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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)					
	Year 1955	week ending				
		Jan. 7	Jan. 14	Jan. 21	Jan. 28	
<u>United States</u>	+ 7	-11	+ 5	+ 3	+ 8	
<u>Boston District</u>	+ 4	-19	- 8	- 1	+ 9	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Boston	Mass.	+ 2	-22	-10	- 1	+ 9
Downtown Boston	"	0	-20	-11	- 2	+ 7
Suburban Boston	"	+ 8	-27	- 8	+ 1	+12
Cambridge	"	+ 6	-41	+15	-19	+22
Lynn	"	*	-14	-15	+ 6	+ 7
Quincy	"	+ 6	-17	-15	- 3	+ 1
Lowell	"	+10	- 4	-14	+15	+23
<u>Cities</u>						
Springfield	Mass.	+ 5	- 4	+10	+11	+14
Providence	A. I.	+ 3	-12	-10	-12	+ 5
<u>New York District</u>		+ 3	-14	+ 5	+ 8	-10
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Buffalo	N. Y.	+ 3	-15	- 6	+ 9	+27
New York-N.E., New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J.	+ 4	-15	+ 6	+ 8	+ 8
Newark	N. J.	0	-11	+11	+ 8	+ 4
New York	N. Y.	0	-17	+ 4	+ 7	+ 8
Rochester	"	+ 2	+ 1	+ 4	+ 8	+10
Syracuse	"	+ 5	-11	+ 5	+11	+ 4
<u>Philadelphia District</u>		+ 7	-13	+ 3	+ 4	+14
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Wilmington	Del.	+ 9	- 1	+14	+13	+16
Trenton	N. J.	+ 7	-20	+39	- 4	- 8
Lancaster	Pa.	+ 5	-10	+ 9	- 6	+ 9
Philadelphia	"	+ 7	-14	+ 1	+ 5	+14
Reading	"	+ 9	- 2	0	+ 9	+15
Scranton	"	+ 3	-13	- 2	+16	+ 1
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	+ 9	-17	- 3	- 2	+ 2
<u>Cleveland District</u>		+10	-11	+10	- 3	+20
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Lexington	Ky.	+ 2	-11	+ 3	-13	-14
Akron	Ohio	+ 7	-11	+ 2	+ 4	+15
Cincinnati	"	+ 5	- 6	+ 8	-25	- 3
Cleveland	"	+ 7	-15	+ 7	+ 7	+16
Columbus	"	+ 7	-14	+ 6	0	+16
Springfield	"	+11	+ 1	+11	- 9	+11
Toledo	"	+ 8	-14	+11	+ 2	+12
Erie	Pa.	+ 5	-16	+12	+17	+23
Wheeling--Steubenville	W.Va.-Ohio	+ 7	- 6	+ 1	- 8	+22
<u>City</u>						
Pittsburgh	Pa.	+19	- 9	+20	- 9	+46

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<u>Richmond District</u>	+ 8	- 9	0	- 2	+ 8
Metropolitan Areas					
Washington D. C.	+ 8	- 8	- 2	- 3	+11
Downtown Washington "	+ 4	-19	-10	r-10	+ 6
Baltimore Md.	+ 4	-10	- 1	r-10	+ 9
Richmond Va.	+ 9	-12	+12	+ 9	+ 3
<u>Atlanta District</u>	+10	- 5	+ 8	r+ 7	0
Metropolitan Areas					
Birmingham Ala.	+ 8	- 9	+10	+ 7	+ 6
Jacksonville Fla.	+ 7	- 9	+ 9	+15	+16
Atlanta Ga.	+11	-10	+ 5	r+ 7	0
Augusta "	+ 1	-24	- 5	+ 3	*
New Orleans La.	+ 6	-11	+ 8	+ 6	+ 7
Knoxville Tenn.	+12	+21	0	+ 7	-16
Nashville "	+ 7	- 8	+ 7	+ 7	-20
City					
Tampa Fla.	+ 4	+ 1	+ 4	+ 8	*
<u>Chicago District</u>	+ 8	- 9	+ 3	+ 3	+15
Metropolitan Areas					
Chicago Ill.	+ 6	-12	0	+ 2	+18
Indianapolis Ind.	+ 7	-11	+ 3	- 8	+10
Detroit Mich.	+12	- 7	+ 4	+ 7	+13
Milwaukee Wis.	+ 3	- 8	+ 6	+ 8	+11
<u>St. Louis District</u>	+ 8	- 9	+10	- 3	+ 5
Metropolitan Areas					
Little Rock Ark.	+ 2	-12	+13	- 7	+ 5
Louisville Ky.	+ 6	- 7	r+ 8	-14	- 1
St. Louis Mo.	+ 9	-10	+11	- 1	+10
Memphis Tenn.	+ 5	-10	+ 7	0	-10
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	+ 4	- 8	+10	0	+ 8
Cities					
Minneapolis Minn.	+ 3	- 8	+12	- 2	+ 9
St. Paul "	+ 2	-10	+ 7	+ 6	+ 7
Duluth-Superior Minn. & Wis.	+ 2	+ 2	+12	r+ 1	+ 9

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<u>Kansas City District</u>		+ 7	-11	+ 4	+ 4	- 3
Metropolitan Areas						
Denver	Colo.	+14	- 6	+14	+ 8	+ 9
Topeka	Kans.	+ 5	- 5	+ 7	+ 1	+ 4
Wichita	"	+12	-18	+ 2	r+ 2	-15
St. Joseph	Mo.	+ 7	- 5	+13	+ 6	+10
Albuquerque	N. Mex.	+11	+56	-16	- 5	- 3
Oklahoma City	Okla.	+12	-11	+12	+ 7	+ 2
Tulsa	"	+ 3	-21	+ 2	+ 1	- 9
City						
Kansas City	Mo.	+ 3	-14	- 1	+ 4	- 8
<u>Dallas District</u>		+ 9	-12	+ 9	- 3	+ 3
Metropolitan Areas						
Dallas	Tex.	+ 9	-12	+ 3	-20	+ 8
El Paso	"	+ 8	-13	+ 3	+ 8	+ 2
Fort worth	"	+ 9	- 1	+12	-10	+ 3
Houston	"	+ 7	-11	+14	+11	+ 3
San Antonio	"	+ 6	-20	+12	+ 3	- 6
<u>San Francisco District</u>		+ 8	-15	+ 2	+ 3	- 5
Metropolitan Areas						
Los Angeles	Calif.	+ 5	-16	r- 1	0	-13
Downtown Los Angeles	"	0	-23	r- 3	- 2	-22
Westside Los Angeles	"	+ 5	-18	- 1	+ 1	-12
Sacramento	"	+ 5	-11	+ 1	+12	0
San Diego	"	+ 5	- 9	0	+ 7	+ 5
San Francisco-Oakland	"	+ 7	-17	+ 4	+ 9	+ 2
San Francisco City	"	+ 4	-16	+ 3	+11	+ 3
Oakland City	"	+ 2	-20	r+ 6	+ 6	0
San Jose	"	+11	- 5	- 1	+10	+ 3
Portland	Ore.	+ 5	-19	+ 9	- 3	-12
Salt Lake City	Utah	+10	-13	+ 9	+ 7	- 3
Seattle	Wash.	+ 5	-19	+ 3	+ 1	+ 1
Spokane	"	+ 7	- 7	+14	- 4	- 3
Tacoma	"	+10	- 6	+22	+ 1	+ 2

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*--Data not available.