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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. 21	Jan. 28	Feb. 4	Feb. 11
United States		+ 7	+ 3	+ 8	+ 5	+ 5
Boston District		+ 4	- 1	+ 9	+ 6	- 1
Metropolitan Areas						
Boston	Mass.	+ 2	- 1	+ 9	+ 6	- 1
Downtown Boston	"	0	- 2	+ 7	+ 5	- 5
Suburban Boston	"	+ 8	+ 1	+12	+ 8	+12
Cambridge	"	+ 6	-19	+22	+10	+18
Lynn	"	*	+ 6	+ 2	- 4	0
Quincy	"	+ 6	- 3	+ 1	+17	+ 9
Lowell	"	+10	+15	+23	-18	-33
Cities						
Springfield	Mass.	+ 5	+11	+14	+12	+ 5
Providence	R. I.	+ 3	-12	+ 3	+13	- 6
New York District		+ 3	+ 8	+ 8	+ 8	+ 1
Metropolitan Areas						
Buffalo	N. Y.	+ 3	+ 9	+26	r- 8	- 2
New York-N.E.New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J.	+ 4	+ 8	+ 6	+11	0
Newark	N. J.	0	+ 8	+ 2	+10	0
New York	N. Y.	0	+ 7	+ 5	+ 9	- 1
Rochester	"	+ 2	+ 8	+ 9	+ 5	+ 5
Syracuse	"	+ 5	+11	+ 4	0	+ 7
Philadelphia District		+ 7	+ 4	+15	r+14	+ 8
Metropolitan Areas						
Wilmington	Del.	+ 9	+13	+17	+52	+33
Trenton	N. J.	+ 7	- 4	- 8	- 1	+20
Lancaster	Pa.	+ 5	- 6	+10	+19	+37
Philadelphia	"	+ 7	+ 5	+16	r+14	+ 4
Reading	"	+ 9	+ 9	+15	+ 7	+20
Scranton	"	+ 3	+16	+ 2	r+24	+ 6
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	+ 9	- 2	+ 2	- 4	+ 5
Cleveland District		+10	- 3	+20	+12	+12
Metropolitan Areas						
Lexington	Ky.	+ 2	-13	-14	+ 6	+24
Akron	Ohio	+ 7	+ 4	+15	- 2	+ 5
Cincinnati	"	+ 5	-23	- 3	+45	+ 4
Cleveland	"	+ 7	+ 7	+16	- 3	+12
Columbus	"	+ 7	0	r+17	+ 7	+18
Springfield	"	+11	- 9	+11	-16	+22
Toledo	"	+ 8	+ 2	r+11	+ 4	- 6
Erie	Pa.	+ 5	+17	+23	0	+19
Wheeling-Steubenville	W.Va.-Ohio	+ 7	- 8	+22	+16	+10
City						
Pittsburgh	Pa.	+19	- 9	+46	+22	+23

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Richmond District		+ 8	- 2	+ 8	- 2	+ 9
Metropolitan Areas						
Washington	D. C.	+ 8	- 3	+10	+ 8	+22
Downtown Washington	"	+ 4	-10	+ 4	+ 2	+11
Baltimore	Md.	+ 4	-10	+10	r-16	- 9
Richmond	Va.	+ 9	+ 9	+ 4	r+ 2	+12
Atlanta District		+10	+ 7	0	- 2	r+ 1
Metropolitan Areas						
Birmingham	Ala.	+ 8	+ 7	+ 6	+ 2	+13
Jacksonville	Fla.	+ 7	+15	+16	- 1	+ 5
Atlanta	Ga.	+11	+ 7	- 1	r-11	+ 6
Augusta	"	+ 1	+ 3	+ 3	- 2	+ 1
New Orleans	La.	+ 6	+ 6	+ 7	+ 4	*
Knoxville	Tenn.	+12	+ 7	-16	-11	*
Nashville	"	+ 7	+ 7	-20	+12	+18
City						
Tampa	Fla.	+ 4	+ 8	- 1	+10	-20
Chicago District		+ 8	+ 3	+15	+ 3	+ 7
Metropolitan Areas						
Chicago	Ill.	+ 6	+ 2	+18	+ 3	+ 5
Indianapolis	Ind.	+ 7	- 8	+10	- 7	+18
Detroit	Mich.	+12	+ 7	+13	+ 3	+ 3
Milwaukee	Wis.	+ 3	+ 8	+11	+ 6	+12
St. Louis District		+ 8	- 3	+ 4	- 1	+10
Metropolitan Areas						
Little Rock	Ark.	+ 2	- 7	+ 5	+ 9	+ 2
Louisville	Ky.	+ 6	-14	- 1	+ 9	+14
St. Louis	Mo.	+ 9	- 2	r+ 9	- 7	+12
Memphis	Tenn.	+ 5	0	-10	+ 7	+ 4
Minneapolis District		+ 4	0	+ 9	r+ 5	+ 7
Cities						
Minneapolis	Minn.	+ 3	- 2	+ 9	+ 7	+ 6
St. Paul	"	+ 2	+ 6	+ 7	0	+11
Duluth-Superior	Minn. & Wis.	+ 2	+ 1	+ 9	+ 9	+10

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Kansas City District		+ 7	+ 4	r- 3	- 3	+ 2
Metropolitan Areas						
Denver	Colo.	+14	+ 8	+ 9	+11	+ 3
Topeka	Kans.	+ 5	+ 1	+ 4	r- 2	+ 5
Wichita	"	+12	+ 2	-15	r+ 2	+ 1
St. Joseph	Mo.	+ 7	+ 6	+10	+22	+ 9
Albuquerque	N. Mex.	+11	- 5	- 3	-16	0
Oklahoma City	Okla.	+12	+ 7	+ 2	-19	0
Tulsa	"	+ 3	+ 1	- 9	-18	+13
City						
Kansas City	Mo.	+ 3	+ 4	- 9	- 4	+ 1
Dallas District		+ 9	- 3	+ 3	r- 2	+ 7
Metropolitan Areas						
Dallas	Tex.	+ 9	-20	+ 8	+ 2	+ 9
El Paso	"	+ 8	+ 8	+ 2	-15	+ 7
Fort Worth	"	+ 9	-10	+ 3	-11	+ 8
Houston	"	+ 7	+11	+ 3	- 5	+ 6
San Antonio	"	+ 6	+ 3	- 6	- 6	+ 3
San Francisco District		+ 8	+ 3	- 5	r+ 6	r+ 3
Metropolitan Areas						
Los Angeles-Long Beach	Calif.	+ 5	+ 1	-13	+ 9	+ 1
Downtown Los Angeles	"	0	- 2	r-21	+ 5	- 2
Westside Los Angeles	"	+ 5	+ 1	-12	+ 6	0
Sacramento	"	+ 5	+12	r+ 1	+ 3	+ 7
San Diego	"	+ 5	+ 7	+ 5	+24	+ 8
San Francisco-Oakland	"	+ 7	+ 9	r+ 1	+ 7	+ 6
San Francisco City	"	+ 4	+10	+ 3	+ 9	+ 4
Oakland City	"	+ 2	+ 5	r- 2	+ 2	+ 6
San Jose	"	+11	+10	+ 3	+ 7	+ 3
Portland	Ore.	+ 5	- 3	r-13	- 2	+ 3
Salt Lake City	Utah	+10	+ 7	- 3	+13	- 4
Seattle	Wash.	+ 5	+ 3	+ 1	- 8	+ 2
Spokane	"	+ 7	- 4	- 3	+ 3	+ 2
Tacoma	"	+10	0	+ 2	- 4	- 1

r--Revised.   *--Data not available.