BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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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)				
		Jan.-May	Week ending			
			June 30	July 7	July 14	July 21
United States		+ 5	+ 7	+ 3	+ 2	+ 2
Boston District		0	+12	+ 4	+ 3	+ 4
Metropolitan Areas						
Boston	Mass.	- 1	+18	+ 7	+ 1	+ 4
Downtown Boston	"	- 2	+22	+ 3	- 4	+ 3
Suburban Boston	"	+ 1	+11	+12	+10	+ 7
Cambridge	"	0	+16	+ 3	+21	+ 7
Lynn	"	- 1	+15	+15	+21	- 9
Quincy	"	- 2	+15	+ 9	+14	- 2
Lowell	"	- 4	- 2	+ 3	- 4	- 5
Cities						
Springfield	Mass.	+ 7	0	- 8	+21	+10
Providence	R. I.	- 3	+ 2	- 8	- 5	+ 1
New York District		+ 4	+10	+ 5	r+ 4	+ 9
Metropolitan Areas						
Buffalo	N. Y.	+ 3	+15	+18	r- 2	+ 8
New York-N.E.New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J.	+ 6	+ 9	+ 4	+ 4	+10
Newark	N. J.	+ 5 1/	+ 4	+15	r+ 9	+22
New York	N. Y.	+ 4 1/	+ 9	+ 3	+ 2	+ 6
Rochester	"	+ 6	+12	+ 4	r+21	+ 6
Syracuse	"	+ 4	+12	+ 2	- 1	- 1
Philadelphia District		+ 6	+13	- 7	+ 4	- 3
Metropolitan Areas						
Wilmington	Del.	+14	+13	-14	r+22	- 5
Trenton	N. J.	- 1	+ 3	- 4	+17	+ 2
Lancaster	Pa.	+ 5	+ 2	- 6	+ 1	- 2
Philadelphia	"	+ 6	+16	- 8	+ 2	- 2
Reading	"	+ 5	+11	- 6	+ 5	-14
Scranton	"	+ 8	+12	0	+13	+ 1
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	- 1	- 1	- 3	r- 3	+ 3
Cleveland District		+ 6	+ 9	0	+ 1	- 3
Metropolitan Areas						
Lexington	Ky.	- 2	+ 6	- 2	+ 1	- 3
Akron	Ohio	+ 6	0	- 4	+ 5	+ 2
Cincinnati	"	+ 4	+ 5	+ 2	-11	- 5
Cleveland	"	+ 6	+14	+ 3	+ 4	+ 8
Columbus	"	+ 6	+ 2	+ 5	0	+ 1
Springfield	"	+ 3	+ 7	- 6	-13	- 6
Toledo	"	+ 1	- 3	- 6	- 4	- 4
Erie	Pa.	+ 7	+17	r+14	+ 1	+ 6
Pittsburgh	"	+10	+14	- 6	+ 1	-17
Wheeling-Steubenville	W.Va.-Ohio	+ 6	- 2	-12	0	- 3

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Richmond District		+ 6	+ 8	+11	r+ 3	- 4
Metropolitan Areas						
Washington	D. C.	+ 7	+ 5	+23	r+ 5	- 4
Downtown Washington	"	0	0	+39	r+ 8	- 4
Baltimore	Md.	+ 2	+10	0	+ 1	+ 2
Richmond	Va.	+ 5	+10	+ 6	r+ 6	- 9
Atlanta District		+ 6	+ 5	+11	+ 4	+ 1
Metropolitan Areas						
Birmingham	Ala.	+ 5	+ 6	+12	- 4	+ 4
Jacksonville	Fla.	+ 7	- 5	+10	+17	+ 9
Atlanta	Ga.	+ 1	- 2	+ 7	r+ 6	- 3
Augusta	"	- 2	+29	0	+ 2	- 3
New Orleans	La.	+ 8	+20	+ 9	+ 7	+ 8
Knoxville	Tenn.	+ 4	- 4	+ 3	- 2	*
Nashville	"	+ 3	+10	+10	- 3	*
City						
Tampa	Fla.	+ 6	+ 4	+16	- 1	- 8
Chicago District		+ 4	+ 5	- 1	+ 2	+ 3
Metropolitan Areas						
Chicago	Ill.	+ 5	+ 7	0	+ 4	+ 4
Indianapolis	Ind.	+ 5	+10	0	+ 8	+ 1
Detroit	Mich.	+ 4	+ 5	- 2	- 3	0
Milwaukee	Wis.	+ 8	+ 2	- 6	+ 5	+ 5
St. Louis District		+ 6	+ 8	- 3	0	+ 4
Metropolitan Areas						
Little Rock	Ark.	+ 7	+ 9	+ 8	- 3	+12
Louisville	Ky.	+ 5	+13	+ 3	-13	- 6
St. Louis	Mo.	+ 8	+ 6	-11	+ 2	+ 5
Memphis	Tenn.	+ 4	+ 9	+14	+ 7	+ 4
Minneapolis District		+ 5	+ 9	+ 7	0	- 2
Cities						
Minneapolis	Minn.	+ 4	+ 2	+ 8	- 1	- 4
St. Paul	"	+ 6	+24	+ 5	+ 1	+ 2
Duluth-Superior	Minn. & Wis.	+ 9	+ 8	+ 5	+ 8	+ 3

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Kansas City District		+ 3	- 2	- 1	- 7	+ 2
Metropolitan Areas						
Denver	Colo.	+ 9	- 2	+ 6	r+ 1	+ 4
Topeka	Kans.	+ 9	- 9	+ 4	-10	+13
Wichita	"	+ 1	0	- 1	r-11	- 3
St. Joseph	Mo.	+ 3	-11	- 1	- 4	- 5
Albuquerque	N. Mex.	+ 6	-13	+ 1	- 1	- 5
Oklahoma City	Okla.	+ 7	+ 2	+ 9	- 9	- 2
Tulsa	"	+ 5	- 6	- 3	- 8	+13
Cities						
Joplin	Mo.	0	+16	+ 3	+ 1	+ 9
Kansas City	"	- 2	+ 1	- 6	-12	- 1
Dallas District		+ 5	+ 6	+10	- 1	+ 8
Metropolitan Areas						
Dallas	Tex.	+ 2	+ 6	+ 5	- 1	- 1
El Paso	"	+ 4	- 4	+ 8	+ 3	+ 6
Fort Worth	"	+ 6	+12	+10	+ 5	+ 4
Houston	"	+ 7	+10	+16	- 9	+27
San Antonio	"	- 1	- 3	+ 7	+ 1	- 2
San Francisco District		+ 6	+ 3	+ 6	+ 4	+ 1
Metropolitan Areas						
Los Angeles-Long Beach	Calif.	0	+ 3	+ 6	+ 3	- 1
Downtown Los Angeles	"	- 5	+ 5	+12	+ 4	+ 6
Westside Los Angeles	"	+ 1	+ 8	+ 7	+ 6	- 3
Sacramento	"	+ 7	+25	r+ 9	+10	+16
San Diego	"	+ 8	+14	+ 6	+ 6	+10
San Francisco-Oakland	"	+ 3	0	+ 5	+ 5	+ 8
San Francisco City	"	+ 4	- 1	+ 7	+ 4	+ 8
Oakland City	"	+ 2	+ 4	+ 3	+ 4	+ 6
San Jose	"	+ 4	- 1	r+ 2	-12	+19
Portland	Ore.	+ 2	+ 2	+ 3	- 1	- 8
Salt Lake City	Utah	+ 3	- 4	+ 7	+ 2	- 8
Seattle	Wash.	+ 5	+ 1	+ 2	+ 9	- 7
Spokane	"	+ 4	- 2	- 1	+ 9	+11
Tacoma	"	+ 4	- 2	+ 9	+ 6	+ 6

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