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BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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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				
	1959	July 11	July 18	July 25	August 1	
<u>UNITED STATES</u>	+ 8	+ 9	+ 7	+ 5	+ 6	
<u>Boston District</u>	+ 4	+ 2	+ 3	- 1	+ 4	
Metropolitan Areas						
Boston	Mass.	+ 5	+ 1	+ 6	- 2	+ 6
Downtown Boston	"	- 2	- 6	+ 1	-14	+ 4
Suburban Boston	"	+16	+13	+14	+21	+10
Cambridge	"	+ 6	0	+ 7	+ 8	+ 2
Quincy	"	+17	+14	+ 3	+24	+16
Lowell	"	- 3	- 1	r-15	- 1	0
City						
Springfield	"	+ 7	+ 3	+ 5	+13	+ 8
<u>New York District</u>	+ 4	+ 1	+ 7	r+ 5	+ 2	
Metropolitan Areas						
Buffalo	N. Y.	+ 3	+ 4	+ 1	+ 3	- 5
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J.	+ 3	+ 1	+ 9	r+ 5	+ 3
Newark	N. J.	+ 2	+ 1	- 3	r- 1	+ 3
New York	N. Y.	0	0	+ 6	r+ 1	+ 1
Rochester	"	+ 7	- 5	+ 2	r 0	0
Syracuse	"	+ 3	+ 3	- 3	r+13	+ 1
<u>Philadelphia District</u>	+ 7	+ 6	+ 2	+ 3	+ 5	
metropolitan Areas						
Wilmington	Del.	+10	- 2	r+ 4	+18	- 1
Trenton	N. J.	+ 6	+ 5	0	+ 4	+ 1
Lancaster	Pa.	+18	+17	+14	r-24	+68
Philadelphia	"	+ 7	+ 8	+ 3	+ 3	+ 4
Reading	"	+12	+16	+ 4	0	+19
Scranton	"	+ 6	- 6	- 6	r 0	- 8
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	+ 3	+ 4	+ 3	+13	- 5
<u>Cleveland District</u>	+ 8	+ 9	+ 5	+ 7	+ 7	
Metropolitan Areas						
Lexington	Ky.	+10	+17	r+37	- 2	-17
Akron	Ohio	- 1	+ 4	0	+ 4	- 2
Canton	"	+ 8	+ 8	- 1	+ 6	+14
Cincinnati	"	+ 8	+16	+ 7	- 3	+ 3
Cleveland	"	+ 9	+ 9	+ 5	+10	+17
Downtown Cleveland	"	*	+ 3	+ 2	+ 4	+11
Columbus	"	+10	+11	+ 4	+10	+ 5
Springfield	"	+ 9	+22	r+ 5	+12	+ 9
Youngstown	"	+ 9	+15	r+ 5	+ 6	+ 3
Erie	Pa.	+ 8	+25	r+ 8	+11	+10
Pittsburgh	"	+ 8	+ 4	r+ 4	+10	+ 5
Downtown Pittsburgh	"	*	+ 3	r+ 4	+ 9	+ 5
Wheeling-Steubenville W.Va. & Ohio	"	+ 8	+ 9	-11	+ 5	- 8

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<u>Richmond District</u>		+ 9	+ 1	+ 3	+ 3	+ 1
Metropolitan Areas						
Washington	D. C.	+11	- 5	+ 2	+ 2	+ 1
Downtown Washington	"	+ 4	- 8	- 1	r- 4	- 4
Baltimore	Md.	+ 5	+ 5	+ 2	+ 2	+ 1
Downtown Baltimore	"	- 3	- 5	-10	- 9	-12
Richmond	Va.	+ 4	+ 5	- 1	+ 4	+ 3
<u>Atlanta District</u>		+ 8	+15	+ 3	+ 3	r+ 3
Metropolitan Areas						
Birmingham	Ala.	+ 4	+ 7	- 5	- 5	-19
Mobile	"	+ 7	+ 8	- 7	- 2	*
Jacksonville	Fla.	+14	+26	+ 2	- 2	*
Miami	"	+ 8	+10	+ 7	+11	+10
Downtown Miami	"	+ 4	+ 9	+ 5	+11	+10
Atlanta	Ga.	+ 6	+21	+ 5	- 1	- 1
Augusta	"	+14	+22	+10	+12	*
Columbus	"	- 1	+ 5	- 4	- 7	*
New Orleans	La.	+ 5	+13	+ 7	+13	+ 2
Knoxville	Tenn.	+ 8	+33	+ 5	+ 5	+16
<u>Chicago District</u>		+ 8	+11	+ 9	+ 9	+ 7
Metropolitan Areas						
Chicago	Ill.	+ 5	+10	+ 5	+ 5	+ 2
Indianapolis	Ind.	+12	+ 8	+15	+13	+20
Detroit	Mich.	+14	+16	+13	+12	+13
Grand Rapids	"	+10	+ 8	+11	+18	+10
Milwaukee	Wis.	+ 9	+14	+14	+14	+ 8
<u>St. Louis District</u>		+ 8	+13	+ 5	+ 1	+ 4
Metropolitan Areas						
Little Rock	Ark.	+ 6	+10	- 7	- 3	+16
Louisville	Ky.	+ 8	+ 6	+ 4	- 3	+ 4
St. Louis	Mo.	+ 6	+ 9	+ 3	+ 2	+ 1
Memphis	Tenn.	+17	+33	+17	+ 5	+ 7
<u>Minneapolis District</u>		+ 7	+ 3	+ 7	+ 2	+ 6
Metropolitan Areas						
Mpls.--St. Paul	Minn.	+ 6	+ 2	+ 7	+ 2	+ 6
Mpls. and Suburbs	"	+ 4	- 1	+ 5	+ 1	+ 7
St. Paul	"	+ 9	+ 8	+10	+ 4	+ 4
Cities						
Duluth-Superior	Minn. & Wis.	+ 7	+12	+ 6	+ 7	+ 1

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<u>Kansas City District</u>	+ 8	+10	+ 5	r- 1	+ 4
Metropolitan Areas					
Denver	Col. +10	- 1	- 6	- 7	+15
Topeka	Kans. + 5	+12	- 1	+ 4	- 7
Wichita	" + 2	+ 2	+ 1	- 5	- 7
Kansas City	Mo.-Kans. +11	+16	+19	+ 3	+ 1
Downtown Kansas City	Mo. - 1	+13	+10	-10	- 6
St. Joseph	" + 5	- 2	+ 5	+ 2	+ 8
Lincoln	Nebr. + 7	+19	+ 7	r+ 6	- 6
Albuquerque	N. Mex. +15	+ 7	+25	+18	*
Oklahoma City	Okla. +10	+16	+11	- 6	+ 2
Tulsa	" +10	+14	- 2	- 9	+11
City					
Joplin	Mo. 0	+21	+ 5	- 5	- 3
<u>Dallas District</u>	+10	+14	+ 6	0	+ 8
Metropolitan Areas					
Dallas	Tex. +12	+19	+13	+ 8	+13
El Paso	" + 7	+ 8	+ 7	- 3	+ 3
Fort Worth	" + 9	+13	+ 7	+ 4	- 3
Houston	" +12	+19	+15	- 2	+27
San Antonio	" + 6	+13	- 6	- 3	0
<u>San Francisco District</u>	+11	+11	+15	+ 8	+ 9
Metropolitan Areas					
Los Angeles-Long Beach	Calif. +12	+15	r+18	+ 9	+11
Downtown Los Angeles	" + 3	+12	+ 2	- 1	+ 1
Westside Los Angeles	" + 6	- 6	+24	+ 7	+ 7
Sacramento	" +22	+18	+23	+20	+14
San Diego	" +13	+21	r+14	- 2	0
San Francisco-Oakland	" + 7	+ 3	+ 8	+ 7	+11
San Francisco City	" + 6	+ 5	+ 9	+ 9	+ 8
Oakland	" - 1	- 4	r+ 7	+ 2	+ 7
San Jose	" +20	+21	r+38	+13	+29
Portland	Ore. +11	+ 8	+ 9	+ 9	+ 9
Salt Lake City	Utah +11	+17	+17	+ 7	+ 7
Seattle	Wash. + 7	+ 2	+10	- 1	+ 5
Spokane	" + 4	+ 8	+ 7	+ 4	+ 3
Tacoma	" + 9	+ 6	+13	+ 2	+ 6

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*Data not available.