

## 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.- Nov.	Week ending			
		Dec. 8	Dec. 15	Dec. 22	Dec. 29*
<u>UNITED STATES</u>	+ 5	- 4	+ 2	r+15	+27
<u>Boston District</u>	+ 2	- 4	- 4	+15	+35
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Boston	Mass. + 2	- 4	- 4	+13	+36
Downtown Boston	" 0	- 5	- 3	+13	+19
Suburban Boston	" + 6	- 4	- 5	+14	+77
Cambridge	" + 5	- 3	- 2	+ 6	+95
Lynn	" + 1	- 5	- 3	+ 7	+29
Quincy	" + 3	- 3	- 4	+ 9	+101
Lowell	" 0	- 3	- 9	+ 9	+59
<u>Cities</u>					
Springfield	" + 7	- 2	- 4	+22	+30
Providence	R. I. - 1	- 8	- 8	+14	+26
<u>New York District</u>	+ 7	- 2	+ 1	r+20	+27
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Buffalo	N. Y. + 5	- 9	- 2	+ 8	+15
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J. + 8	- 1	+ 1	r+21	+29
Newark	N. J. + 6	- 4	- 2	r+20	+30
New York	N. Y. *	- 8	- 5	r+11	+19
Rochester	" + 6	0	+ 1	+11	+28
Syracuse	" + 3	- 7	- 2	r+ 5	+30
<u>Philadelphia District</u>	+ 5	- 4	- 4	+14	+25
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Wilmington	Del. +10	+ 2	+ 2	+20	+56
Trenton	N. J. + 2	+ 2	- 5	+12	+71
Lancaster	Pa. + 4	- 5	- 8	r+11	+38
Philadelphia	" + 4	- 5	- 4	+13	+20
Reading	" + 8	+ 6	- 2	+22	+35
Scranton	" + 7	- 6	- 8	+14	+31
Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton	" 0	- 7	- 5	r+ 9	+27
<u>Cleveland District</u>	+ 5	- 4	+ 3	+11	+18
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Lexington	Ky. 0	0	+ 2	+ 7	+33
Akron	Ohio + 4	- 2	0	+ 7	+18
Cincinnati	" + 4	-10	r- 2	+ 6	+22
Cleveland	" + 4	- 3	+ 1	+ 9	+19
Columbus	" + 6	- 3	+ 5	+11	+27
Springfield	" 0	- 7	r- 3	+ 3	+16
Toledo	" 0	- 8	r- 1	+16	+37
Erie	Pa. + 5	+ 8	+13	+23	+30
Pittsburgh	" + 7	- 2	+ 5	+15	+ 3
Wheeling-Steubenville	W.Va.-Ohio + 8	+ 1	+ 5	+16	+18

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<u>Richmond District</u>	+ 6	- 4	+ 1	+17	+31
Metropolitan Areas					
Washington D. C.	+ 6	- 5	0	+15	+43
Downtown Washington "	- 2	-13	- 8	+ 8	+28
Baltimore Md.	+ 4	- 2	+ 6	+27	+21
Downtown Baltimore "	*	-15	- 9	+10	- 5
Richmond Va.	+ 4	- 6	- 5	+ 9	+20
<u>Atlanta District</u>	+ 7	- 2	- 3	+ 9	+26
Metropolitan Areas					
Birmingham Ala.	+ 6	+ 1	- 1	+ 9	*
Jacksonville Fla.	+ 7	- 2	- 6	+ 6	*
Atlanta Ga.	+ 3	- 5	- 1	+ 9	*
Augusta "	- 1	- 6	- 5	+ 3	+41
New Orleans La.	+ 6	- 4	- 4	+13	*
Knoxville Tenn.	+ 3	-10	- 2	+12	*
Nashville "	+ 9	+ 6	+ 6	+20	*
City					
Tampa Fla.	+ 3	+ 1	-16	+ 7	+23
<u>Chicago District</u>	+ 5	- 4	+ 4	+14	+37
Metropolitan Areas					
Chicago Ill.	+ 5	- 4	+ 4	+15	+47
Indianapolis Ind.	+ 6	- 4	+10	+ 5	+16
Detroit Mich.	+ 4	- 5	+ 1	+15	+36
Milwaukee Wis.	+ 8	- 2	+ 3	+15	+40
<u>St. Louis District</u>	+ 6	- 9	+ 3	+13	+18
Metropolitan Areas					
Little Rock Ark.	+ 7	-11	+ 3	+ 9	+36
Louisville Ky.	+ 5	- 7	0	+12	+11
St. Louis Mo.	+ 5	-11	+ 5	+15	+12
Memphis Tenn.	+ 6	- 7	- 3	+ 9	+31
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	+ 6	+ 3	+ 5	+17	+24
Metropolitan Areas					
Mpls.-St. Paul Minn.	+ 5	+ 4	+ 5	+18	+23
Mpls. and Suburbs "	+ 5	+ 5	+ 6	+21	+24
St. Paul "	+ 6	0	+ 3	+11	+21
Cities					
Duluth-Superior Minn.&Wis.	+ 9	- 1	+ 1	+11	+50

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<u>Kansas City District</u>	+ 2	- 9	r+ 3	+14	+23
Metropolitan Areas					
Denver Col.	+ 5	- 8	+ 3	+13	+21
Topeka Kans.	+ 8	- 1	0	+ 9	+12
Wichita "	+ 3	- 4	+ 6	+14	+20
St. Joseph Mo.	0	-10	- 5	+ 9	+24
Albuquerque N. Mex.	+ 4	- 8	0	+ 7	+34
Oklahoma City Okla.	+ 5	-20	+ 5	+17	+26
Tulsa "	+ 4	-16	r+11	+16	+24
Cities					
Joplin Mo.	+ 1	-26	+ 2	r+ 8	+31
Kansas City "	- 2	-11	- 4	+13	+22
<u>Dallas District</u>	+ 4	- 6	+ 3	+12	+23
Metropolitan Areas					
Dallas Tex.	+ 1	- 8	+ 1	+ 8	+15
El Paso "	+ 5	- 9	r+ 4	+15	+23
Fort worth "	+ 6	- 6	+ 7	+11	+20
Houston "	+ 5	- 7	+ 2	+11	+28
San Antonio "	0	-11	+ 2	+10	+26
<u>San Francisco District</u>	+ 5	- 5	+ 2	+15	+19
Metropolitan Areas					
Los Angeles-Long Beach Calif.	0	- 3	+ 4	+16	+12
Downtown Los Angeles "	- 4	- 9	r 0	+12	- 4
Westside Los Angeles "	+ 1	- 5	r+ 4	+12	+20
Sacramento "	+ 7	0	+ 5	+18	+16
San Diego "	+ 6	- 4	+ 5	+19	+13
San Francisco-Oakland "	+ 3	- 2	0	+14	+30
San Francisco City "	+ 3	- 2	- 1	+15	+25
Oakland City "	0	- 2	+ 1	+10	+38
Portland Ore.	+ 1	-20	+ 3	+ 8	+ 8
Salt Lake City Utah	+ 4	- 6	0	+14	+43
Seattle Wash.	+ 3	-12	+ 1	+18	+27
Spokane "	+ 4	- 7	+ 2	+17	+17
Tacoma "	+ 4	- 6	r+ 4	+15	+35

r--Revised.

\*--Data not available.

\* This year there was one shopping day before Christmas, while last year there was none.