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## Monthly Indezes of Retail Sales in Canada, August, 1945 (1935-1939 $=100$ )

August sales in retail stores were up 5 per cent from July and were 11 per cent above the dollar volume of trading in August, 1944, according to results of the monthly survey of retail trade made by the Merchandising and Services Branch of the Bureau of Statistics. This represents the average experience for 14 trades represented in the general index which (on the base, $1935-1939=100$ ) stands at 178.3 for August, 170.6 for July and 160.9 for August, 1944. After adjusting for differences in the number of business days and for normal seasonal movements, the underlying level of retail trade in August was practically unchanged from July, the seasonally adjusted index standing at 190.1 for August, 189.2 for July and 184.4 for June。

The 11 per cent increase in sales between August of this year and last is similar in magnitude to the 10 per cent gain recorded in the corresponding comparison for July. This similarity in the spread between the two yoars as recorded in the results for July and August applies not only to the overall retail trade but also to most of the individual kinds of business for which separate indexes are computed.

Conforming with results for earlier months, the greatest gains in sales over 1944 were recorded by trades specializing in durable merchandise. Jewellery store sales were up 21 per cent over August, 1944. Evidence of the improving supply position in household furniture and equipment is reflected in results for furniture stores whose sales were 15 per cent higher in August of this year than last while the gain for radio and electrical stores was even greater amounting to 20 per cent. Hardware store sales were up 14 per cent.

Substantial gains were recorded in the four branches of the clothing and apparel trades for which separate indexes are computed. Increases in August of this year over last were 8 per cent for women's clothing stores, 12 per cent for men's clothing stores, 16 per cent for family clothing stores and 17 per cent for shoe stores.

Food store sales as reflected in the experience of most of the chain store companies and a sample number of independent retailers were 6 per cent higher in August than in July and wore 11 per cent above August, 1944. This is the average result for three kinds of business grocery stores, combination grocery and meat stores and specialty meat markets. The increase for the specialty meat markets was considerably greater than that for the specialty grocery stores while the gain for the combination type of store was intermediate between those for the two specialty classes.

Country general store sales averaged 8 per cent higher in August of this year than last, results on a regional basis ranging from a gain of 2 per cent in the Prairie Provinces to an increase of 14 per cent in Ontario. The small gain in the Prairie Provinces for country general stores may be attributed in some measure at least to the marked reduction in grain marketings in the western provinces in August of this year compared with the same month a year ago.

Department store sales averaged 12 per cent higher in August of this year than last, a marked increase of 25 per cent in Quebec Province forming the outstanding feature in this trade.
variety store sales were also up by 12 per cent, results on a regional basis ranging from an increase of 4 per cent in British Columbia to 16 per cent in Quebec.

## Maritime Provinces

Retail sales in the Maritime Provinces averaged 9 per cent higher in August. 1945 than in the corresponding month a year ago while sales for the first eight months of the current year averaged 7 per cent above the corresponding period of 1944. In creases for five trades excced the averages for the country as a whole. Gains for the other nine trades were below the Dominion averages.

## Quebec

Quebec sales for August ranged 14 per cent above August a year ago with results for 11 of the 14 trades for which figures are available exceeding the corresponding Dominion averages. The increase for department stores was outstanding at 25 per cent. Major increases were also recorded by stores specializing in household equipment, by jewellery stores, shoe stores, and family clothing stores. Sales for the year to date averaged 8 per cent above the corresponding eight-month period in 1944.

## Ontario

The increase in sales in this province between August of this year and last was about on a par with the Dominion averages. Nine of the 14 trades for which figures are published reported increases exceeding the Dominion averages while for 5 trades the increases were below the averages. Jewellery stores in Ontario transacted 24 per cent more business in August of this year than last and radio and electrical store sales were up by 21 per cent. Furniture stores reported a 19 per cent increase while more moderate gains were recorded for the other trades. Total sales for the first eight months of the year stand 9 per cent higher than in the corresponding period of last year.

## Prairie Provinces

The reduction in grain marketings in August, 1945 compared with the corresponding month last year is reflected in retail trade statistics for this region. Although all 14 trades for which figures are available reported increases over August, 1944, in all but two cases these increases were lower than the Dominion averages. Shoe store sales in this region were 18 per cent hifher in August of this year than last compared with the Dominion average gain of 17 per cent. An 11 per cent increase in food store sales in the Prairie Provinces was just on a par with the Dominion average figure, Total retail sales in the Prairie Provinces averaged 7 per cent
higher in August of this yas than last with sales for the year to date standing 6 per cent above the first eight months of 1944.

## aritish Columbia

Pritish Columbia retail sales averaged 10 per cent higher in August of this year than last with sales for the first eight months standing 9 per cent above the first eight months of last year. August increases for 6 trades exceoded the Dominion averages while increases for 8 trades were lower. Jewellery store sales were up 23 per cent, shoe store sales gained 20 per cent while more moderate gains were recorded for the cther hind: of muinas: covered in tho sarvey.

Departmental Analysis of Departinent Store Sales
hgesgate sales of those firms which provided a breaktown of sales by departments were 12 per cent higher in August of this year over last. Outstanding among the results for the various departments were increases of 21 per cent for radios and musical instruments, 19 per cent for hardware and 17 per cent for stationery departments. For the most part, other departments recorded fairly uniform sales increases, with the exceptions of piece goods and household appliances departments which reported smaller gains of 4 and 6 per cent respectively.
$\frac{\text { Comparison of Retail Sales in Canada, for } 1944 \text { and } 1945 \text {, by Kinds of Pusiness }}{\begin{array}{c}\text { (Comparisons are based on dollar value. No } \\ \text { corrections have been made for higher prices.) }\end{array}}$

(b) Based on sales including the Federal tax introduced in June, 1942.
(g) Unchanged.

## DEPARTMENT STURE SALES IN CANADA, BY SELECTED DEPARTMENTS

(Based on dollar sales of 17 firms including mail order houses)

|  | August $1944$ | August $1945$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { \% Change, } \\ & 1945 / 1944 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | - | $\$$ |  |
| TOTAL SALES, ALL DEPARTMENTS | 24,881,319 | 27,791,149 | +11.7 |
| 1. Momen's dresses, coats and suits | 2,734,094 | 3,076,478 | +12.5 |
| 2. Garls, and intants, wear | 1,104,344 | 1,372,514 | +17.9 |
| 3. Eosiery and gloves | 882, 180 | 950,341 | +8.9 |
| 4. Lingerie and corsets | 1,138,409 | 1,137,485 | - 0.1 |
| 5. Millinery .......................................... | 268,475 | 319,495 | +19.0 |
| 6. Women's and children's apparel - (Total, l-5). | 6,187,482 | 6,866,413 | +11.0 |
| 7. Men's and boys clothing and furnishings | 2,474,774 | 2,815,336 | +13.8 |
| 8. Drugs and toilet articles and preparations ... | 742.804 | 809.605 | +9.0 |
| 9. Piece goods . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 2,326,569 | 2,410,741 | +3.6 |
| 10. Smallwares | 874,099 | 975,591 | +11.6 |
| 11. Food and kindred products ................... | 2,102,326 | 2,322,095 | +10.5 |
| 12. Furniture (including mattresses and springs).. | 1,704,654 | 1,931,104 | +13.3 |
| 13. Home furnishings . ............................. | 1,758,558 | 1,986,211 | +12.9 |
| 14. Household appliances and electrical supplies. | 521,492 | 553,676 | +6.2 |
| 15. Hardware and kitchen utensils ............... | 922,083 | 1,095,263 | +18.8 |
| 15. Radios, musical instruments and supplies ..... | 167,104 | 201,970 | +20.9 |
| 17. Shoes and other footwear ..................... | 1,798,847 | 2,002,324 | +11.3 |
| 18. Stationery, books and magazines .............. | 404,905 | 471,520 | +16.5 |
| 19. All other departments, total ................ | 2,895,622 | 3,349,300 | +15.7 |

Index Numbers of Retail Sales - (Average for 1935-1939=100)
A. Unadjusted. B. Adjusted for Number of Rusiness Days and Seasonal Variations.
(Figures for the current year are subject to final revision)

| Year and Month | General Index |  |  |  | Department |  | Variety |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A | B | A | B | A | B | A | B |
| August, 1939 | 93.5 | 102.9 | 107.7 | 99.7 | 80.4 | 95.7 | 100.4 | 106.6 |
| August, 1941 | 135.2 | 143.2 | 131.6 | 121.0 | 120.4 | 146.1 | 158.9 | 163.1 |
| August, 1942 | 149.1 | 159.1 | 146.6 | 135.3 | 126.9 | 154.5 | 180.1 | 185.5 |
| August, 1943 | 147.0 | 161.8 | 157.2 | 149.5 | 120.9 | 148.4 | 160.2 | 174.8 |
| August, 1944 $1944$ | 150.9 | 172.7 | 174.6 | 161.1 | 139.4 | 165.3 | 172.4 | 184.4 |
| Soptembor | 178.1. | 170.5 | 170.4 | 152.9 | 183.8 | 179.7 | 191.4 | 191.2 |
| October | 182.3 | 174,4 | 173.2 | 159.9 | 193.0 | 171.3 | 199.9 | 199.1 |
| November | 190.4 | 181.8 | 165.9 | 160.3 | 225.3 | 194.7 | 217.0 | 217.2 |
| December | 237.1 | 172.7 | 196.5 | 163.3 | 253.9 | 158.4 | 372.3 | 184.1 |
| 1945 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 143.0 | 174.9 | 127.0 | 166.0 | 122.5 | 263.1 | 139.6 | 221.5 |
| February | 146.7 | 185.6 | 127.3 | 172.0 | 136.2 | 181.0 | 151.0 | 223.6 |
| March | 194.3 | 201.8 | 158.2 | 179.7 | 200.5 | 215.5 | 208.6 | 234.4 |
| April | 174.6 | 179.7 | 160.1 | 178.2 | 164.8 | 171.7 | 179.5 | 212.9 |
| May | 182.0 | 175.9 | 182.1 | 168.5 | 162.8 | 157.3 | 192.0 | 194.9 |
| June | 196.8 | 184.4 | 183.5 | 172.6 | 169.1 | 160.6 | 212.3 | 193.9 |
| July | 17C. 6 | 189.2 | 182.0 | 176.1 | 133.1 | 178.8 | 196.7 | 203.7 |
| August. | 178.3 | 190.1 | 187.9 | 172.1 | 155.6 | 184.6 | 192.3 | 204.1 |


| Year and Month | Food |  | Restaurants |  | Family Clothing |  | Men's (c) Clothing |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A | B | A | B | A | B | A | B |
| Aupust, 1939 | 104.8 | 111.8 | 101.7 | 94.2 | (a) | (a) | 71.7 | 95.5 |
| August, 1941 | 146.0 | 148.3 | 140.5 | 130.2 | 119.1 | 140.6 | 113.2 | 146.5 |
| August, 1942 | 160.5 | 166.1 | 159.9 | 148.6 | 142.6 | 170.8 | 131.0 | 171.9 |
| August, 1943 | 157.2 | 173.0 | 189.5 | 177.7 | 138.8 | 173.4 | 118.7 | 163.1 |
| August, 1944 1944 | 170.5 | 182.6 | 198.6 | 182.7 | 147.8 | 181.2 | 125.5 | 169.9 |
| September | 175.8 | 168.0 | 192.4 | 184.7 | 184.0 | 189.1 | 175.2 | 172.6 |
| October | 168.6 | 174.8 | 197.1 | 196.0 | 227.4 | 195.9 | 207.8 | 180.9 |
| November | 168.5 | 172.3 | 193.8 | 203.4 | 233.1 | 197.7 | 228.8 | 187.3 |
| December | 204.6 | 176.2 | $196 . .7$ | 190.5 | 290.5 | 181.8 | 297.3 | 172.9 |
| 1945 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 166.5 | 176.3 | 179.1 | 188.4 | 125.3 | 186.3 | 117.5 | 165.7 |
| February | 167.5 | 182.3 | 171.3 | 193.9 | 127.5 | 197.0 | 120.8 | 192.3 |
| March | 201.1 | 188.1 | 195.9 | 196.4 | 218.8 | 230.4 | 206.0 | 217.7 |
| April | 181.7 | 185.4 | 192.4 | 195.8 | 184.9 | 173.1 | 165.8 | 159.9 |
| May | 192.1 | 189.6 | 191.9 | 187.2 | 189.0 | 183.8 | 168.3 | 1.74 .3 |
| June | 210.8 | 197.0 | 199.1 | 198.6 | 216.3 | 198.7 | 212.1 | 189.3 |
| July | 178.2 | 188.5 | 208.7 | 201.5 | 179.2 | 215.4 | 152.8 | 195.0 |
| August | 188.6 | 198.8 | 212.6 | 195. C | 170.9 | 208.7 | 140.9 | 189.9 |

(n) Not available.
o) Includes men's furnishings.

Index Numbers of Retail Sties - (Average for 1935-1939 = 100)
A. Unadjusted. B. Adjusted for Number of Business Days and Seasonal Variations.
(Figures for the current year are subject to final revision)

| Yoar and Month | Women's Clothing |  | Shoes |  | Drugs |  | Furniture |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A | B | A | B | A | B | A | B |
| Augast, 1939 | 68.6 | 95.3 | 71.9 | 86.9 | 99.5 | 99.7 | 103.0 | 99.5 |
| August, 1941 | 119.7 | 161.5 | 117.2 | 130.0 | 132.3 | 131.7 | 135.5 | 132.3 |
| August, 1942 | 157.1 | 198.1 | 145.9 | 161.8 | 148.5 | 149.2 | 136.1 | 133.0 |
| Aligust, 1943 | 139.1 | 182.2 | 145.5 | 173.6 | 153.8 | 156.9 | 112.2 | 112.1 |
| Auruet, 1944 | 153.6 | 196.6 | 154.9 | 181.2 | 170.2 | 171.6 | 122.0 | 119.6 |
| 1944 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sept ember | 201.2 | 204.9 | 196.2 | 169.4 | 177.0 | 172.0 | 135.1 | 112.8 |
| October | 218.9 | 191.4 | 173.7 | 175.9 | 185.9 | 182.5 | 141.9 | 123.3 |
| Novermber | 227.1 | 205.3 | 180.7 | 190.9 | 181.4 | 184.7 | 145.3 | 137.8 |
| December | 292.2 | 189.9 | 246.0 | 169.4 | 261.3 | 205.6 | 147.9 | 124.6 |
| 1946 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Junuary | 135.8 | 190.0 | 99.0 | 143.1 | 176.2 | 187.2 | 99.7 | 151.3 |
| February | 139.0 | 221.1 | 108.3 | 183.1 | 167.6 | 185.9 | 112.4 | 144.0 |
| liarch .. | 258.2 | 259.5 | 226.0 | 243.2 | 188.5 | 186.6 | 143.1 | 165.4 |
| April | 199.5 | 175.2 | 179.6 | 161.6 | 175.2 | 184.4 | 159.3 | 147.1 |
| Nay . | 198.9 | 190.8 | 191.1 | 173.6 | 178.6 | 183.8 | 166.9 | 134.8 |
| Jume . | 217.9 | 196.3 | 261.1 | 190.4 | 184.7 | 190.8 | 164.3 | 159.7 |
| July . | 165.8 | 203.6 | 189.8 | 215.3 | 178.5 | 186.2 | 135.0 | 179.8 |
| August | 165.9 | 211.5 | 180.4 | 206.3 | 180.9 | 181.3 | 140.6 | 137.3 |


| Year and Ronth | Hardware |  |  |  | Radio and Electrical |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A | B | A | B | A | B |
| August, 1939 | 122.7 | 112.5 | 87.4 | (a) | 88.9 | 109.0 |
| August, 1941 | 152.7 | 145.4 | 151.3 | 163.0 | 140.2 | 159.9 |
| August, 1942 | 165.3 | 157.4 | 153.4 | 165.3 | 130.8 | 149.1 |
| August, 1943 | 154.8 | 147.4 | 175.1 | 188.7 | 102.0 | 116.3 |
| August, 1944 | 178.7 | 166.9 | 190.8 | 198.0 | 94.8 | 104.1 |
| 1944 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| September | 182.3 | 153.1 | 201.2 | 223.1 | 112.2 | 100.4 |
| October | 184.4 | 164.2 | 200. 2 | 224.4 | 113.9 | 99.3 |
| November | 181.1 | 180.4 | 249.3 | 244.5 | 119.0 | 104.2 |
| December | 191.5 | 177.1 | 592.6 | 233.4 | 137.7 | 108.0 |
| $\underline{1945}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January . | 120.2 | 200.4 | 149.7 | 209.8 | 99.0 | 118.4 |
| Fehruary | 119.2 | 218.4 | 169.6 | 243.4 | 93.8 | 121.5 |
| March | 168.4 | 231.5 | 204.9 | 268.0 | 110.5 | 129.0 |
| April | 190.6 | 186.2 | 187.6 | 227.8 | 110.5 | 112.7 |
| may ... | 204.9 | 155.2 | 197.1 | 219.7 | 115.4 | 99.3 |
| June | 218.4 | 177.3 | 230.6 | 243.2 | 116.0 | 121.1 |
| July | 209.2 | 194.8 | 219.1 | 269.2 | 108.1 | 129.7 |
| August | 204.1 | 190.7 | 230.1 | 238.8 | 113.5 | 124.7 |

(a) Not available.
(b) Based on sales including the Federal tar introduced in June, 1942.

Thadjusted Indexes of Retail Sales by Provinces - (Averupe for 1935 - $1939=100$ ) (Figures for the current year are subject to final revision)



| - Ontario |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| August, 1942 ........ | 144.4 | 143.8 | 125.1 | 165.4 | 156.4 | 155.4 | 131.3 |
| August, 1943 | 135.6 | 148.2 | 113.9 | 145.0 | 146.7 | 187.3 | 115.1 |
| August, 1944 | 148.0 | 155.3 | 128.6 | 155.4 | 160.3 | 199.2 | 127.0 |
| 1945 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| July | 157.8 | 174.6 | 120.8 | 183.4 | 166.9 | 196.0 | 154.7 |
| August | 165.1 | 177.2 | 24.5 .3 | 175.6 | 177.0 | 208.3 | 147.6 |
| \% Change, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| August, 1945 | +11.6 | +14.1 | $+13.4$ | +13.0 | $+10.4$ | + 4.8 | $+16.2$ |
| August, 1944. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% Change, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\frac{\text { Jan. }- \text { Aug. }, 1945}{J_{0}-\text { Aug. } 1944} \cdots$ | + 8.7 | + 7.8 | +11.3 | +10.4 | + 7.2 | + 1.1 | $+13.7$ |

Budjuated Indexas of Retall Sales by Prorinces - (Average for 1935-1939=100) (Ficures for the current yenr are subject to final revision)

| Men's (a) <br> clothing | Woreen's Clothing | Shoes | Drugs | Furniture | llardware | Jewellery | Radio and Electrical |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Maritim | Provinces |  |  |  |
| 12.4 | 187.3 | 161.4 | 188.0 | 156.4 | 161.0 | 250.1 | 145.7 |
| 184.6 | 186.3 | 191.2 | 191.4 | 154.4 | 164.1 | 309.5 | 125.4 |
| 186.2 | 205.5 | 204.3 | 208.0 | 165.8 | 194.3 | 316.8 | 123.7 |
| 242.9 | 224.8 | 24.4 .1 | 272.8 | 190.0 | 24.0 .1 | 323.4 | 116.1 |
| 308.7 | 280.2 | 388.1 | 32.4.6 | 190.8 | $88 \%$. 6 | 385, 5 | 235.7 |
| 4. 8.9 | +13.0 | $+10.7$ | 47.9 | $+1.5 .0$ | +22.3 | $+12.5$ | +18.? |
| + 5.5 | +13.3 | $+12.1$ | + 3.9 | + E.l | + 3.4 | +12.2 | + 7.7 |


|  |  | Quebec |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 141.9 | 157.0 | 135.3 | 141.6 | 124.2 | 181.1 | 134.0 | 140.2 |
| 118.5 | 127.9 | 131.1 | 146.8 | 100.4 | 170.8 | 145.5 | 112.3 |
| 121.1 | 130.9 | 129.6 | 160.5 | 108.7 | 195.2 | 156.7 | 111.7 |
| 137.6 | 138.5 | 157.8 | 169.2 | 121.1 | 229.1 | 177.0 | 125.4 |
| 135.1 | 145.9 | 155.3 | 176.2 | 127.5 | 230.9 | 190.0 | 146.0 |
| +11.8 | +11.5 | +19.8 | +9.8 | +17.3 | +18.3 | +21.3 | +30.7 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| +3.2 | +6.2 | +12.9 | +7.3 | +13.0 | +16.7 | +18.3 | +7.6 |


|  |  | Ontario |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 120.4 | 158.9 | 144.3 | 145.3 | 135.6 | 142.4 | 147.2 | 119.5 |  |
| 104.1 | 134.9 | 137.3 | 145.7 | 104.8 | 129.0 | 156.9 | 85.1 |  |
| 114.7 | 153.4 | 147.2 | 160.9 | 111.3 | 146.3 | 177.2 | 71.9 |  |
| 139.7 | 170.4 | 189.7 | 169.3 | 124.0 | 180.4 | 213.3 | 81.0 |  |
| 131.3 | 155.1 | 169.2 | 158.8 | 131.9 | 170.1 | 220.0 | 87.3 |  |
| +14.5 | +7.6 | +14.9 | +4.9 | +13.5 | +18.3 | +24.2 | +21.4 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| +9.7 | +11.5 | +12.5 | +5.5 | +15.1 | +15.3 | +19.6 | +3.2 |  |

(a) Includes men's furnishings.
(b) Based on sales including the Federal tax introduced in June, 1942.

Unad justed Indexes of Retail Sales by Provinces - (Averake for $1935-1939=100$ ) (Figures for the current year are subject to final revision)

| Year and Month | General Index | Country General | Department | Variety | Food | Restaurant | Family Clothing, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Prairie Provinces |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| August, 1942 | 145.0 | 140.7 | 113.1 | 166.6 | 184.0 | 157.6 | 126.5 |
| August, 1943 | 153.2 | 154.2 | 112.8 | 158.5 | 190.5 | 190.7 | 146.8 |
| August, 1944 | 173.2 | 178.7 | 136.4 | 173.7 | 207.7 | 201.8 | 166.0 |
| 1945 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| July | 178.2 | 171.3 | 133.0 | 196.6 | 211.5 | 223.4 | 200.5 |
| August | 185.4 | 182.4 | 146.0 | 184.6 | 231.2 | 212.5 | 185.1 |
| \% Change, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| August, 1945 | + 7.0 | $+2.1$ | $+7.0$ | $+6.3$ | $+11.3$ | $+5.3$ | +11.5 |
| August, 1944 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \% Change, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jano-Aug., 194 | $+0.2$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| August, $1942 \ldots . .$. | 162.8 | 134.1 | 155.1 | 152.5 | 176.9 | 160.1 | 169.1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| August, 1943 | 159.4 | 140.8 | 145.3 | 135.5 | 168.0 | 192.7 | 162.7 |
| August, 1944 .. 1945 | 174.9 | 165.0 | 166.6 | 147.1 | 181.0 | 192.6 | 173.1 |
| July | 183.3 | 167.5 | 165.5 | 152.2 | 186.1 | 215.1 | 196.3 |
| August | 192.7 | 176.6 | 181.5 | 153.2 | 203.9 | 203.9 | 180.7 |
| \% Change, $\frac{\text { August, } 1945}{\text { August, } 1944} \cdots$ | $+10.2$ | $+7.0$ | $+8.9$ | $+4.1$ | $+12.7$ | + 5.9 | $+4.4$ |
| \% Change, $\frac{\text { Jan. }- \text { Augo, }}{\text { Jan }_{0}-A u_{0}, 1945} .$ | $+9.3$ | $+9.3$ | + 9.6 | $+7.2$ | $+8.8$ | +2.6 | $+9.5$ |

$\frac{\text { Unad justed Incexes of Retail sales by Provinces - (Average for } 1935-1939=100 \text { ) }}{\text { (Figures for the current year are subject to final rerision) }}$


| 110.0 | 134.8 | 149.6 | 146.1 | 133.3 | 179.5 | 150.5 | 129.8 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 123.1 | 138.4 | 151.8 | 160.4 | 121.6 | 174.0 | 198.9 | 123.2 |
| 130.4 | 162.6 | 172.0 | 177.8 | 138.9 | 204.1 | 218.8 | 121.2 |
| 171.6 | 168.1 | 203.5 | 182.9 | 154.4 | 220.0 | 234.0 | 159.6 |
| 140.4 | 171.0 | 202.6 | 186.5 | 149.1 | 214.0 | 250.8 | 132.6 |
| + 7.7 | + 5.2 | +17.8 | + 4.9 | + 7.3 | + 4.9 | +14.6 | + 8.6 |
| 8.0 | + 6.7 | $+11.3$ | + 5.1 | +12.4 | +10.0 | + 4.9 | + 7.4 |
|  |  |  | Rrit | Columb |  |  |  |
| 142 | 169.5 | 170.6 | 154.4 | 172.2 | 193.3 | 164.1 | 155.3 |
| 132.6 | 173.7 | 188.0 | 168.3 | 148.5 | 168.1 | 200.2 | 116.2 |
|  | 182.6 | 215.0 | 198.8 | 170.4 | 199.1 | 206.3 | 112.8 |
| 161.2 | 190.7 | 230.7 | 216.5 | 175.5 | 232.8 | 252.3 | 118.2 |
| 154.8 | 190.5 | 258.4 | 214.4 | 182.7 | 232.8 | 254.5 | 124.1 |
| +13.5 | + 4.3 | +20.2 | $+7.8$ | + 7.2 | +16.9 | +23.4 | +10.0 |
| +32.9 | + 7.6 | $+17.6$ | $+10.7$ | +13.3 | $+16.8$ | $+16.0$ | + 5.3 |

(a) Includes men's furnishings.
(b) Based on sales including the Pederal tax introduced in June, 1942.


