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Retail Trade in January, 1925

Sales at 378 department stores throughout the United States were slightly smaller in January, 1925, than in January of the previous year, according to reports received by the Federal reserve banks. Decreases however, were reported in the Boston, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Kansas City, and San Francisco Federal reserve districts, the largest being in the Atlanta, Boston, Cleveland, and San Francisco districts. Of the districts showing increases, the greatest improvement occurred in the Minneapolis, St. Louis, and New York districts. About one-half of the total number of reporting stores showed larger sales than last year.

Percentage changes in dollar sales between January, 1924, and January, 1925, are shown by Federal reserve districts in the following table:

Foceral Reserve	No. of Stores	Percentage of increase (+) or decrease (-), compared
<u>Districts</u>	Reporting	with January, 1924.
Boston	56	- 2.8
New York	34	+ 2.5
Philadelphia	. 77	- 1.0
Cleveland	18	- 2.4
Richmond	23	- 1.1
Atlanta	26	- 3.5
Chicago	43	+ 1.4
St. Louis	16	+ 4.5
Minneapolis	17	+10.3
Kansas City	18	- 4.1
Dallas	13	+ 0.7 7.0
San Francisco	37	- 1.0
United States	378	+ 0.1

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