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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.-July	Week ending			
			Aug. 10	Aug. 17	Aug. 24	Aug. 31
UNITED STATES		+ 2	+ 3	r+ 3	+ 1	+ 5
Boston District		.0	0	0	- 3	- 2
Metropolitan Areas						
Boston	Mass.	+ 2	- 1	- 3	- 6	- 5
Downtown Boston	"	0	- 6	- 7	-13	-10
Suburban Boston	"	+ 5	+ 7	+ 4	+ 8	+ 5
Cambridge	"	+ 6	0	+ 3	- 2	- 3
Quincy	"	+ 2	0	+ 1	+ 9	+ 2
Lowell	"	- 1	+ 4	+ 7	+ 3	+ 5
City						
Springfield	"	.0	+ 3	+ 6	+ 3	+ 4
New York District		+ 4	+ 8	+ 8	+ 2	+10
Metropolitan Areas						
Buffalo	N. Y.	+ 2	- 4	- 1	r- 9	+ 2
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J.	+ 7	+10	+10	+ 6	+12
Newark	N. J.	- 2	0	+ 2	r- 4	+ 7
New York	N. Y.	*	.0	- 1	- 3	+ 5
Rochester	"	- 2	+ 3	- 2	-10	- 2
Syracuse	"	+ 1	+13	0	- 6	+ 7
Philadelphia District		+ 3	+ 1	+ 3	+ 1	+15
Metropolitan Areas						
Wilmington	Del.	+ 8	+ 7	+ 9	r+ 6	+17
Trenton	N. J.	+ 3	+10	+ 1	r+10	+ 9
Lancaster	Pa.	+ 1	+ 7	- 6	+ 4	+ 4
Philadelphia	"	+ 1	0	+ 2	r- 1	+18
Reading	"	+13	+16	+ 8	+12	+17
Scranton	"	+ 1	+ 4	+ 1	r- 1	+ 3
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	+ 1	+ 1	+ 4	- 2	+ 3
Cleveland District		+ 1	+ 2	+ 1	r- 4	+ 5
Metropolitan Areas						
Lexington	Ky.	+ 9	+11	r+13	+ 2	+ 1
Akron	Ohio	- 2	+ 3	- 2	- 5	- 1
Cincinnati	"	- 4	- 3	- 3	-12	- 4
Cleveland	"	- 1	- 3	+ 3	- 1	+11
Columbus	"	+ 1	+ 1	+ 3	0	- 1
Springfield	"	- 5	- 4	- 3	+ 7	+ 3
Toledo	"	- 5	+ 4	-10	- 7	- 4
Erie	Pa.	- 1	- 5	r+ 7	- 4	+ 2
Pittsburgh	"	+ 4	+ 3	r+ 2	0	+10
Wheeling-Steubenville	W.Va.&Ohio	+ 6	+10	- 3	- 2	+16

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Richmond District		+ 4	+ 2	+ 5	+ 2	+10
Metropolitan Areas						
Washington	D. C.	+ 4	+ 2	+ 8	- 1	+ 7
Downtown Washington	"	- 4	- 5	+ 2	- 7	+ 3
Baltimore	Md.	+ 9	+ 6	+ 9	r+ 6	+19
Downtown Baltimore	"	- 5	-11	- 8	r-10	+ 5
Richmond	Va.	- 2	- 4	- 4	+ 1	+ 3
Atlanta District		+ 2	- 1	+ 4	r 0	0
Metropolitan Areas						
Birmingham	Ala.	+ 2	+13	- 2	+ 1	- 2
Jacksonville	Fla.	0	+ 4	+ 5	- 2	0
Miami	"	+12	+ 3	+ 8	+10	+ 8
Miami City	"	0	- 7	- 4	r 0	- 3
Atlanta	Ga.	+ 3	+ 3	+ 1	+ 4	+ 6
Augusta	"	- 6	0	+ 9	r- 5	- 7
Knoxville	Tenn.	- 1	+ 1	- 1	-14	- 7
Nashville	"	+ 8	+ 3	- 6	0	0
City						
Tampa	Fla.	0	+ 2	+16	+ 3	+ 2
Chicago District		+ 2	+ 2	+ 2	+ 3	r+ 4
Metropolitan Areas						
Chicago	Ill.	+ 3	+ 3	+ 9	+ 6	+ 5
Indianapolis	Ind.	+ 1	0	+ 3	- 6	- 3
Detroit	Mich.	+ 2	+ 5	- 4	+ 5	+ 9
Milwaukee	Wis.	+ 1	+ 3	+ 1	+ 2	+ 2
St. Louis District		0	+ 1	+ 6	- 1	- 1
Metropolitan Areas						
Little Rock	Ark.	- 2	- 1	- 3	- 2	- 5
Louisville	Ky.	- 1	+ 1	+ 1	+ 1	- 2
St. Louis	Mo.	+ 1	+ 3	+11	+ 1	+ 2
Memphis	Tenn.	- 1	- 7	r- 1	- 8	- 8
Minneapolis District		+ 4	+ 2	+ 1	+ 6	+ 9
Metropolitan Areas						
Mpls.-St. Paul	Minn.	+ 3	+ 2	0	+ 7	+ 9
Mpls. and Suburbs	"	+ 5	+ 1	- 1	+11	+ 9
St. Paul	"	- 1	+ 5	+ 2	- 2	+ 9
Cities						
Duluth-Superior	Minn.&Wis.	+ 4	- 4	+ 4	+ 2	- 1

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Kansas City District		- 1	- 1	0	+ 1	+ 1
Metropolitan Areas						
Denver	Col.	+ 1	- 4	+ 2	- 2	+ 3
Topeka	Kans.	- 1	- 2	+ 9	- 9	- 4
Wichita	"	+ 3	+ 2	+ 3	r+ 5	+ 4
St. Joseph	Mo.	- 7	- 9	+24	+ 3	- 4
Albuquerque	N. Mex.	- 4	+ 2	+ 8	- 2	- 8
Oklahoma City	Okla.	- 3	- 3	- 3	r- 5	0
Tulsa	"	+ 2	0	-25	+27	- 4
Cities						
Joplin	Mo.	- 3	-11	+19	r- 3	*
Kansas City	"	- 2	- 2	- 3	- 3	0
Dallas District		+ 2	+ 1	+ 2	+ 1	+ 6
Metropolitan Areas						
Dallas	Tex.	+ 1	+ 3	+ 5	+ 1	+ 3
El Paso	"	+ 4	+ 4	+ 6	- 8	+10
Fort Worth	"	+ 5	+ 6	+ 6	+ 2	+ 1
Houston	"	+11	+ 3	+10	+ 3	+17
San Antonio	"	+ 1	- 1	+ 1	0	+ 3
San Francisco District		+ 2	+ 2	- 2	+ 2	r+ 1
Metropolitan Areas						
Los Angeles-Long Beach	Calif.	+ 3	- 1	r- 6	+ 2	- 3
Downtown Los Angeles	"	0	- 1	r- 8	- 3	- 2
Westside Los Angeles	"	+ 3	- 6	- 4	- 2	- 8
Sacramento	"	+16	+34	+30	+26	+35
San Diego	"	+ 3	- 1	r+ 1	- 3	- 4
San Francisco-Oakland	"	- 1	- 1	- 4	0	+ 2
San Francisco City	"	- 1	0	- 4	+ 1	- 1
Oakland	"	- 2	- 1	- 3	- 1	+ 8
Portland	Ore.	0	- 4	- 9	- 4	-10
Salt Lake City	Utah	+ 2	- 2	+ 1	+ 3	0
Seattle	Wash.	+ 2	+13	+ 5	+ 7	0
Spokane	"	- 1	+ 4	+ 8	+ 3	- 2
Tacoma	"	- 2	+10	-13	-11	- 1

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