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-Aug. 1959	Week ending			
			Sept. 26	Oct. 3	Oct. 10	Oct. 17
UNITED STATES		+ 7	+ 7	- 1	+ 3	+10
Boston District		+ 3	+ 3	- 5	- 5	+ 7
Metropolitan Areas						
Boston	Mass.	+ 4	+ 2	- 4	- 4	+ 6
Downtown Boston	"	- 2	+ 3	- 6	- 7	+ 4
Suburban Boston	"	+13	+ 1	- 2	0	+ 9
Cambridge	"	+ 5	- 4	+28	+ 1	+13
Quincy	"	+14	+ 8	-11	- 2	+ 1
Lowell	"	- 4	+15	r- 1	- 5	- 2
City						
Springfield	"	+ 5	- 5	0	-18	+20
New York District		+ 3	+ 7	r- 9	- 3	+ 6
Metropolitan Areas						
Buffalo	N. Y.	+ 3	+ 8	- 4	- 1	+12
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N. Y.-N.J.	+ 3	+ 8	-10	- 5	+ 5
Newark	N. J.	0	+ 6	-14	r-11	+ 8
New York	N. Y.	0	+ 6	-15	r- 8	- 1
Rochester	"	+ 5	+ 2	- 1	r+ 9	+13
Syracuse	"	+ 3	+ 5	+ 2	+ 3	+ 1
Philadelphia District		+ 6	+ 2	-12	0	- 2
Metropolitan Areas						
Wilmington	Del.	+ 8	+10	- 1	- 2	+12
Trenton	N. J.	+ 5	+ 3	-16	r- 6	+15
Lancaster	Pa.	+15	+15	- 6	r- 1	+12
Philadelphia	"	+ 6	+ 3	-13	+ 2	- 5
Reading	"	+10	- 5	- 9	+ 1	+11
Scranton	"	+ 3	+10	- 7	r- 3	+ 3
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	+ 2	0	-12	- 5	+ 1
Cleveland District		+ 7	+ 5	- 5	0	+13
Metropolitan Areas						
Lexington	Ky.	+ 9	+10	- 7	- 6	+11
Akron	Ohio	0	+ 7	- 1	- 7	+ 9
Canton	"	+ 6	- 4	+ 2	+26	- 2
Cincinnati	"	+ 7	+ 4	- 5	+ 1	+15
Cleveland	"	+ 8	+ 7	0	+ 9	+15
Downtown Cleveland	"	+ 4	+ 6	- 3	+ 8	+11
Columbus	"	+ 9	+ 3	- 3	+ 3	+20
Springfield	"	+ 9	+ 3	- 6	- 8	+28
Youngstown	"	+ 8	- 6	r-19	-14	+14
Erie	Pa.	+ 5	+ 8	- 7	- 4	+ 8
Pittsburgh	"	+ 7	+ 7	- 7	- 5	+13
Downtown Pittsburgh	"	+ 6	+ 7	- 8	- 5	+12
Wheeling	W. Va.	0	- 8	-18	- 7	+ 3

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Richmond District		+ 7	+ 2	-10	-11	+ 9
Metropolitan Areas						
Washington	D. C.	+ 8	+ 3	-12	r-11	+21
Downtown Washington	"	+ 2	- 5	-19	r-20	+11
Baltimore	Md.	+ 3	- 2	- 6	-15	- 1
Downtown Baltimore	"	- 4	-14	-16	-18	-10
Richmond	Va.	+ 3	+ 7	-14	- 7	+ 1
Atlanta District		+ 8	+ 8	- 6	r- 2	+ 9
Metropolitan Areas						
Birmingham	Ala.	+ 3	- 6	-23	-10	0
Mobile	"	+ 5	+ 3	-12	-14	+20
Miami	Fla.	+ 8	+13	+12	r+ 7	+ 3
Atlanta	Ga.	+ 5	+12	- 9	r- 2	+21
Augusta	"	+14	+18	+ 6	- 2	*
Columbus	"	- 2	+ 5	-15	- 2	- 3
New Orleans	La.	+ 6	+ 4	-13	r- 2	+11
Knoxville	Tenn.	+ 9	+ 6	-11	- 3	+19
Cities						
Central Atlanta	Ga.	*	- 8	-25	r-18	0
Miami-Downtown	Fla.	+ 6	+13	+14	r+ 9	+ 1
Chicago District		+ 7	+ 7	+ 5	+ 5	+17
Metropolitan Areas						
Chicago	Ill.	+ 4	+ 3	- 2	- 7	+17
Indianapolis	Ind.	+11	+ 4	+ 7	+10	+ 1
Detroit	Mich.	+12	+16	+ 8	+19	+24
Grand Rapids	"	+ 9	+37	+ 5	+ 2	+17
Milwaukee	Wis.	+ 9	- 2	+24	+26	+15
St. Louis District		+ 7	+ 3	-11	+ 6	+11
Metropolitan Areas						
Little Rock	Ark.	+ 6	+ 9	-13	+ 5	+ 8
Louisville	Ky.	+ 7	r- 2	-21	- 2	+ 9
St. Louis	Mo.	+ 5	+ 2	- 8	+ 9	+ 8
Memphis	Tenn.	+14	+ 7	- 7	+ 4	+28
Minneapolis District		+ 6	+13	+ 6	r+ 5	+22
Metropolitan Areas						
Mpls.---St. Paul	Minn.	+ 5	+13	+ 7	*	*
Mpls. and Suburbs	"	+ 4	+12	+10	*	*
St. Paul	"	+ 8	+17	0	+ 2	+31
Cities						
Duluth-Superior	Minn. & Wis.	+ 6	+ 9	+ 2	+ 7	+15

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Kansas City District		+ 7	+ 5	0	+15	+ 7
Metropolitan Areas						
Denver	Col.	+ 9	+13	+13	+31	- 1
Topeka	Kans.	+ 4	+ 5	+16	+ 8	+ 7
Wichita	"	+ 1	- 2	- 4	- 4	- 1
Kansas City	Mo.-Kans.	+ 9	+13	- 2	+19	+13
Downtown Kansas City	Mo.	- 2	+ 2	-11	+ 5	- 2
St. Joseph	"	+ 4	- 3	- 1	- 6	+27
Lincoln	Nebr.	+ 4	+ 4	0	r+10	+16
Albuquerque	N. Mex.	+14	0	- 1	+ 4	+ 8
Oklahoma City	Okla.	+ 9	- 7	-12	+15	+14
Tulsa	"	+ 8	- 9	-14	+13	+ 6
City						
Joplin	Mo.	0	+ 7	-12	+13	- 8
Dallas District		+ 9	+ 2	- 6	+17	+ 5
Metropolitan Areas						
Dallas	Tex.	+12	+ 3	+ 7	+29	+ 8
El Paso	"	+ 5	+ 2	-21	+11	- 6
Fort Worth	"	+ 8	- 3	-13	+ 5	+ 9
Houston	"	+13	+ 7	- 4	+18	+11
San Antonio	"	+ 5	0	-14	+34	- 7
San Francisco District		+11	+ 9	+12	+ 2	r+ 7
Metropolitan Areas						
Los Angeles-Long Beach	Calif.	+13	+14	+22	- 4	+16
Downtown Los Angeles	"	+ 3	+ 4	r+20	- 6	+14
Westside Los Angeles	"	+ 6	+15	+29	- 6	+19
Sacramento	"	+20	+ 5	+12	+ 2	+ 4
San Diego	"	+12	+ 5	+14	- 3	+14
San Francisco-Oakland	"	+ 6	+ 9	+ 5	+ 7	- 3
San Francisco City	"	+ 6	+12	+ 8	+13	- 2
Oakland	"	- 1	+ 3	- 4	-12	- 7
San Jose	"	+20	+23	r+17	+20	- 1
Portland	Ore.	+12	+12	+ 4	+ 6	+ 5
Salt Lake City	Utah	+11	+10	+18	+ 7	+ 6
Seattle	Wash.	+ 7	- 4	+ 4	+ 5	+ 1
Spokane	"	+ 5	- 3	+11	+ 1	+ 7
Tacoma	"	+ 9	- 4	- 4	+ 4	- 2

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