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.-Sept. 1959	Week ending			
			Oct. 17	Oct. 24	Oct. 31	Nov. 7
UNITED STATES		+ 7	+10	+ 7	+ 7	+ 5
Boston District		+ 3	+ 7	+ 4	+ 7	+ 3
Metropolitan Areas						
Boston	Mass.	+ 3	+ 6	+ 9	+ 8	+ 4
Downtown Boston	"	- 2	+ 4	+ 9	+ 5	+ 5
Suburban Boston	"	+12	+ 9	+ 9	+12	+ 4
Cambridge	"	+ 4	+13	+13	+17	+ 4
Quincy	"	+11	+ 1	+ 5	+12	+13
Lowell	"	- 3	- 3	r+ 9	- 1	-11
City						
Springfield	"	+ 4	+20	-20	+11	- 4
New York District		+ 3	+ 6	+ 8	+ 6	+ 2
Metropolitan Areas						
Buffalo	N.Y.	+ 3	+12	+ 8	+ 6	+ 4
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J.	+ 3	+ 5	+ 9	+ 6	+ 2
Newark	N. J.	+ 1	+ 7	+ 6	+ 1	-10
New York	N. Y.	0	0	+ 6	r+ 3	- 1
Rochester	"	+ 5	+14	- 6	r+ 2	+ 6
Syracuse	"	+ 3	+ 2	+ 3	+ 2	- 2
Philadelphia District		+ 6	- 2	+ 7	0	-11
Metropolitan Areas						
Wilmington	Del.	+ 8	+13	r+24	+ 3	-18
Trenton	N.J.	+ 4	+15	- 6	+ 2	- 4
Lancaster	Pa.	+15	+11	-13	r+28	+12
Philadelphia	"	+ 5	- 5	+ 8	- 1	-13
Reading	"	+ 9	+11	+10	- 1	- 5
Scranton	"	+ 4	+ 3	+ 4	- 9	- 2
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	+ 2	+ 2	+23	r+ 4	0
Cleveland District		+ 7	+13	+10	+ 9	+ 6
Metropolitan Areas						
Lexington	Ky.	+ 9	+12	+15	- 1	+ 7
Akron	Ohio	+ 1	+ 9	0	+ 7	+ 1
Canton	"	+ 6	- 2	+ 9	0	- 1
Cincinnati	"	+ 7	+15	r+ 2	+14	+ 8
Cleveland	"	+ 8	+15	+20	+15	+10
Downtown Cleveland	"	+ 4	+11	+23	+19	+ 8
Columbus	"	+ 9	+20	+10	+ 3	+ 6
Springfield	"	+ 9	+28	+10	+15	+ 4
Youngstown	"	+ 7	+14	r+ 7	+ 8	-11
Erie	Pa.	+ 6	+ 6	r 0	+12	+ 4
Pittsburgh	"	+ 6	+12	+13	+11	+ 8
Downtown Pittsburgh	"	+ 5	+11	r+13	+10	+ 8
Wheeling	W.Va.	- 1	+ 3	- 5	- 6	+ 4

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Richmond District		+ 6	+ 9	+13	r+10	- 5
Metropolitan Areas						
Washington	D.C.	+ 7	+21	+19	+10	- 2
Downtown Washington	"	+ 1	+10	+ 9	r+ 1	- 3
Baltimore	Md.	+ 2	- 1	+ 7	+14	-11
Downtown Baltimore	"	- 4	- 9	+ 2	+ 4	-17
Richmond	Va.	+ 3	+ 1	+14	+ 1	- 6
Atlanta District		+ 8	+ 8	+10	r+13	+ 7
Metropolitan Areas						
Birmingham	Ala.	+ 3	0	+ 3	+ 4	- 2
Mobile	"	+ 5	+20	+25	- 1	+ 7
Miami	Fla.	+ 9	+ 3	+ 2	r+25	+11
Atlanta	Ga.	+ 5	+21	+12	+20	+ 8
Augusta	"	+14	+31	+27	+21	+17
Columbus	"	- 1	- 3	+17	+42	+ 2
New Orleans	La.	+ 6	+11	+17	+ 3	+ 1
Knoxville	Tenn.	+ 9	+16	+11	r+10	+12
Cities						
Central Atlanta	Ga.	*	+ 1	- 7	r+ 1	- 9
Miami-Downtown	Fla.	+ 6	+ 1	+ 1	r+18	+10
Chicago District		+ 7	+17	+12	+ 7	+ 7
Metropolitan Areas						
Chicago	Ill.	+ 4	+17	+ 9	+ 2	+ 6
Indianapolis	Ind.	+11	+ 1	+ 7	+ 5	+ 5
Detroit	Mich.	+12	+24	+21	+15	+ 6
Grand Rapids	"	+ 9	+17	+22	- 5	+ 6
Milwaukee	Wis.	+ 9	+15	+14	+11	+11
St. Louis District		+ 6	+11	+ 2	+ 1	+16
Metropolitan Areas						
Little Rock	Ark.	+ 5	+ 8	0	+ 2	+13
Louisville	Ky.	+ 6	+ 9	+ 6	0	+ 9
St. Louis	Mo.	+ 5	+ 7	+ 1	0	+22
Memphis	Tenn.	+12	+28	+ 7	+ 7	+17
Minneapolis District		+ 6	+22	- 5	+ 8	- 1
Metropolitan Areas						
Mpls.--St. Paul	Minn.	+ 6	*	*	*	- 1
Mpls. and Suburbs	"	+ 5	*	*	*	- 3
St. Paul	"	+ 8	+31	+ 5	- 1	+ 5
Cities						
Duluth-Superior	Minn. & Wis.	+ 7	+15	- 3	+11	+ 1

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Kansas City District		+ 7	+ 7	+ 4	- 1	+ 3
Metropolitan Areas						
Denver	Col.	+ 8	- 2	r+ 5	- 3	+ 5
Topeka	Kans.	+ 4	+ 7	+ 6	+ 4	- 3
Wichita	"	+ 1	- 1	+16	-10	- 1
Kansas City	Mo.-Kans.	+ 9	+13	+14	0	+ 1
Downtown Kansas City	Mo.	- 1	- 2	+ 7	- 1	- 6
St. Joseph	"	+ 4	+28	- 6	+21	- 7
Lincoln	Nebr.	+ 4	+15	-12	r+12	- 1
Albuquerque	N. Mex.	+12	+ 9	-12	r- 7	+ 8
Oklahoma City	Okla.	+ 7	+14	+ 3	0	+ 4
Tulsa	"	+ 7	+ 6	- 2	- 6	+ 6
City						
Joplin	Mo.	0	- 8	+ 7	-19	- 2
Dallas District		+ 9	+ 5	+ 1	+ 1	+11
Metropolitan Areas						
Dallas	Tex.	+11	+ 8	+ 1	+ 9	+12
El Paso	"	+ 4	- 6	+ 2	-10	+14
Fort Worth	"	+ 6	+ 9	+ 2	+ 5	+ 6
Houston	"	+12	+11	+14	+ 4	+16
San Antonio	"	+ 4	- 7	-16	- 5	+13
San Francisco District		+11	+ 6	+ 2	+ 6	r+10
Metropolitan Areas						
Los Angeles-Long Beach	Calif.	+13	+16	+ 5	+ 5	+16
Downtown Los Angeles	"	+ 4	+14	r+ 2	+ 4	+13
Westside Los Angeles	"	+ 6	+19	+ 2	+ 9	+13
Sacramento	"	+18	+ 4	- 1	+ 8	+13
San Diego	"	+12	+15	r+11	+ 9	+ 8
San Francisco-Oakland	"	+ 7	- 3	+ 5	+ 5	+ 1
San Francisco City	"	+ 7	- 2	+ 9	+ 1	+ 2
Oakland	"	0	- 7	- 4	+10	- 6
San Jose	"	+20	- 2	+14	+16	+19
Portland	Ore.	+11	+ 5	+ 5	+17	+20
Salt Lake City	Utah	+11	+ 6	- 2	+ 7	+14
Seattle	Wash.	+ 7	+ 1	r- 9	- 2	- 4
Spokane	"	+ 5	+ 4	- 5	+ 5	*
Tacoma	"	+ 9	- 2	-12	+ 2	+ 5

r--Revised.   *Data not available.