

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 21, 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.- Oct.	Week ending			
		Nov. 24	Dec. 1	Dec. 8	Dec. 15
<u>UNITED STATES</u>	<u>+ 5</u>	<u>r+ 2</u>	<u>r 0</u>	<u>r- 3</u>	<u>+ 2</u>
<u>Boston District</u>	<u>+ 3</u>	<u>+ 1</u>	<u>- 4</u>	<u>- 4</u>	<u>- 4</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Boston Mass.	+ 2	- 1	- 4	- 4	- 4
Downtown Boston "	+ 1	- 5	- 7	- 5	- 3
Suburban Boston "	+ 5	+ 7	+ 4	- 4	- 5
Cambridge "	+ 5	+ 4	+ 7	- 3	- 2
Lynn "	+ 1	- 7	- 2	- 5	- 3
Quincy "	+ 3	+ 3	+ 11	- 3	- 4
Lowell "	- 1	0	- 1	- 3	- 9
Cities					
Springfield "	+ 7	+ 6	+ 1	- 2	- 4
Providence R. I.	- 1	+ 10	- 9	- 8	- 8
<u>New York District</u>	<u>+ 6</u>	<u>r+ 4</u>	<u>r+ 5</u>	<u>r- 2</u>	<u>+ 1</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Buffalo N. Y.	+ 5	- 5	+ 18	r- 9	- 3
New York-N.E. New Jersey N.Y.-N.J.	+ 8	r+ 6	r+ 4	r+ 1	+ 2
Newark N. J.	+ 6	+ 2	- 1	r- 4	- 3
New York N. Y.	*	- 1	- 2	- 8	- 5
Rochester "	+ 6	- 3	- 1	r 0	+ 1
Syracuse "	+ 3	- 3	- 1	- 7	- 3
<u>Philadelphia District</u>	<u>+ 5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>- 1</u>	<u>- 4</u>	<u>- 4</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Wilmington Del.	+ 11	+ 4	+ 7	r+ 2	+ 3
Trenton N. J.	+ 2	+ 2	+ 1	+ 2	- 4
Lancaster Pa.	+ 4	0	- 4	r- 5	- 8
Philadelphia "	+ 5	- 1	- 3	- 5	- 4
Reading "	+ 6	+ 12	+ 14	+ 6	- 2
Scranton "	+ 7	+ 3	+ 1	- 6	- 8
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton "	0	0	- 1	- 7	- 5
<u>Cleveland District</u>	<u>+ 5</u>	<u>- 7</u>	<u>+ 1</u>	<u>r- 4</u>	<u>+ 2</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Lexington Ky.	- 1	- 5	+ 9	+ 1	+ 2
Akron Ohio	+ 4	- 4	- 2	- 2	0
Cincinnati "	+ 5	- 13	- 4	- 11	- 4
Cleveland "	+ 5	- 10	- 3	- 3	+ 1
Columbus "	+ 6	- 2	+ 5	- 3	+ 5
Springfield "	0	- 7	+ 1	- 7	- 4
Toledo "	- 1	- 5	r- 1	- 7	- 2
Erie Pa.	+ 7	- 41	r- 3	+ 10	+ 13
Pittsburgh "	+ 7	- 6	+ 3	- 2	+ 5
Wheeling-Steubenville W. Va.-Ohio	+ 7	+ 14	+ 18	+ 1	+ 5

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<u>Richmond District</u>	+ 5	+ 1	- 3	- 4	+ 1
Metropolitan Areas					
Washington D. C.	+ 6	- 2	- 5	- 5	0
Downtown Washington "	- 2	-10	c-12	-13	- 8
Baltimore Md.	+ 3	+ 6	+ 5	- 2	+ 5
Downtown Baltimore "	*	-10	- 9	-15	- 9
Richmond Va.	+ 5	0	-10	- 6	- 5
<u>Atlanta District</u>	+ 6	+ 8	- 1	r- 2	- 2
Metropolitan Areas					
Birmingham Ala.	+ 6	+ 9	- 4	+ 1	- 1
Jacksonville Fla.	+ 7	- 1	0	- 2	*
Atlanta Ga.	+ 2	+ 6	r- 4	- 5	*
Augusta "	- 1	0	-10	- 6	- 5
New Orleans La.	+ 6	+ 9	+ 7	- 5	*
Knoxville Tenn.	+ 2	+21	r- 6	-10	*
Nashville "	+ 8	+ 7	+ 3	+ 6	*
City					
Tampa Fla.	+ 4	0	+ 1	+ 1	*
<u>Chicago District</u>	+ 5	+ 6	+ 6	- 4	+ 3
Metropolitan Areas					
Chicago Ill.	+ 5	+10	+ 7	- 4	+ 4
Indianapolis Ind.	+ 5	+ 1	+ 8	- 4	+10
Detroit Mich.	+ 4	+ 3	+ 4	- 5	+ 1
Milwaukee Wis.	+ 7	+ 4	+ 7	- 2	+ 3
<u>St. Louis District</u>	+ 6	+ 4	+ 4	- 9	+ 3
Metropolitan Areas					
Little Rock Ark.	+ 7	+ 4	+ 1	-11	+ 3
Louisville Ky.	+ 5	+ 2	- 6	- 7	0
St. Louis Mo.	+ 5	+ 3	+ 6	-11	+ 5
Memphis Tenn.	+ 5	+ 4	r+ 2	- 7	- 3
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	+ 5	+ 8	+ 3	+ 3	+ 5
Metropolitan Areas					
Mpls.-St. Paul Minn.	+ 5	+ 8	+ 3	+ 4	+ 5
Mpls. and Suburbs "	*	+10	+ 4	+ 5	+ 6
St. Paul "	+ 6	+ 5	- 2	0	+ 3
Cities					
Duluth-Superior Minn.&Wis.	+ 9	+10	+ 5	- 1	+ 1

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<u>Kansas City District</u>	+ 2	- 1	+ 1	- 9	+ 3
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Denver	Col. + 6	-12	0	- 8	+ 3
Topeka	Kans. + 8	+ 7	- 5	- 1	0
Wichita	" + 3	+14	- 1	- 4	+ 5
St. Joseph	Mo. 0	- 3	+11	-10	- 5
Albuquerque	N. Mex. + 3	- 7	-11	- 8	*
Oklahoma City	Okla. + 5	0	- 5	r-20	+ 5
Tulsa	" + 4	+ 3	- 1	-16	+12
<u>Cities</u>					
Joplin	Mo. + 1	- 5	- 3	r-26	*
Kansas City	" - 3	+ 1	+ 1	-11	- 3
<u>Dallas District</u>	+ 3	+ 2	-11	- 5	+ 3
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Dallas	Tex. + 1	- 6	- 8	- 8	+ 1
El Paso	" + 4	+10	+ 5	- 9	+ 1
Fort Worth	" + 6	+ 3	- 4	- 6	+ 7
Houston	" + 5	+ 9	-25	- 4	+ 3
San Antonio	" 0	- 9	- 9	-11	+ 2
<u>San Francisco District</u>	+ 5	- 4	- 9	- 5	+ 2
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Los Angeles-Long Beach	Calif. 0	- 4	-13	- 3	+ 4
Downtown Los Angeles	" - 4	- 8	-14	- 9	+ 4
Westside Los Angeles	" + 1	0	-11	- 6	+ 3
Sacramento	" + 8	- 3	- 4	0	+ 5
San Diego	" + 6	+ 1	r-15	- 4	+ 5
San Francisco-Oakland	" + 3	- 5	r- 7	- 2	0
San Francisco City	" + 3	- 6	- 6	- 2	- 1
Oakland City	" + 1	- 5	r- 8	0	+ 1
Portland	Ore. 0	- 5	- 8	-20	+ 3
Salt Lake City	Utah + 4	0	+ 3	- 6	0
Seattle	Wash. + 4	- 8	r- 9	-11	+ 1
Spokane	" + 3	+ 6	-11	- 7	+ 2
Tacoma	" + 4	+ 3	- 7	- 5	+ 3

r-Revised.

c-Corrected.

*-Data not available.

NOTE: Since sales rise sharply with the approach of Christmas, the fact that the corresponding week last year was two days nearer Christmas becomes significant in comparing weekly data. In general, this causes weekly data to show a less favorable comparison with the previous year than if strictly comparable calendar periods were available. This should be taken into consideration in evaluating weekly percentage changes from a year ago.