24
Albuquerque	N. Mex.	– 6	– 7	+ 3	+ 2	+ 8
Oklahoma City	Okla.	– 5	+ 7	– 4	– 3	– 3
Tulsa	"	+ 2	– 3	– 3	0	–25
Cities						
Joplin	Mo.	– 4	– 6	– 7	r–11	+21
Kansas City	"	– 4	– 1	+ 1	r– 2	– 3
Dallas District		0	+ 5	+ 4	+ 1	+ 2
Metropolitan Areas						
Dallas	Tex.	0	+ 2	– 1	+ 3	+ 5
El Paso	"	+ 3	– 3	0	+ 4	+ 6
Fort Worth	"	+ 3	+ 7	+11	+ 6	+ 6
Houston	"	+ 9	+11	r+12	+ 3	+10
San Antonio	"	– 1	+12	+ 6	– 1	+ 1
San Francisco District		+ 1	+ 2	– 3	+ 2	r– 2
Metropolitan Areas						
Los Angeles–Long Beach	Calif.	+ 2	+ 3	– 5	– 1	– 7
Downtown Los Angeles	"	– 1	+ 1	r– 9	– 1	– 9
Westside Los Angeles	"	+ 2	+ 4	– 4	– 6	– 4
Sacramento	"	+13	+22	+39	+34	+30
San Diego	"	+ 2	+ 7	r+ 4	– 1	0
San Francisco–Oakland	"	– 1	– 3	– 8	– 1	– 4
San Francisco City	"	– 1	– 4	–10	0	– 4
Oakland	"	– 3	– 1	– 2	– 1	– 3
Portland	Ore.	+ 1	– 6	– 9	– 6	– 9
Salt Lake City	Utah	+ 1	+ 2	r– 5	– 2	+ 1
Seattle	Wash.	+ 2	+ 8	–13	+13	+ 5
Spokane	"	– 1	– 5	+15	+ 4	+ 8
Tacoma	"	– 2	+ 1	r–20	+11	–13

r—Revised.   *—Data not available.