

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

January 16, 1953

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DEPARTMENT STORE SALES IN SELECTED CITIES AND AREAS  
(Based on Dollar Amounts)

| Federal Reserve District, Area, and City | Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago |             |          |        |         |
|--|--|-------------|----------|--------|---------|
|  | Jan.-<br>Nov.  | Week ending |          |        |         |
|  |  | Dec. 20     | Dec. 27* | Jan. 3 | Jan. 10 |
| United States                            | 0  | + 4         | +59      | r+ 4   | - 3     |
| Boston District                          | - 1  | + 3         | +64      | + 5    | - 7     |
| Metropolitan Areas                       |  |             |          |        |         |
| New Haven Conn.                          | + 2  | + 2         | +72      | - 9    | -21     |
| Lowell-Lawrence Mass.                    | + 3  | + 3         | +91      | +27    | 0       |
| Cities                                   |  |             |          |        |         |
| Boston Mass.                             | - 2  | + 3         | +65      | - 1    | - 6     |
| Springfield "                            | + 3  | + 5         | +53      | +15    | -14     |
| Providence R. I.                         | - 1  | + 2         | +50      | +18    | -12     |
| New York District                        | - 6  | 0           | +46      | - 4    | -11     |
| Metropolitan Areas                       |  |             |          |        |         |
| Buffalo N. Y.                            | 0  | +12         | +50      | r+ 3   | + 2     |
| Rochester "                              | - 4  | + 5         | +42      | r+15   | +11     |
| Syracuse "                               | - 3  | + 2         | +39      | r- 3   | +11     |
| Cities                                   |  |             |          |        |         |
| New York N. Y.                           | -10  | - 2         | +45      | r- 6   | -15     |
| Newark N. J.                             | - 6  | + 4         | +55      | r- 4   | -11     |
| Philadelphia District                    | - 1  | + 4         | +43      | - 5    | - 9     |
| City                                     |  |             |          |        |         |
| Philadelphia Pa.                         | - 2  | + 2         | +40      | - 5    | - 8     |
| Cleveland District                       | - 2  | + 7         | +51      | r+ 9   | - 8     |
| Metropolitan Areas                       |  |             |          |        |         |
| Akron Ohio                               | + 2  | + 5         | +37      | +26    | - 2     |
| Cincinnati "                             | 0  | + 8         | +56      | +16    | -11     |
| Columbus "                               | + 5  | +11         | +71      | +20    | - 1     |
| Toledo "                                 | - 6  | + 7         | +78      | +16    | -11     |
| Erie Pa.                                 | + 1  | + 3         | +57      | +16    | - 5     |
| Cities                                   |  |             |          |        |         |
| Cleveland Ohio                           | - 2  | + 9         | +54      | +10    | -10     |
| Pittsburgh Pa.                           | - 5  | + 7         | +34      | + 3    | - 8     |
| Richmond District                        | + 2  | + 7         | +47      | r+ 2   | + 1     |
| Metropolitan Areas                       |  |             |          |        |         |
| Washington D. C.                         | - 2  | +12         | +59      | - 2    | - 4     |
| Baltimore Md.                            | + 2  | + 2         | +28      | +16    | + 8     |
| Atlanta District                         | + 8  | + 5         | +69      | r+13   | +10     |
| Metropolitan Areas                       |  |             |          |        |         |
| Birmingham Ala.                          | + 6  | + 4         | +84      | - 4    | +10     |
| Jacksonville Fla.                        | + 5  | - 2         | +89      | +17    | - 3     |
| Miami "                                  | + 5  | +11         | +69      | r+22   | +17     |
| Atlanta Ga.                              | + 4  | + 8         | r+59     | r+22   | **      |
| Augusta "                                | +27  | +10         | r+90     | r+ 1   | + 7     |
| New Orleans La.                          | + 9  | + 3         | +75      | + 7    | +18     |
| Nashville Tenn.                          | + 8  | 0           | +72      | +14    | + 6     |
| Chicago District                         | - 3  | + 5         | +60      | r- 3   | - 7     |
| Metropolitan Areas                       |  |             |          |        |         |
| Chicago Ill.                             | - 4  | - 1         | +63      | -12    | -10     |
| Indianapolis Ind.                        | + 1  | + 8         | +45      | +12    | -10     |
| Detroit Mich.                            | - 1  | +14         | +66      | + 9    | - 4     |
| Milwaukee Wis.                           | - 3  | + 3         | +59      | + 7    | - 5     |

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| <u>St. Louis District</u>                | <u>0</u>   | <u>+ 4</u>  | <u>+59</u>  | <u>r+17</u> | <u>- 6</u> |
| Metropolitan Areas                       |  |             |             |             |            |
| Little Rock Ark.                         | + 4  | 0           | +55         | +11         | - 1        |
| Louisville Ky.                           | + 3  | + 1         | +75         | +19         | -12        |
| St. Louis Mo.                            | + 1  | + 5         | +53         | +23         | - 8        |
| Memphis Tenn.                            | + 4  | - 3         | +81         | +16         | + 5        |
| <u>Minneapolis District</u>              | <u>- 1</u>   | <u>+ 5</u>  | <u>+56</u>  | <u>+ 6</u>  | <u>+ 4</u> |
| Metropolitan Area                        |  |             |             |             |            |
| Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.              | **   | **          | **          | **          | + 4        |
| Minneapolis City "                       | 0  | + 7         | +53         | + 8         | + 8        |
| St. Paul City "                          | - 1  | + 3         | +63         | + 4         | - 4        |
| Cities                                   |  |             |             |             |            |
| Duluth-Superior Minn. & Wis.             | + 1  | - 2         | +54         | - 1         | + 5        |
| <u>Kansas City District</u>              | <u>+ 1</u>   | <u>+ 2</u>  | <u>r+16</u> | <u>r+11</u> | <u>+ 4</u> |
| Metropolitan Areas                       |  |             |             |             |            |
| Denver Colo.                             | - 2  | - 3         | +44         | + 6         | + 1        |
| Topeka Kans.                             | 0  | + 5         | +58         | +24         | - 1        |
| Wichita "                                | - 1  | - 4         | +37         | - 1         | + 3        |
| St. Joseph Mo.                           | - 6  | - 7         | +39         | + 2         | -11        |
| Oklahoma City Okla.                      | + 1  | + 5         | +47         | +36         | + 5        |
| Tulsa "                                  | + 9  | + 5         | +51         | +19         | + 2        |
| City                                     |  |             |             |             |            |
| Kansas City Mo.                          | + 1  | + 5         | +44         | +10         | + 4        |
| <u>Dallas District</u>                   | <u>+ 6</u>   | <u>+ 4</u>  | <u>+68</u>  | <u>r+ 9</u> | <u>+ 8</u> |
| Metropolitan Areas                       |  |             |             |             |            |
| Dallas Tex.                              | + 3  | + 8         | +53         | +12         | +12        |
| El Paso "                                | + 8  | + 2         | +82         | +16         | +12        |
| Fort Worth "                             | + 2  | - 1         | +47         | +19         | + 3        |
| Houston "                                | + 9  | + 7         | +76         | +16         | + 8        |
| San Antonio "                            | + 5  | + 1         | +78         | -21         | + 2        |
| <u>San Francisco District</u>            | <u>+ 4</u>   | <u>- 1</u>  | <u>+74</u>  | <u>+ 5</u>  | <u>+ 5</u> |
| Metropolitan Areas                       |  |             |             |             |            |
| Los Angeles Calif.                       | + 3  | + 2         | +82         | + 1         | + 4        |
| Downtown Los Angeles "                   | - 5  | - 1         | +65         | - 3         | - 4        |
| Westside Los Angeles "                   | + 3  | - 2         | +72         | + 1         | 0          |
| San Diego "                              | + 6  | - 5         | +78         | +16         | - 5        |
| San Francisco-Oakland "                  | **   | **          | **          | **          | + 2        |
| San Francisco City "                     | + 5  | - 3         | +83         | -11         | - 2        |
| Oakland City "                           | - 3  | + 2         | +82         | + 5         | +10        |
| Portland Ore.                            | - 2  | + 3         | +63         | +37         | + 6        |
| Salt Lake City Utah                      | + 1  | - 1         | +64         | + 5         | + 8        |
| Seattle Wash.                            | + 1  | + 4         | +66         | + 7         | + 5        |
| Spokane "                                | - 1  | +13         | +50         | + 9         | +16        |

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\*\*Data not available.

The large increases shown for this week reflect in part the fact that this year Christmas fell on Thursday and the week therefore included three days of heavy pre-Christmas shopping as compared with one day last year when Christmas fell on Tuesday.