H.8b 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-July 1959	Week ending			
			Aug. 8	Aug. 15	Aug. 22	Aug. 29
UNITED STATES		+ 8	+ 9	+ 6	- 1	- 7
Boston District		+ 4	+ 9	0	-14	-14
Metropolitan Areas						
Boston	Mass.	+ 5	+ 9	0	-16	-13
Downtown Boston	"	- 2	+ 9	0	-18	-12
Suburban Boston	"	+16	+ 9	0	-13	-16
Cambridge	"	+ 5	+ 7	- 1	+ 2	-16
Quincy	"	+16	+18	+12	*	*
Lowell	"	- 3	0	r- 8	-13	-24
City						
Springfield	"	+ 7	+10	+ 2	-11	-17
New York District		+ 4	+ 9	0	r-11	-14
Metropolitan Areas						
Buffalo	N. Y.	+ 4	+ 3	- 2	- 8	-18
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N. Y.-N.J.	+ 3	+10	0	r-12	-14
Newark	N. J.	+ 2	+ 4	+ 2	r-19	-20
New York	N. Y.	0	+ 6	0	-14	-14
Rochester	"	+ 6	+12	+ 2	r-10	-10
Syracuse	"	+ 4	+ 4	+ 3	- 8	-12
Philadelphia District		+ 7	+ 8	+ 3	-12	-13
Metropolitan Areas						
Wilmington	Del.	+ 9	+14	r- 6	r- 6	-12
Trenton	N. J.	+ 6	+ 4	- 2	-12	-16
Lancaster	Pa.	+17	+25	+ 5	+ 3	-11
Philadelphia	"	+ 7	+ 7	+ 4	-11	-13
Reading	"	+11	+ 9	+38	-16	-28
Scranton	"	+ 5	+ 9	+ 2	-37	+14
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	+ 3	+ 1	- 3	-13	-17
Cleveland District		+ 8	+10	+ 4	- 2	-11
Metropolitan Areas						
Lexington	Ky.	+ 9	+19	+ 2	+ 9	-13
Akron	Ohio	0	+10	+ 2	- 3	-16
Canton	"	+ 8	+ 8	- 6	+ 3	- 6
Cincinnati	"	+ 8	+ 8	r+ 6	- 2	-14
Cleveland	"	+ 9	+15	+ 7	- 5	-10
Downtown Cleveland	"	+ 4	+13	+ 7	- 9	-13
Columbus	"	+ 9	+13	+ 9	0	-10
Springfield	"	+10	+16	+12	-11	- 7
Youngstown	"	+10	+ 6	r- 1	- 5	-11
Erie	Pa.	+ 7	+ 8	r+ 9	- 1	-16
Pittsburgh	"	+ 8	+ 7	+ 3	- 2	-10
Downtown Pittsburgh	"	+ 7	+ 6	r+ 2	- 3	-10
Wheeling	W. Va.	0	- 4	r- 1	- 4	-15

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Richmond District		+ 8	+ 4	+ 1	- 8	-15
Metropolitan Areas						
Washington	D. C.	+ 9	+ 4	+ 1	- 7	-12
Downtown Washington	"	+ 3	- 4	- 1	r-14	-16
Baltimore	Md.	+ 5	+ 1	- 2	-13	-23
Downtown Baltimore	"	- 3	-15	-13	-26	-38
Richmond	Va.	+ 4	+ 6	+ 4	- 8	-13
Atlanta District		+ 8	+ 7	+ 9	+ 4	- 1
Metropolitan Areas						
Birmingham	Ala.	+ 4	- 4	+10	+ 3	- 7
Mobile	"	+ 6	+10	+10	0	- 7
Miami	Fla.	+ 8	+12	+15	- 1	+ 2
Downtown Miami	"	+ 5	+11	+13	0	+ 2
Atlanta	Ga.	+ 6	+ 3	+ 9	+ 1	- 1
Augusta	"	+15	+ 9	+20	+ 5	+ 6
Columbus	"	- 1	+ 2	-13	+ 2	*
New Orleans	La.	+ 6	+ 5	+ 6	+ 6	- 6
Knoxville	Tenn.	+10	+13	+ 5	+ 2	- 4
Chicago District		+ 8	+11	+ 6	- 4	- 5
Metropolitan Areas						
Chicago	Ill.	+ 5	+ 7	0	- 1	-12
Indianapolis	Ind.	+12	+ 8	+ 4	- 3	- 2
Detroit	Mich.	+13	+19	+12	-15	+ 4
Grand Rapids	"	+10	+13	+ 6	- 9	-12
Milwaukee	Wis.	+ 9	+17	+12	+ 7	- 2
St. Louis District		+ 8	+ 4	+ 4	- 2	- 6
Metropolitan Areas						
Little Rock	Ark.	+ 7	+ 5	+ 1	- 3	- 8
Louisville	Ky.	+ 7	+ 6	+ 8	0	-13
St. Louis	Mo.	+ 6	+ 3	+ 3	- 4	- 5
Memphis	Tenn.	+16	+ 8	+ 4	+ 3	- 3
Minneapolis District		+ 6	+15	+11	- 2	r-13
Metropolitan Areas						
Mpls.--St. Paul	Minn.	+ 5	+15	+12	- 2	*
Mpls. and Suburbs	"	+ 4	+16	+12	- 1	*
St. Paul	"	+ 8	+13	+12	- 5	- 6
Cities						
Duluth-Superior	Minn. & Wis.	+ 7	+12	0	+ 5	- 8

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

r--Revised.   *Data not available.