

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	Jan-Aug. 1959	Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago (Based on retail dollar amounts)			
		Week ending Sept. 12*	Sept. 19	Sept. 26	Oct. 3
<u>UNITED STATES</u>	+ 7	- 8	+16	+ 7	- 2
<u>Boston District</u>	+ 3	-14	+18	+ 3	- 5
Metropolitan Areas					
Boston	Mass.	+ 4	-16	+18	+ 2
Downtown Boston	"	- 2	-20	+21	+ 3
Suburban Boston	"	+13	- 9	+14	+ 1
Cambridge	"	+ 5	-28	+ 3	- 4
Quincy	"	+14	- 5	+ 3	+ 8
Lowell	"	- 4	-17	r+ 8	+15
City					
Springfield	"	+ 5	- 8	+31	- 5
<u>New York District</u>	+ 3	-17	+20	r+ 7	- 9
Metropolitan Areas					
Buffalo	N. Y.	+ 3	-22	+18	r+ 8
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N. Y.-N.J.	+ 3	-16	+20	+ 8
Newark	N. J.	0	-24	+18	+ 6
New York	N. Y.	0	-20	+16	+ 6
Rochester	"	+ 5	-16	+14	+ 2
Syracuse	"	+ 3	-25	+26	+ 5
<u>Philadelphia District</u>	+ 6	-17	+16	r+ 2	-11
Metropolitan Areas					
Wilmington	Del.	+ 8	-16	+23	r+10
Trenton	N. J.	+ 5	-10	+18	r+ 3
Lancaster	Pa.	+15	+14	+25	r+15
Philadelphia	"	+ 6	-20	+16	+ 3
Reading	"	+10	+ 7	+ 4	- 5
Scranton	"	+ 3	-19	+19	+10
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	+ 2	-25	+16	0
<u>Cleveland District</u>	+ 7	-11	+20	+ 5	- 5
Metropolitan Areas					
Lexington	Ky.	+ 9	- 5	+19	+10
Akron	Ohio	0	+ 4	+17	+ 7
Canton	"	+ 6	+ 3	+25	- 4
Cincinnati	"	+ 7	-14	r+17	+ 4
Cleveland	"	+ 8	-12	+27	+ 7
Downtown Cleveland	"	+ 4	-17	+30	+ 6
Columbus	"	+ 9	- 6	+25	+ 3
Springfield	"	+ 9	+13	+18	+ 3
Youngstown	"	+ 8	-10	+17	+ 5
Erie	Pa.	+ 5	- 8	r+22	+ 9
Pittsburgh	"	+ 7	-22	+15	+ 7
Downtown Pittsburgh	"	+ 6	-24	+13	+ 7
Wheeling	W. Va.	0	-24	- 1	- 8

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<u>Richmond District</u>	<u>+ 7</u>	<u>-15</u>	<u>+16</u>	<u>+ 2</u>	<u>-11</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Washington	D. C.	+ 8	-13	+20	+ 4 -11
Downtown Washington	"	+ 2	-18	+ 9	r- 5 -17
Baltimore	Md.	+ 3	-25	+ 8	- 2 - 9
Downtown Baltimore	"	- 4	-39	- 6	-14 -17
Richmond	Va.	+ 3	-11	+18	+ 7 -15
<u>Atlanta District</u>	<u>+ 8</u>	<u>+ 4</u>	<u>+13</u>	<u>+ 8</u>	<u>- 5</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Birmingham	Ala.	+ 3	- 2	+ 8	- 6 -23
Mobile	"	+ 5	0	+ 8	+ 3 -12
Miami	Fla.	+ 8	+16	+11	r+13 +11
Atlanta	Ga.	+ 5	+ 6	+19	+12 - 7
Augusta	"	+14	+ 5	+37	+18 **
Columbus	"	- 2	- 5	+10	+ 5 -13
New Orleans	La.	+ 6	- 3	+12	+ 4 -13
Knoxville	Tenn.	+ 9	+ 9	+ 9	+ 6 -11
Cities					
Central Atlanta	Ga.	**	- 8	0	- 8 -22
Miami-Downtown	Fla.	+ 6	+10	+12	r+13 +12
<u>Chicago District</u>	<u>+ 7</u>	<u>-10</u>	<u>+17</u>	<u>+ 7</u>	<u>+ 5</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Chicago	Ill.	+ 4	-12	+13	+ 3 - 2
Indianapolis	Ind.	+11	+ 1	+18	+ 4 + 7
Detroit	Mich.	+12	-11	+31	+16 + 8
Grand Rapids	"	+ 9	-16	+13	+37 + 5
Milwaukee	Wis.	+ 9	0	+ 8	- 2 +24
<u>St. Louis District</u>	<u>+ 7</u>	<u>- 9</u>	<u>r+12</u>	<u>+ 3</u>	<u>-11</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Little Rock	Ark.	+ 6	-21	+16	+ 9 -13
Louisville	Ky.	+ 7	0	+20	- 1 -21
St. Louis	Mo.	+ 5	-12	+12	+ 2 - 8
Memphis	Tenn.	+14	+ 2	+11	+ 7 - 7
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	<u>+ 6</u>	<u>- 6</u>	<u>+19</u>	<u>+13</u>	<u>+ 7</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Mpls.--St. Paul	Minn.	+ 5	- 6	+20	+13 + 7
Mpls. and Suburbs	"	+ 4	- 7	+27	+12 +10
St. Paul	"	+ 8	- 4	+ 8	+17 0
Cities					
Duluth-Superior	Minn. & Wis.	+ 6	- 2	+13	+ 9 + 2

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<u>Kansas City District</u>	+ 7	- 3	r+ 6	+ 5	0
Metropolitan Areas					
Denver	Col.	+ 9	- 5	r+ 9	+12
Topeka	Kans.	+ 4	+ 1	- 3	+ 5
Wichita	"	+ 1	-10	- 8	- 2
Kansas City	Mo.-Kans.	+ 9	- 1	+ 7	+13
Downtown Kansas City	Mo.	- 2	- 9	0	+ 2
St. Joseph	"	+ 4	- 6	+ 2	r- 3
Lincoln	Nebr.	+ 4	+ 1	+ 8	r+ 4
Albuquerque	N. Mex.	+14	-11	0	- 1
Oklahoma City	Okla.	+ 9	- 6	- 3	- 7
Tulsa	"	+ 8	+ 2	+16	- 9
City					
Joplin	Mo.	0	-17	+ 3	+ 7
<u>Dallas District</u>	+ 9	- 7	+ 4	+ 2	- 6
Metropolitan Areas					
Dallas	Tex.	+12	+ 1	+10	+ 3
El Paso	"	+ 5	-22	0	+ 2
Fort Worth	"	+ 8	- 7	- 2	- 3
Houston	"	+13	- 4	+13	+ 7
San Antonio	"	+ 5	-15	+ 4	0
<u>San Francisco District</u>	+11	- 1	+16	+ 9	r+12
Metropolitan Areas					
Los Angeles-Long Beach	Calif.	+13	- 5	+24	+14
Downtown Los Angeles	"	+ 3	-13	r+22	+ 3
Westside Los Angeles	"	+ 6	-11	+21	+15
Sacramento	"	+20	- 3	+23	+ 5
San Diego	"	+12	- 4	+18	+ 4
San Francisco-Oakland	"	+ 6	+ 9	+13	+10
San Francisco City	"	+ 6	+ 6	+11	+13
Oakland	"	- 1	+ 7	+12	+ 3
San Jose	"	+20	+11	+28	+22
Portland	Ore.	+12	- 5	+18	+12
Salt Lake City	Utah	+11	-12	r+15	+11
Seattle	Wash.	+ 7	- 2	- 2	- 5
Spokane	"	+ 5	-13	+ 6	- 3
Tacoma	"	+ 9	+14	r+ 2	- 4

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* Labor Day in 1958 occurred in the week ending September 6, whereas this year it occurred one week later. Therefore, the week ending September 12, 1959 had one less trading day than the week ending September 13 last year.