

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.- Aug.	Week ending			
		Sept. 15	Sept. 22	Sept. 29	Oct. 6
United States	+ 6	+ 4	+ 8	+ 3	+ 2
Boston District	+ 3	- 2	+10	+ 6	+ 6
Metropolitan Areas					
Boston Mass.	+ 2	- 3	+ 9	+ 5	+ 6
Downtown Boston "	+ 1	- 4	+ 8	+ 3	+ 7
Suburban Boston "	+ 5	0	+13	+ 8	+ 4
Cambridge "	+ 5	+ 6	+ 9	+ 9	- 5
Lynn "	+ 1	- 3	+ 7	+18	+14
Quincy "	+ 3	-19	+33	+18	- 1
Lowell "	- 1	- 2	+22	+ 3	0
Cities					
Springfield Mass.	+ 7	0	+11	+11	+12
Providence R. I.	- 2	- 1	+ 2	0	+ 4
New York District	+ 6	+ 5	+15	+11	+ 9
Metropolitan Areas					
Buffalo N. Y.	+ 5	+ 7	+12	r+17	+ 4
New York-N.E. New Jersey N.Y.-N.J.	+ 8	+ 5	+17	r+11	+10
Newark N. J.	+ 6	+ 8	+13	+11	+10
New York N. Y.	*	+ 3	+17	+10	+ 9
Rochester "	+ 6	+ 4	+ 1	+ 4	+19
Syracuse "	+ 5	0	+ 9	+ 7	+ 5
Philadelphia District	+ 6	+ 3	+12	+ 5	+ 3
Metropolitan Areas					
Wilmington Del.	+12	+14	+14	r+11	+ 9
Trenton N. J.	+ 2	+ 3	+ 3	+10	+ 3
Lancaster Pa.	+ 4	+ 7	+19	+ 2	+ 4
Philadelphia "	+ 5	+ 2	+ 9	+ 6	+ 5
Reading "	+ 5	+ 4	+46	- 6	- 3
Scranton "	+11	- 4	+20	+ 9	-32
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton "	0	- 1	+31	-14	+ 4
Cleveland District	+ 6	+ 5	+10	+ 6	+ 2
Metropolitan Areas					
Lexington Ky.	- 2	+ 2	r+16	+ 6	+ 7
Akron Ohio	+ 5	+ 3	+11	+ 3	- 5
Cincinnati "	+ 5	+ 7	+13	+ 6	+ 4
Cleveland "	+ 6	+ 6	+16	+ 4	- 2
Columbus "	+ 6	+ 8	+ 2	+ 4	+ 1
Springfield "	0	- 6	+ 9	- 1	-10
Toledo "	0	- 2	r-18	+16	+ 4
Erie Pa.	+ 8	+10	+14	0	+ 6
Pittsburgh "	+ 8	+ 4	+14	+ 8	+ 7
Wheeling-Steubenville W.Va.-Ohio	+ 6	+17	+16	+21	+ 4

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<u>Richmond District</u>	<u>+ 6</u>	<u>+ 1</u>	<u>+ 9</u>	<u>- 2</u>	<u>- 2</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Washington	D. C.	+ 7	- 3	+ 5	r- 6
Downtown Washington	"	+ 1	- 8	- 2	r-19
Baltimore	Md.	+ 3	+ 4	+10	r- 2
Richmond	Va.	+ 5	+ 4	+16	+ 4
<u>Atlanta District</u>	<u>+ 7</u>	<u>+ 7</u>	<u>+10</u>	<u>+14</u>	<u>0</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Birmingham	Ala.	+ 6	- 2	+52	+45
Jacksonville	Fla.	+ 7	+10	- 5	+16
Atlanta	Ga.	+ 2	+ 1	+ 7	+11
Augusta	"	0	+ 5	-11	r+ 1
New Orleans	La.	+ 7	+ 6	+ 7	+ 5
Knoxville	Tenn.	+ 3	+ 8	+ 4	+25
Nashville	"	+ 7	r+11	+22	+ 8
City					
Tampa	Fla.	+ 4	+ 6	- 6	+19
<u>Chicago District</u>	<u>+ 5</u>	<u>+ 4</u>	<u>+11</u>	<u>+ 3</u>	<u>+ 1</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Chicago	Ill.	+ 6	+ 3	+11	0
Indianapolis	Ind.	+ 6	+ 5	+17	+ 4
Detroit	Mich.	+ 4	+ 4	+15	+ 9
Milwaukee	Wis.	+ 8	+ 5	+11	0
<u>St. Louis District</u>	<u>+ 6</u>	<u>- 2</u>	<u>+11</u>	<u>- 1</u>	<u>- 1</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Little Rock	Ark.	+ 7	0	+ 4	+20
Louisville	Ky.	+ 6	- 1	+14	- 4
St. Louis	Mo.	+ 7	- 4	+ 9	- 7
Memphis	Tenn.	+ 6	- 3	+16	+15
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	<u>+ 6</u>	<u>+10</u>	<u>+ 5</u>	<u>r- 6</u>	<u>r- 3</u>
Cities					
Minneapolis	Minn.	+ 5	+10	0	*
St. Paul	"	+ 8	+ 9	+11	-11
Duluth-Superior	Minn.&Wis.	+ 9	+11	+22	+10

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Kansas City District		+ 3	+ 1	r- 4	r- 1
Metropolitan Areas					- 3
Denver	Col.	+ 8	+ 5	- 6	- 1
Topeka	Kans.	+ 9	+ 8	- 1	+ 4
Wichita	"	+ 2	+ 1	- 3	r- 4
St. Joseph	Mo.	+ 2	+ 2	- 4	r+ 1
Albuquerque	N. Mex.	+ 4	- 2	- 4	- 16
Oklahoma City	Oklahoma	+ 5	- 4	- 2	+ 6
Tulsa	"	+ 5	- 2	+ 1	+ 4
Cities					- 3
Joplin	Mo.	+ 1	-14	0	- 5
Kansas City	"	- 1	0	- 1	- 8
Dallas		+ 5	+ 7	- 3	- 10
Metropolitan Areas					
Dallas	Tex.	+ 2	0	+ 2	- 14
El Paso	"	+ 4	+10	+ 9	+ 3
Fort Worth	"	+ 6	+12	+ 1	+ 2
Houston	"	+ 7	+17	-21	- 13
San Antonio	"	0	- 1	+ 3	- 29
San Francisco District		+ 6	+ 2	- 3	- 5
Metropolitan Areas					- 2
Los Angeles-Long Beach	Calif.	0	+ 2	r-10	-14
Downtown Los Angeles	"	- 4	+ 3	r-16	-20
Westside Los Angeles	"	+ 1	- 4	- 9	-15
Sacramento	"	+ 8	+11	+ 8	0
San Diego	"	+ 7	+ 5	r- 5	- 7
San Francisco-Oakland	"	+ 4	+ 3	- 3	- 2
San Francisco City	"	+ 4	+ 2	- 4	+ 1
Oakland City	"	+ 2	+ 3	+ 1	+ 7
San Jose	"	+ 4	- 2	+ 1	-21
Portland	Ore.	+ 1	- 2	- 1	+ 5
Salt Lake City	Utah	+ 4	+ 3	+ 2	+ 7
Seattle	Wash.	+ 4	0	+ 6	+11
Spokane	"	+ 4	- 3	- 2	0
Tacoma	"	+ 4	0	+13	+ 5

r--Revised.

*--Data not available.