

Sales in selected departments

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Department	Percentage change from a year ago					Weekly unadjusted indexes (1947-49 av. wkly. sales=100)				Monthly unadjusted indexes (1947-49 average monthly sales = 100)								
	One week ending				4 weeks ending	1954				1954	1953					1952		
	Jan. 30	Jan. 23	Jan. 16	Jan. 9		Jan. 30	Jan. 30	Jan. 23	Jan. 16		Jan. 9	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.
GRAND TOTAL SALES <u>1/2/</u>	+ 1	+ 3	- 8	+ 8	+ 1	86	86	83	95	e 82	p186	123	112	77	84	190	121	116
Furniture & bedding	- 2	0	-14	+ 7	- 3	151	147	112	128	e113	p105	121	132	121	120	112	122	133
Domestic fl. cov'gs	- 5	- 4	-18	+ 2	- 7	93	97	85	84	e 79	p 82	109	122	80	88	91	113	122
Major appliances	+ 5	+ 8	- 1	+23	+ 7	66	74	68	73	e 65	p 57	65	75	59	64	66	68	81
Radio, phonograph, TV	+ 2	+ 2	-21	+ 4	- 7	117	121	112	121	e106	p228	157	141	95	115	244	160	166
Total of 4 depts. <u>1/</u>	- 2	+ 1	-15	+ 7	- 3	114	116	96	104	e 93	p105	110	118	94	99	114	112	123
ALL OTHER SALES <u>1/</u>	+ 1	+ 4	- 6	+ 8	+ 1	82	82	81	94	e 81	p197	125	111	75	83	199	122	115

p--Preliminary. r--Revised. e--Estimated from weekly sales figures.
1/ Monthly indexes for this category are not released publicly; they are shown here solely to permit comparisons with departmental changes.
2/ Figures are based on the abbreviated sample described in note below and are presented here solely to permit comparisons with departmental changes. For weekly movements of total department store sales, refer to the regular weekly sales report H.8 (based on about 550 stores).
 Note:--Total national sample is comprised of some 115 stores (varies slightly among departments) of the approximately 350 stores regularly reporting monthly departmental figures.

Sales in Selected Departments
(Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago)

	Furniture and bedding					Domestic floor coverings					Major household appliances				
	One week ending				4 weeks ending	One week ending				4 weeks ending	One week ending				4 weeks ending
	Jan. 30	Jan. 23	Jan. 16	Jan. 9	Jan. 30	Jan. 30	Jan. 23	Jan. 16	Jan. 9	Jan. 30	Jan. 30	Jan. 23	Jan. 16	Jan. 9	Jan. 30
United States	- 2	0	-14	+ 7	- 3	- 5	- 4	-18	+ 2	- 7	+ 5	+ 8	- 1	+23	+ 7
Boston	-11	- 1	-26	+ 4	- 9	-47	-33	- 8	+14	-21	- 7	-16	-38	- 5	-17
New York	+ 8	+ 9	-20	+16	+ 3	+13	+ 8	-14	+18	+ 6	0	- 1	-33	+ 9	- 7
Philadelphia	- 9	+ 5	+25	+16	+ 6	+12	+34	- 9	-24	+ 2	+39	+ 6	-24	-20	+ 1
Cleveland	+ 3	+ 5	-21	+ 8	- 2	- 7	-13	-28	-13	-16	+11	+18	- 7	- 9	+ 3
Richmond	- 6	- 9	-41	-30	-23	- 2	+25	-35	-30	-14	+47	+37	- 2	- 3	+17
Atlanta	+ 6	- 6	-18	+35	+ 1	+12	+33	-17	+78	+21	+15	- 5	+63	+206	+55
Chicago	- 5	- 5	-10	-17	- 9	- 8	-15	+ 2	- 3	- 6	-16	+12	+ 9	+22	+ 6
St. Louis	- 6	- 4	-11	+73	+ 9	- 6	-11	- 9	0	- 6	+12	+77	-21	+18	+16
Minneapolis	+ 6	-18	+ 5	- 2	- 2	- 7	-19	-16	+ 4	-11	+48	+40	+70	+38	+48
Kansas City	-12	-19	+43	+28	+ 7	+36	-12	-18	- 4	- 2	-17	-42	+19	+16	- 9
Dallas	-13	+14	-46	+30	- 4	-48	- 2	-53	+ 9	-26	-34	-17	-39	- 5	-24
San Francisco	-12	- 6	- 8	+10	- 5	-14	-15	-32	- 6	-19	+21	r- 9	+35	+26	+18
	Radios, phonographs, television, etc.					Total of 4 departments					Grand Total--entire store ^{2/}				
	One week ending				4 weeks ending	One week ending				4 weeks ending	One week ending				4 weeks ending
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United States	+ 2	+ 2	-21	+ 4	- 7	- 2	+ 1	-15	+ 7	- 3	+ 1	+ 3	- 8	+ 8	+ 1
Boston	+66	+51	- 5	-16	+14	- 7	- 2	-22	- 3	- 9	+ 2	+15	-19	+11	+ 2
New York	- 7	- 5	-17	+30	- 2	+ 7	+ 7	-20	+17	+ 2	+ 4	+14	-12	+13	+ 4
Philadelphia	-28	+ 5	-11	-33	-19	- 5	+ 9	+ 9	- 3	+ 2	- 4	+ 5	+10	+ 4	+ 4
Cleveland	-17	-18	-40	- 7	-22	- 1	+ 1	-24	- 1	- 6	+ 2	+ 1	-14	+ 2	- 2
Richmond	+38	+56	-44	- 3	+ 1	+ 5	+12	-36	-23	-13	+11	+ 3	-23	+ 2	- 2
Atlanta	-60	+15	+10	+28	- 9	- 7	+ 4	+ 2	+75	+13	- 1	r 0	- 4	+16	+ 3
Chicago	+ 8	+ 1	- 6	+ 9	+ 3	- 6	- 3	- 4	- 5	- 4	- 3	+ 1	- 4	+ 9	+ 1
St. Louis	+83	+45	- 8	+76	+45	+ 6	+12	-12	+50	+12	+ 5	+ 6	0	+ 9	+ 5
Minneapolis	-33	-28	-15	-46	-32	+ 3	- 8	+ 6	- 6	- 2	+ 8	- 3	+ 9	+ 8	+ 5
Kansas City	+ 4	-47	-52	- 3	-31	- 3	-32	- 5	+11	- 8	- 2	- 1	+ 5	+11	+ 4
Dallas	-12	-38	-43	- 3	-26	-25	- 7	-45	+ 9	-18	- 3	- 3	-13	+ 6	- 3
San Francisco	- 6	r-17	-20	- 2	-12	- 8	r-11	-13	+ 5	- 7	- 3	- 8	- 5	+ 3	- 3

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