

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.-	Week ending				
	Aug.	Sept. 22	Sept. 29	Oct. 6	Oct. 13	
<u>United States</u>	+ 6	+ 8	+ 3	+ 2	+ 5	
<u>Boston District</u>	+ 3	+10	+ 6	+ 6	+16	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Boston	Mass.	+ 2	+ 9	+ 5	+ 6	+17
Downtown Boston	"	+ 1	+ 8	+ 3	+ 7	+15
Suburban Boston	"	+ 5	+13	+ 8	+ 4	+20
Cambridge	"	+ 5	+ 9	+ 9	- 5	+11
Lynn	"	+ 1	+ 7	+18	+14	+15
Quincy	"	+ 3	+33	+18	- 1	+15
Lowell	"	- 1	+22	+ 3	0	+19
<u>Cities</u>						
Springfield	Mass.	+ 7	+11	+11	+12	+ 6
Providence	R. I.	- 2	+ 2	0	+ 4	+19
<u>New York District</u>		+ 6	+15	+11	+10	+10
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Buffalo	N. Y.	+ 5	+12	+17	+ 3	+ 1
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N. Y.-N. J.	+ 8	+17	+11	+10	+12
Newark	N. J.	+ 6	+13	+11	+10	+20
New York	N. Y.	*	+17	+10	+10	+ 9
Rochester	"	+ 6	+ 1	+ 4	+20	+14
Syracuse	"	+ 5	+ 9	+ 7	+ 5	- 2
<u>Philadelphia District</u>		+ 6	+12	+ 5	+ 3	+19
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Wilmington	Del.	+12	+14	+11	+10	+ 5
Trenton	N. J.	+ 2	+ 3	+10	+ 2	+37
Lancaster	Pa.	+ 4	+19	+ 2	+ 4	+11
Philadelphia	"	+ 5	+ 9	+ 6	+ 6	+20
Reading	"	+ 5	+6	- 6	- 3	+12
Scranton	"	+11	+20	+ 9	-32	+21
Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton	"	0	+31	-14	+ 3	+16
<u>Cleveland District</u>		+ 6	+10	+ 6	+ 2	+ 3
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Lexington	Ky.	- 2	+16	+ 6	+ 7	+ 5
Akron	Ohio	+ 5	+11	+ 3	- 5	- 6
Cincinnati	"	+ 5	+13	+ 6	+ 4	- 2
Cleveland	"	+ 6	+16	+ 4	- 2	+ 2
Columbus	"	+ 6	+ 2	+ 4	+ 1	+ 3
Springfield	"	0	+ 9	- 1	-10	+19
Toledo	"	0	-18	+16	+ 4	+ 1
Erie	Pa.	+ 8	+14	0	+ 6	+ 7
Pittsburgh	"	+ 8	+14	+ 8	+ 7	+11
Wheeling-Steubenville	W. Va.-Ohio	+ 6	+16	+21	+ 4	+ 6

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		Sept. 22	Sept. 29	Oct. 6	Oct. 13	
<u>Richmond District</u>	+ 6	+ 9	- 2	- 2	+ 7	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Washington	D. C.	+ 7	+ 5	- 6	r- 7	+20
Downtown Washington	"	+ 1	- 2	-19	r-16	+ 9
Baltimore	Md.	+ 3	+10	- 2	r- 2	- 4
Richmond	Va.	+ 5	+16	+ 4	+10	+ 1
<u>Atlanta District</u>	+ 7	+10	+14	r- 1	r- 2	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Birmingham	Ala.	+ 6	+52	+45	+ 2	- 8
Jacksonville	Fla.	+ 7	- 5	+16	+ 2	*
Atlanta	Ga.	+ 2	+ 7	+11	r- 1	- 4
Augusta	"	0	-11	+ 1	r-15	- 2
New Orleans	La.	+ 7	+ 7	+ 5	+ 5	- 1
Knoxville	Tenn.	+ 3	+ 4	r+26	-11	-15
Nashville	"	+ 7	+22	+ 8	+ 3	*
City						
Tampa	Fla.	+ 4	- 6	+19	-15	- 3
<u>Chicago District</u>	+ 5	+11	+ 3	r+ 2	+ 2	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Chicago	Ill.	+ 6	+11	0	+ 5	- 1
Indianapolis	Ind.	+ 6	+17	+ 4	- 2	+ 2
Detroit	Mich.	+ 4	+15	+ 9	+ 3	+ 3
Milwaukee	Wis.	+ 8	+11	+11	0	+ 5
<u>St. Louis District</u>	+ 6	+11	- 1	- 1	0	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Little Rock	Ark.	+ 7	+ 4	+20	+ 3	- 5
Louisville	Ky.	+ 6	+14	- 4	+ 9	- 5
St. Louis	Mo.	+ 7	+ 9	- 7	- 3	+ 1
Memphis	Tenn.	+ 6	+16	+15	+ 1	- 1
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	+ 6	+ 5	- 6	- 3	+ 7	
<u>Metropolitan Area</u>						
Mpls.-St. Paul	Minn.	*	*	*	*	+ 6
Mpls. and Suburbs	"	*	*	*	*	+ 6
Mpls. City	"	+ 5	0	*	*	*
St. Paul	"	+ 8	+11	-11	- 6	+ 7
Cities						
Duluth-Superior	Minn.&Wis.	+ 9	+22	+10	- 2	+ 9

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<u>Kansas City District</u>	+ 3	- 4	- 1	- 3	- 4	
Metropolitan Areas						
Denver	Col.	+ 8	- 6	- 1	- 2	- 9
Topeka	Kans.	+ 9	- 1	- 9	+ 4	- 5
Wichita	"	+ 2	- 3	- 4	- 4	+ 1
St. Joseph	Mo.	+ 2	- 4	+ 1	- 19	+ 1
Albuquerque	N. Mex.	+ 4	- 4	- 16	- 15	- 2
Oklahoma City	Okla.	+ 5	- 2	+ 6	r 0	- 3
Tulsa	"	+ 5	+ 1	+ 4	- 3	+ 2
Cities						
Joplin	Mo.	+ 1	0	- 5	- 17	- 12
Kansas City	"	- 1	- 1	- 2	- 8	- 11
<u>Dallas</u>		+ 5	- 3	r- 4	- 10	- 7
Metropolitan Areas						
Dallas	Tex.	+ 2	+ 2	- 2	- 14	- 8
El Paso	"	+ 4	+ 9	+ 3	- 7	- 2
Fort Worth	"	+ 6	+ 1	+ 2	+ 7	0
Houston	"	+ 7	- 21	- 13	- 7	- 9
San Antonio	"	0	+ 3	0	- 29	- 10
<u>San Francisco District</u>		+ 6	- 3	- 5	r- 1	+ 2
Metropolitan Areas						
Los Angeles-Long Beach	Calif.	0	- 10	- 14	- 5	- 1
Downtown Los Angeles	"	- 4	- 16	- 20	- 10	- 3
Westside Los Angeles	"	+ 1	- 9	- 15	- 3	+ 2
Sacramento	"	+ 8	+ 8	0	- 7	+ 10
San Diego	"	+ 7	- 5	- 7	0	- 1
San Francisco-Oakland	"	+ 4	- 3	- 2	+ 3	+ 5
San Francisco City	"	+ 4	- 4	- 2	+ 1	+ 3
Oakland City	"	+ 2	+ 1	- 1	+ 7	+ 8
San Jose	"	+ 4	+ 1	- 21	- 4	+ 3
Portland	Ore.	+ 1	- 1	+ 5	- 7	- 8
Salt Lake City	Utah	+ 4	+ 2	+ 7	+ 1	+ 11
Seattle	Wash.	+ 4	+ 6	+ 11	+ 3	+ 1
Spokane	"	+ 4	- 2	0	+ 2	+ 33
Tacoma	"	+ 4	+ 13	+ 5	+ 10	- 3

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*--Data not available.