

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
November 30, 1956WEEKLY 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.- Sept.	Week ending			
		Nov. 3	Nov. 10	Nov. 17	Nov. 24
<u>UNITED STATES</u>	+ 5	- 3	- 3	r+ 6	+ 1
<u>Boston District</u>	+ 3	- 5	- 5	+ 2	+ 1
Metropolitan Areas					
Boston	Mass.	+ 2	- 6	- 7	+ 3
Downtown Boston	"	+ 1	- 6	- 11	+ 1
Suburban Boston	"	+ 5	- 5	+ 1	+ 10
Cambridge	"	+ 6	- 6	+ 5	0
Lynn	"	+ 1	- 4	- 4	+ 2
Quincy	"	+ 3	- 22	+ 11	+ 5
Lowell	"	+ 1	+ 4	- 3	- 11
Cities					0
Springfield	"	+ 7	0	- 5	0
Providence	R. I.	- 2	- 5	+ 5	- 5
<u>New York District</u>	+ 6	- 6	- 8	r+ 9	- 1
Metropolitan Areas					
Buffalo	N. Y.	+ 5	- 9	- 5	r+12
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J.	+ 8	- 5	- 8	r+ 9
Newark	N. J.	+ 6	- 9	- 8	+ 8
New York	N. Y.	*	- 6	- 8	r+ 8
Rochester	"	+ 5	- 2	- 2	r+13
Syracuse	"	+ 4	- 12	- 8	r+ 3
<u>Philadelphia District</u>	+ 5	- 10	- 7	+ 7	0
Metropolitan Areas					
Wilmington	Del.	+12	- 8	- 5	+ 5
Trenton	N. J.	+ 2	- 7	- 3	+ 9
Lancaster	Pa.	+ 4	-20	- 3	r+ 2
Philadelphia	"	+ 5	-10	-10	+ 7
Reading	"	+ 6	+ 4	+30	+20
Scranton	"	+ 8	- 8	+ 1	+ 6
Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton	"	0	-13	- 4	- 1
<u>Cleveland District</u>	+ 6	- 8	- 8	+ 5	- 6
Metropolitan Areas					
Lexington	Ky.	- 1	- 6	+12	+ 8
Akron	Ohio	+ 5	- 5	- 6	0
Cincinnati	"	+ 5	-11	r- 9	+ 7
Cleveland	"	+ 6	- 7	-14	- 4
Columbus	"	+ 6	+ 3	- 9	+ 9
Springfield	"	0	-17	+ 1	+ 7
Toledo	"	- 1	- 9	- 6	- 3
Erie	Pa.	+ 8	- 7	+ 3	+ 7
Pittsburgh	"	+ 7	-11	r-10	+ 9
Wheeling-Steubenville	W. Va.-Ohio	+ 7	- 7	+ 4	+20

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<u>Richmond District</u>					
Metropolitan Areas	+ 6	- 6	- 5	r+ 9	+ 2
Washington D. C.	+ 6	-11	-10	r+16	- 1
Downtown Washington "	- 1	-18	-14	r+ 7	- 9
Baltimore Md.	+ 2	- 1	+ 5	+10	+ 6
Downtown Baltimore "	*	*	-11	r- 4	- 9
Richmond Va.	+ 5	- 3	-12	- 6	0
<u>Atlanta District</u>	+ 7	- 4	+ 5	r+ 5	r+ 9
Metropolitan Areas					
Birmingham Ala.	+ 7	r- 6	+10	+ 3	+ 8
Jacksonville Fla.	+ 7	- 9	+16	+ 4	- 1
Atlanta Ga.	+ 3	- 5	+ 2	0	+ 7
Augusta "	0	-22	- 2	r+ 3	+ 1
New Orleans La.	+ 7	+ 1	+ 2	r+ 5	+ 9
Knoxville Tenn.	+ 3	- 9	+ 1	+16	
Nashville "	+ 8	+ 4	+11	+13	+ 8
City					
Tampa Fla.	+ 5	- 1	- 2	+ 2	0
<u>Chicago District</u>	+ 5	- 5	+ 2	r+ 9	+ 6
Metropolitan Areas					
Chicago Ill.	+ 5	- 8	- 1	+10	+10
Indianapolis Ind.	+ 6	- 1	+ 5	- 1	+ 1
Detroit Mich.	+ 4	- 9	- 1	+10	+ 3
Milwaukee Wis.	+ 7	- 2	+ 9	+21	+ 4
<u>St. Louis District</u>	+ 6	- 2	- 2	+ 5	+ 4
Metropolitan Areas					
Little Rock Ark.	+ 7	+32	-16	+ 1	+ 4
Louisville Ky.	+ 5	- 3	- 2	- 2	+ 2
St. Louis Mo.	+ 6	- 7	- 4	+ 5	+ 3
Memphis Tenn.	+ 6	+ 5	+13	+ 8	+ 4
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	+ 6	0	- 4	+ 6	r+ 8
Metropolitan Area					
Mpls.-St. Paul Minn.	*	*	- 5	+ 5	+ 8
Mpls. and Suburbs "	*	*	- 5	+ 5	+10
St. Paul "	+ 7	- 9	- 2	+ 5	+ 5
Cities					
Duluth-Superior Minn.&Wis.	+10	- 3	+ 2	+14	+10

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

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*-Data not available.