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WEEKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES

Federal Reserve District	Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago (Based on retail dollar amounts)					
	One week ending				Four weeks ending Dec. 20	Jan. 1 to Dec. 20
	Dec. 20	Dec. 13	Dec. 6	Nov. 29		
Boston	+ 3	+ 6	- 1	+ 4	+ 3	+ 1
New York	- 3	+ 5	+ 9	+ 1	+ 3	+ 2
Philadelphia	+ 2	+ 3	+18	+ 4	+ 6	+ 2
Cleveland	+ 4	+ 1	+ 3	-13	0	- 3
Richmond	+ 2	0	+16	+ 3	+ 5	+ 1
Atlanta	+ 3	r+ 2	0	0	+ 1	0
Chicago	+ 7	0	+ 3	+ 1	+ 3	- 2
St. Louis	+ 5	+ 2	+ 9	- 5	+ 3	- 1
Minneapolis	+ 3	+ 2	- 2	+ 2	+ 1	0
Kansas City	+ 8	+ 4	+ 6	+ 5	+ 6	+ 3
Dallas	+ 1	+ 2	+ 2	0	+ 1	0
San Francisco	+ 1	r+ 3	+ 5	+ 6	+ 4	+ 1
U. S. Total	+ 3	+ 3	+ 6	+ 1	+ 3	0

U. S. weekly index, without seasonal adjustment, 1947-49 = 100^{1/}

1958		1957		1956	
Nov. 22	169	Nov. 23	166	Nov. 24	162
Nov. 29	171	Nov. 30	170	Dec. 1	214
Dec. 6	244	Dec. 7	230	Dec. 8	246
Dec. 13	293	Dec. 14	285	Dec. 15	283
Dec. 20	304	Dec. 21	294	Dec. 22	289

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^{1/} For description and weekly indexes for the period January 1937 to March 1958 see Federal Reserve Bulletin for April 1958, pp. 412-421.

Weekly indexes at the district and city levels are published by several of the Federal Reserve Banks.

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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)				
		10 mos. 1958	Week ending			
			Nov. 29	Dec. 6	Dec. 13	Dec. 20
<u>UNITED STATES</u>		- 1	+ 1	+ 6	+ 3	+ 3
<u>Boston District</u>		- 1	+ 4	- 1	+ 6	+ 3
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Boston	Mass.	+ 2	+ 5	+ 1	+ 7	+ 4
Downtown Boston	"	- 4	- 5	- 6	- 2	- 3
Suburban Boston	"	+14	+24	+15	+22	+16
Cambridge	"	+ 9	+19	- 4	+17	+ 4
Quincy	"	+14	+22	+27	+27	+23
Lowell	"	- 6	- 7	r-12	- 2	- 8
<u>City</u>						
Springfield	"	- 1	+ 1	- 6	+ 7	+ 4
<u>New York District</u>		+ 2	+ 1	+ 9	+ 5	- 3
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Buffalo	N. Y.	- 4	-14	+ 1	r+ 1	- 5
New York-N.E.	New Jersey N.Y.-N.J.	+ 3	+ 3	+11	+ 6	- 3
Newark	N. J.	- 5	+ 3	+ 9	r- 1	- 3
New York	N. Y.	- 1	0	+ 4	+10	- 6
Rochester	"	- 3	+ 2	+ 5	r+ 2	+ 1
Syracuse	"	- 3	- 5	- 3	r- 1	+ 3
<u>Philadelphia District</u>		0	+ 4	+18	+ 3	+ 2
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Wilmington	Del.	+ 1	+ 5	+34	r- 1	- 1
Trenton	N. J.	0	+ 5	+18	+ 2	- 5
Lancaster	Pa.	+11	+15	+24	r+11	+16
Philadelphia	"	0	+ 5	+20	r+ 3	+ 2
Reading	"	- 2	+ 2	+19	+ 4	+ 8
Scranton	"	+ 3	+ 1	0	+ 4	+ 3
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	- 4	- 5	- 2	- 1	+ 1
<u>Cleveland District</u>		- 2	-13	+ 3	+ 1	+ 4
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Lexington	Ky.	- 1	-10	+10	+ 6	+ 6
Akron	Ohio	- 7	-18	- 6	- 7	- 1
Canton	"	- 8	-14	+ 2	- 3	+ 6
Cincinnati	"	- 2	-14	r+ 5	+ 5	+ 5
Cleveland	"	- 3	-11	0	- 1	- 1
Downtown Cleveland	"	*	-14	- 4	- 4	- 4
Columbus	"	+ 1	-14	+ 8	0	+ 7
Springfield	"	- 8	-11	+ 1	- 8	- 1
Youngstown	"	-12	-21	- 6	- 2	- 2
Erie	Pa.	- 7	-10	r+ 3	+ 1	+ 5
Pittsburgh	"	+ 1	-11	r+ 5	+ 3	+ 8
Downtown Pittsburgh	"	*	-11	r+ 6	+ 2	+ 8
Wheeling-Steubenville W. Va.&Chio		- 5	-16	+ 9	+ 1	+ 8

WEEKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES - SELECTED CITIES AND AREAS (Continued)

Federal Reserve District, Area, and City	Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago (Based on retail dollar amounts)				
	10 mos.	week ending			
	1958	Nov. 29	Dec. 6	Dec. 13	Dec. 20
<u>Kansas City District</u>	+ 2	+ 5	+ 6	+ 4	+ 8
Metropolitan Areas					
Denver Col.	+ 4	+ 3	+ 4	+ 5	+ 7
Topeka Kans.	0	+ 7	+11	+ 6	+10
Wichita "	- 4	+ 2	+ 1	- 5	- 2
Kansas City Mo.	0	+ 2	+ 8	+ 7	+11
St. Joseph "	- 4	- 9	+ 3	- 1	+ 1
Lincoln Nebr.	*	+ 8	+ 8	+ 9	+ 6
Albuquerque N. Mex.	+ 8	+13	+ 4	+ 5	*
Oklahoma City Okla.	0	+ 2	+ 3	- 7	+ 4
Tulsa "	+11	+19	+15	+ 6	+17
City					
Joplin Mo.	- 6	- 6	- 2	-17	+ 8
<u>Dallas District</u>	- 1	0	+ 2	+ 2	+ 1
Metropolitan Areas					
Dallas Tex.	+ 1	- 2	+ 4	+ 2	+ 1
El Paso "	+ 4	+ 4	+ 6	+ 4	+ 4
Fort Worth "	+ 1	+ 3	+ 9	+ 4	+ 3
Houston "	- 8	- 4	- 4	- 4	- 5
San Antonio "	+ 2	+ 4	+ 4	+10	+ 1
<u>San Francisco District</u>	0	+ 6	+ 5	+ 3	+ 1
Metropolitan Areas					
Los Angeles-Long Beach Calif.	- 1	+ 6	+ 6	+ 5	- 1
Downtown Los Angeles "	- 8	- 2	+ 4	+ 2	- 5
Westside Los Angeles "	- 2	+ 7	+ 6	+ 3	- 6
Sacramento "	+ 6	+12	+19	+ 7	+ 8
San Diego "	- 3	+10	+11	+ 8	+ 3
San Francisco-Oakland "	0	+ 2	- 1	- 3	- 1
San Francisco City "	- 1	0	- 1	- 5	- 1
Oakland "	-13	0	-10	-11	-11
San Jose "	+ 3	+ 8	r+ 4	+ 5	+ 6
Portland Ore.	0	+12	+ 7	+ 5	+ 6
Salt Lake City Utah	- 1	- 1	+13	+ 7	+ 7
Seattle Wash.	0	+10	+ 3	+ 3	+ 3
Spokane "	+ 1	+ 6	+ 4	- 2	0
Tacoma "	- 1	+14	+ 6	+ 3	+ 3

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*Data not available.