

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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March 21, 1947

DEPARTMENT STORE SALES, BY CITIES
Percentage Change from Corresponding Period a Year Ago

Federal Reserve district and city	Year 1946	Month of Jan.	Week ending 1/				
			Feb.15	Feb.22	Mar. 1	Mar. 8	Mar.15
UNITED STATES	+27	+17	+17	+ 2	+10	+ 9	+10
<u>Boston District 2/</u>	+26	+15	+17	- 7	+26	+ 9	+13
New Haven, Conn.	+27	+14	+13	- 3	+18	+ 4	- 2
Boston, Mass.	+26	+16	+19	- 4	+30	+11	+18
Springfield, "	+20	+11	+ 2	-23	+29	+ 3	+ 5
Providence, R.I.	+23	+ 5	+ 6	-13	+15	+ 8	+ 4
<u>New York District 2/</u>	+30	+18	+22	- 3	+14	+ 8	+10
Newark, N.J.	+30	+14	+11	- 8	+ 6	+ 8	+12
Buffalo 3/ N.Y.	+29	+13	+11	+ 2	+ 6	- 3	+ 8
New York 4/ "	+29	+19	+26	- 5	+15	r+11	+ 9
Rochester 3/ "	+30	+16	+14	+13	+18	r- 1	+16
Syracuse 3/ "	+38	+29	+29	+18	+33	-20	+11
<u>Philadelphia District 2/</u>	+28	+19	+39	- 6	+12	+20	+12
Philadelphia 4/ Pa.	+25	+18	+44	- 7	+10	+22	+13
<u>Cleveland District</u>	+28	+16	+24	+ 5	+ 8	r+11	+10
Akron, Ohio	+19	+ 8	+11	- 2	- 2	+ 4	+ 7
Cincinnati, "	+31	+19	+20	+ 5	+ 1	+ 9	+ 8
Cleveland, "	+29	+15	+13	+ 5	+14	+12	+10
Columbus, "	+29	+12	+23	+ 8	- 4	+10	+ 7
Toledo, "	+23	+15	+20	+12	+13	r+11	+18
Pittsburgh 4/ Pa.	+30	+19	+44	+ 6	+12	+13	+12
<u>Richmond District 2/</u>	+21	+11	+ 5	-22	- 2	r+ 7	+13
Washington, D. C.	+17	+ 5	+ 1	-22	+ 1	+ 6	+12
Baltimore, Md.	+22	+12	+13	-21	- 8	+12	+16
<u>Atlanta District 2/</u>	+26	+11	+ 6	- 2	+ 1	r+ 8	+10
Birmingham, Ala.	+23	+ 4	*	+17	+ 5	*	+ 4
Miami, Fla.	+32	+11	+17	*	+10	+15	+15
Atlanta, Ga.	+29	+ 7	+ 2	- 6	- 5	r 0	0
New Orleans, La.	+26	+19	+ 1	-15	+ 9	+30	+11
Nashville, Tenn.	+36	+15	+17	+ 1	- 2	- 6	+14
<u>Chicago District</u>	+29	+17	+18	+ 8	+ 9	+10	+ 9
Chicago, Ill.	+29	+14	+23	+ 5	+ 8	+ 8	+10
Indianapolis, Ind.	+25	+15	+15	+10	- 8	+ 5	+ 4
Detroit, Mich.	+27	+23	+ 9	+ 9	+18	+11	+ 8
Milwaukee, Wis.	+32	+10	+20	+10	+11	+16	+14

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 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK

Federal Reserve district and city	Year 1946	Month of Jan.	Week ending 1/				
			Feb.15	Feb.22	Mar. 1	Mar. 8	Mar.15
<u>St. Louis District</u>	+29	+19	+12	+ 2	r+ 1	0	+ 8
Little Rock Ark.	+20	+24	- 5	- 5	- 4	- 5	+ 1
Louisville Ky.	+30	+15	+16	+ 5	+ 9	+12	+10
St. Louis Mo.	+30	+21	+13	+ 2	- 3	- 2	+ 9
Memphis Tenn.	+29	+13	+ 4	+ 4	+ 5	+ 1	+ 8
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	+33	+23					
Minneapolis Minn.	+33	+24					
St. Paul "	+35	+27					
Duluth-Superior &Wis.	+25	+18					
			(Not available for publication)				
<u>Kansas City District 5/</u>	+25	+14	+11	+ 4	- 4	r+ 3	- 1
Denver Colo.	+35	+27	+16	+15	0	+29	+13
Wichita Kans.	+17	+ 3	- 5	- 1	-13	- 7	-12
Kansas City &Mo.	+25	+ 6	+16	+ 2	- 6	- 5	- 2
St. Joseph Mo.	+32	+ 6	+14	- 2	*	+ 3	+ 3
Oklahoma City Okla.	+19	+ 5	+15	+ 7	- 2	0	-10
Tulsa "	+22	+11	+10	- 1	- 5	- 2	- 2
<u>Dallas District</u>	+28	+20	+ 8	+ 2	+ 2	- 2	+ 1
Dallas Tex.	+31	+19	+ 5	- 4	- 3	-11	- 4
Fort Worth "	+24	+22	+ 4	+ 4	+10	r- 5	+ 2
Houston "	+34	+30	+10	+12	+ 6	+ 5	+15
San Antonio "	+27	+16	+20	- 2	+ 4	+15	+ 5
<u>San Francisco District</u>	+25	+18	+12	+ 8	+17	r+12	r+15
Los Angeles Area Calif.	+29	+21	+12	+10	+17	+11	+18
Oakland "	+20	+20	*	*	*	*	*
San Francisco "	+20	+13	+ 5	- 1	+ 9	+13	+ 8
Portland Ore.	+26	+18	+17	+15	+17	+13	+ 9
Salt Lake City Utah	+30	+26	+20	+ 4	+21	+ 5	+13
Seattle Wash.	+19	+14	+16	- 4	+14	+10	+ 5

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* Data not available.

- 1/ During March changes from a year ago reflect in part the fact that last year Easter was on April 21 while this year it will be on April 6. For this reason it is estimated that in comparison with last year allowance should be made for an increase in sales of about 3 per cent for the month of March as a whole.
- 2/ Sales in the week ending February 22, 1947 were sharply reduced because of heavy snow storms along the Atlantic Coast.
- 3/ Sales in the week ending March 8, 1947 reflect the effect of a snow storm.
- 4/ The large increases in the week ending February 15, 1947 reflect in part the fact that last year sales in the City of New York were reduced because of the closing of all business establishments on February 12 to avoid a fuel shortage, those in the City of Philadelphia were reduced because of a curtailment in public transportation service on February 11 and 12, and those in Pittsburgh were reduced because stores closed on February 12 owing to a power shortage.
- 5/ Decrease for sales in the week ending March 1, 1947 reflects in part the effect of heavy snow storm.