

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

December 30, 1952

DEPARTMENT STORE SALES, BY CITIES
(Based on Dollar Amounts)

Federal Reserve District and City		Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago						
		Jan.-Sept.	Month of Oct.	Nov.22*	Nov.29*	Dec. 6	Dec.13	Dec.20
<u>UNITED STATES</u>		0	+ 6	+ 9	-14	+ 1	r+ 5	+ 4
<u>Boston District</u>		- 1	+ 5	+ 5	-19	+ 1	- 2	+ 3
New Haven	Conn.	+ 3	+ 8	- 3	-23	- 1	- 2	+ 2
Boston	Mass.	- 3	+ 3	+ 4	-16	- 1	- 2	+ 3
Lowell-Lawrence	"	+ 3	+ 7	- 7	- 3	- 6	+ 3	+ 3
Springfield	"	+ 2	+11	+ 8	-19	+11	+ 1	+ 5
Providence	R.I.	- 1	+ 9	+15	-31	+ 2	- 3	+ 2
<u>New York District</u>		- 7	+ 2	+ 2	-23	- 6	r- 4	0
Newark	N.J.	- 6	+ 1	+ 8	-28	- 5	r+ 5	+ 3
Buffalo	N.Y.	0	+10	+ 9	-16	0	r+10	+14
New York	"	-10	- 1	0	-24	- 8	- 9	- 2
Rochester	"	- 4	+ 4	+ 2	-19	0	+ 3	+ 5
Syracuse	"	- 3	+ 2	+ 1	-15	+ 1	+ 4	+ 2
<u>Philadelphia District</u>		- 1	+ 5	+ 4	-18	+ 2	r+13	+ 3
Philadelphia	Pa.	- 2	+ 2	+ 3	-20	0	r+10	+ 2
<u>Cleveland District</u>		- 2	+ 4	+ 8	-12	+ 2	+13	+ 8
Akron	Ohio	+ 2	+ 8	+ 9	- 4	+ 5	+18	+ 5
Cincinnati	"	0	+ 4	+ 6	-13	+ 6	+15	+ 8
Cleveland	"	- 2	0	+ 8	-11	- 4	+12	+ 9
Columbus	"	+ 5	+ 8	+17	-10	+ 2	+14	+11
Toledo	"	- 8	+ 9	- 5	- 9	+ 9	+ 7	+ 7
Erie	Pa.	+ 2	+ 3	0	- 2	+ 8	+ 6	+ 3
Pittsburgh	"	- 5	+ 2	+12	-17	- 3	+14	+ 7
<u>Richmond District</u>		+ 3	+ 7	0	-17	+ 2	r+13	+ 7
Washington	D.C.	- 2	+ 1	0	-12	+ 5	+ 8	+12
Baltimore	Md.	+ 3	+ 9	+ 2	-21	- 2	+ 8	+ 2
<u>Atlanta District</u>		+ 8	+12	+ 8	- 4	+ 7	r+ 6	+ 5
Birmingham	Ala.	+ 5	+10	+16	+ 1	+11	+ 5	+ 4
Jacksonville	Fla.	+ 7	+ 8	0	-16	+ 1	+ 1	- 2
Miami	"	+ 4	+16	+17	- 8	0	r+ 6	+ 6
Atlanta	Ga.	+ 4	+13	- 8	+ 8	+ 6	+ 7	**
Augusta	"	+29	+32	+19	- 6	+25	r+16	+11
New Orleans	La.	+ 9	+11	+26	- 7	+ 7	+ 4	+ 3
Nashville	Tenn.	+ 9	+ 9	+ 9	-12	+ 9	+ 6	0
<u>Chicago District</u>		- 3	+ 4	+ 8	-14	+ 3	r+ 6	+ 4
Chicago	Ill.	- 3	+ 1	+ 6	-16	+ 2	+ 1	- 1
Indianapolis	Ind.	0	+ 6	+ 1	-17	0	+10	+ 8
Detroit	Mich.	- 3	+10	+13	-12	+ 8	+ 8	+14
Milwaukee	Wis.	- 4	+ 6	+ 4	-17	- 1	+ 4	+ 3

Federal Reserve District and City	Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago							
	Jan.-Month of		Nov.22*	Nov.29*	Dec. 6	Dec.13	Dec.20	
	Sept.	Oct.						
<u>St. Louis District</u>		0	+ 8	+16	-15	r+ 7	r+11	+ 4
Little Rock	Ark.	+ 4	+12	+11	-12	+21	+ 1	0
Louisville	Ky.	+ 4	+ 9	+ 1	-17	- 1	+ 5	+ 1
St. Louis Area	Mo.	+ 1	+ 8	+ 8	-17	+ 5	+13	+ 5
Memphis	Tenn.	+ 3	+13	+18	- 4	+ 4	+11	- 3
<u>Minneapolis District</u>		- 1	+ 5	+ 7	-11	+ 3	+ 5	+ 5
Minneapolis	Minn.	- 1	+ 8	+ 7	-13	+ 8	+ 5	+ 7
St. Paul	"	- 2	+ 8	+ 8	- 6	- 7	+ 0	+ 3
Duluth-Superior	"Wis.	+ 2	+ 5	+ 5	-12	+ 5	+ 2	- 4
<u>Kansas City District</u>		+ 1	+ 3	+11	-14	+ 4	r+ 7	+ 2
Denver	Colo.	- 2	+ 2	+ 7	-11	+ 7	+ 3	- 3
Topeka	Kans.	+ 1	- 4	- 2	-11	+ 1	+ 4	**
Wichita	"	0	+ 2	+13	-22	- 6	+ 7	- 4
Kansas City	Mo.	+ 2	+ 1	+10	-15	+ 3	+ 4	+ 5
St. Joseph	"	- 7	- 3	+13	-21	+ 4	+ 8	- 7
Oklahoma City	Okla.	+ 2	+ 5	+ 5	-12	- 1	+ 1	+ 5
Tulsa	"	+ 9	+10	+28	-19	+ 7	+ 6	+ 5
<u>Dallas District</u>		+ 6	+12	+14	-17	+ 8	+ 2	+ 5
Dallas	Tex.	+ 3	+12	+19	-24	+ 6	+ 1	+ 8
El Paso	"	+ 7	+24	+ 7	- 3	+17	+ 6	+ 2
Fort Worth	"	+ 3	+ 3	- 1	-14	- 5	- 5	- 1
Houston	"	+ 9	+23	+16	-10	+11	+ 0	+ 7
San Antonio	"	+ 7	+ 5	+14	-21	+10	+ 3	+ 1
<u>San Francisco District</u>		+ 4	+ 8	+19	- 7	- 1	0	0
Los Angeles Area	Calif.	+ 1	+13	+24	- 6	+ 1	- 1	+ 2
Downtown Los Angeles	"	- 5	- 1	+18	-13	- 5	- 6	- 1
Westside Los Angeles	"	+ 2	+11	+31	-11	0	0	- 2
Oakland	"	- 4	+ 3	+22	- 7	- 3	+ 4	+ 2
San Diego	"	+ 6	+ 3	+19	-13	- 1	- 4	- 5
San Francisco	"	+ 5	+ 9	+13	-15	-13	- 9	- 3
Portland	Ore.	- 2	0	+23	- 8	+ 3	+ 2	+ 3
Salt Lake City	Utah	+ 1	+ 2	+ 6	- 9	+ 5	0	- 1
Seattle	Wash.	+ 1	0	+13	0	+ 1	+ 3	+ 4
Spokane	"	- 1	+ 1	+ 3	+ 2	+ 1	+ 5	+13

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**Data not available.

*In using year ago comparisons for the weeks ending November 22 and November 29, allowance should be made for the fact that in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, store closings occurred in the week ending November 24, 1951 whereas this year they occurred in the week ending November 29.

NOTE--Since sales rise sharply with the approach of Christmas, the fact that, due to this year being a "leap" year, the corresponding week last year was two days nearer Christmas becomes increasingly significant in comparing weekly data. Allowance should be made for this calendar irregularity in evaluating the weekly percentage changes from a year ago.