

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.- June	Week ending			
		July 21	July 28	Aug. 4	Aug. 11
<u>United States</u>	+ 6	+ 2	- 1	+ 7	+ 7
<u>Boston District</u>	+ 2	+ 4	- 4	+12	+ 7
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Boston	Mass. + 1	+ 4	- 4	+12	+ 7
Downtown Boston	" - 1	+ 3	- 7	+10	+ 9
Suburban Boston	" + 4	+ 7	+ 1	+16	+ 2
Cambridge	" + 3	+ 7	- 4	+29	+ 3
Lynn	" + 2	- 9	-16	- 5	0
Quincy	" + 3	- 2	-12	+ 6	+ 1
Lowell	" - 1	- 5	-19	- 2	- 8
<u>Cities</u>					
Springfield	Mass. + 7	+10	- 5	+12	+ 6
Providence	R. I. - 2	+ 1	- 4	+ 9	+15
<u>New York District</u>	+ 5	+ 9	+ 2	+12	+10
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Buffalo	N. Y. + 5	+ 8	- 1	r+ 7	+ 1
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J. + 7	+10	+ 3	+13	+12
Newark	N. J. + 6	+22	+ 2	+17	+ 3
New York	N. Y. *	+ 6	+ 3	+12	+13
Rochester	" + 6	+ 6	- 1	+ 5	- 1
Syracuse	" + 5	- 1	- 6	+17	+ 6
<u>Philadelphia District</u>	+ 7	- 4	- 3	r+13	+11
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Wilmington	Del. +14	- 4	- 1	r+ 5	+26
Trenton	N. J. + 1	+ 2	- 6	+ 6	+ 7
Lancaster	Pa. + 5	- 2	- 7	r+17	+15
Philadelphia	" + 7	- 2	- 5	r+11	+ 9
Reading	" + 6	-14	- 3	+8	+11
Scranton	" + 9	0	- 6	r+33	+15
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	" - 1	+ 3	-11	+ 9	+ 7
<u>Cleveland District</u>	+ 7	- 3	+ 2	+ 6	+ 3
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Lexington	Ky. - 1	- 3	-13	+ 9	- 3
Akron	Ohio + 6	+ 2	- 5	+ 2	+ 4
Cincinnati	" + 4	- 5	+18	+16	+ 2
Cleveland	" + 7	+ 8	r 0	+ 5	+ 4
Columbus	" + 7	+ 1	- 1	+ 7	+ 3
Springfield	" + 3	- 6	-17	-26	+22
Toledo	" + 2	- 4	-15	- 9	- 6
Erie	Pa. + 8	+ 5	- 2	+14	+ 7
Pittsburgh	" + 9	-17	+10	+ 9	+ 2
Wheeling-Steubenville	W.Va.-Ohio + 7	- 3	- 7	- 3	+ 2

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<u>Richmond District</u>	+ 7	- 3	- 4	+ 6	+11	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Washington	D. C.	+ 8	- 4	- 4	r+ 6	+ 8
Downtown Washington	"	0	- 5	- 4	r+ 3	+ 9
Baltimore	Md.	+ 3	+ 3	- 4	+ 5	+12
Richmond	Va.	+ 6	- 9	- 4	+ 6	+24
<u>Atlanta District</u>	+ 7	0	+ 1	r+ 5	r+ 9	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Birmingham	Ala.	+ 5	+ 4	- 6	+25	+23
Jacksonville	Fla.	+ 7	+ 9	+12	+ 6	+ 7
Atlanta	Ga.	+ 1	- 4	- 4	+ 5	+ 7
Augusta	"	+ 1	- 4	- 6	r- 6	+ 8
New Orleans	La.	+ 7	+ 8	+ 1	r- 6	+ 6
Knoxville	Tenn.	+ 5	-16	- 2	+ 3	-25
Nashville	"	+ 4	+ 8	- 9	+11	+61
City						
Tampa	Fla.	+ 6	- 8	+ 2	+21	+ 2
<u>Chicago District</u>	+ 5	+ 3	- 1	+ 5	+ 5	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Chicago	Ill.	+ 5	+ 4	+ 1	+12	+ 9
Indianapolis	Ind.	+ 6	+ 1	+ 1	+11	+ 3
Detroit	Mich.	+ 4	0	- 1	+ 3	+ 5
Milwaukee	Wis.	+ 8	+ 5	+ 3	- 3	- 2
<u>St. Louis District</u>	+ 7	+ 4	- 5	r- 1	+14	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Little Rock	Ark.	+ 7	+12	+ 3	+ 2	+12
Louisville	Ky.	+ 6	- 6	- 3	-11	+18
St. Louis	Mo.	+ 9	+ 5	- 6	+ 1	+15
Memphis	Tenn.	+ 5	+ 4	- 6	+ 4	+11
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	+ 6	- 2	- 2	+ 3	r 0	
<u>Cities</u>						
Minneapolis	Minn.	+ 5	- 4	- 4	+ 4	0
St. Paul	"	+ 9	+ 2	+ 4	+ 1	0
Duluth-Superior	Minn. & Wis.	+10	+ 3	- 3	+12	+ 1

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<u>Kansas City District</u>	<u>+ 3</u>	<u>+ 2</u>	<u>- 7</u>	<u>+ 3</u>	<u>+ 7</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Denver Colo.	+ 9	+ 5	- 4	+ 9	+10
Topeka Kans.	+10	+13	- 6	+ 4	+ 7
Wichita "	+ 2	- 3	+ 1	r- 6	+10
St. Joseph Mo.	+ 3	- 5	- 1	+4	+ 9
Albuquerque N. Mex.	+ 6	- 5	- 8	+ 3	*
Oklahoma City Okla.	+ 7	- 2	-10	+ 6	+ 7
Tulsa "	+ 5	+13	-13	+ 7	+21
Cities					
Joplin Mo.	+ 2	+ 9	-10	+ 7	+10
Kansas City "	- 1	- 1	- 6	- 5	0
<u>Dallas District</u>	<u>+ 5</u>	<u>+ 8</u>	<u>- 4</u>	<u>+ 7</u>	<u>+ 6</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Dallas Tex.	+ 2	- 1	- 5	+18	- 1
El Paso "	+ 4	+ 6	- 4	+ 6	+11
Fort Worth "	+ 7	+ 4	+ 2	+ 2	+ 3
Houston "	+ 7	+28	0	+ 2	+10
San Antonio "	0	- 2	-12	+ 3	+ 3
<u>San Francisco District</u>	<u>+ 6</u>	<u>+ 1</u>	<u>- 4</u>	<u>+ 4</u>	<u>+ 3</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Los Angeles-Long Beach Calif.	+ 1	- 1	r- 7	+ 1	- 1
Downtown Los Angeles "	- 5	+ 6	r-11	0	0
Westside Los Angeles "	+ 1	- 3	- 6	+ 3	+ 1
Sacramento "	+ 8	+16	+ 2	+ 8	+ 2
San Diego "	+ 9	+10	-13	+ 6	+ 8
San Francisco-Oakland "	+ 3	+ 7	+ 4	+ 7	+ 9
San Francisco City "	+ 4	+ 8	+ 3	+ 7	+ 9
Oakland City "	+ 2	+ 5	+ 2	+ 5	+ 9
San Jose "	c+ 4	c+19	c+12	c+13	- 1
Portland Ore.	c+ 2	c- 8	c- 9	c+ 5	+ 2
Salt Lake City Utah	+ 3	- 8	+ 1	+10	+ 7
Seattle Wash.	+ 5	- 7	r+ 2	+ 6	+ 6
Spokane "	+ 3	+11	- 8	+ 2	+ 5
Tacoma "	+ 3	+ 5	r- 3	+25	- 2

r--Revised.

*-- Data not available.

c--Corrected.