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WEEKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES - SELECTED CITIES AND AREAS

Federal Reserve District, Area, and City	Jan.- Nov.	Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago (Based on retail dollar amounts)				
		Week ending				
		Dec. 15	Dec. 22	Dec. 29*	Jan. 5	
<u>UNITED STATES</u>	+ 5	+ 2	+15	+27	0	
<u>Boston District</u>	+ 2	- 4	+15	+35	- 1	
Metropolitan Areas						
Boston Mass.	+ 2	- 4	+13	+36	+ 2	
Downtown Boston "	0	- 3	+13	+19	- 4	
Suburban Boston "	+ 6	- 5	+14	+77	+17	
Cambridge "	+ 5	- 2	+ 6	+95	+46	
Lynn "	+ 1	- 3	+ 7	+29	+ 6	
Quincy "	+ 3	- 4	+ 9	+101	+ 3	
Lowell "	0	- 9	+ 9	+59	-10	
Cities						
Springfield "	+ 7	- 4	+22	+30	- 6	
Providence R. I.	- 1	- 8	+14	+26	-14	
<u>New York District</u>	+ 7	+ 1	+20	+30	0	
Metropolitan Areas						
Buffalo N. Y.	+ 5	- 2	+ 8	+16	- 7	
New York-N.E. New Jersey N.Y.-N.J.	+ 8	+ 1	+21	+32	+ 3	
Newark N. J.	+ 6	- 2	+20	+33	- 1	
New York N. Y.	**	- 5	+11	+21	- 5	
Rochester "	+ 6	+ 1	+11	+25	-18	
Syracuse "	+ 3	- 2	+ 5	+31	- 7	
<u>Philadelphia District</u>	+ 5	- 4	+14	+23	+ 1	
Metropolitan Areas						
Wilmington Del.	+10	+ 2	+20	+61	+ 8	
Trenton N. J.	+ 2	- 5	+12	+69	+15	
Lancaster Pa.	+ 4	- 8	+11	+33	- 4	
Philadelphia "	+ 4	- 4	+14	+18	- 2	
Reading "	+ 8	- 2	+22	+36	+ 6	
Scranton "	+ 7	- 8	+14	+33	+ 2	
Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton "	0	- 5	+ 9	+14	+ 9	
<u>Cleveland District</u>	+ 5	+ 3	+11	+18	- 3	
Metropolitan Areas						
Lexington Ky.	0	+ 2	+12	+33	- 5	
Akron Ohio	+ 4	0	+ 7	+18	- 5	
Cincinnati "	+ 4	- 2	+ 7	+22	+ 6	
Cleveland "	+ 4	+ 1	+ 9	+19	- 7	
Columbus "	+ 6	+ 5	+11	+27	+ 6	
Springfield "	0	- 3	+ 2	+16	-12	
Toledo "	0	- 1	+14	+37	- 7	
Erie Pa.	+ 5	+13	+22	+30	+ 4	
Pittsburgh "	+ 7	+ 5	+15	+ 3	- 7	
Wheeling-Steubenville W.Va.-Ohio	+ 8	+ 5	+16	+18	-12	

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<u>Richmond District</u>	<u>+ 6</u>	<u>+ 1</u>	<u>+17</u>	<u>r+27</u>	<u>+ 3</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Washington D. C.	+ 6	0	+15	r+39	+ 8
Downtown Washington "	- 2	- 8	+ 8	r+25	+ 3
Baltimore Md.	+ 4	+ 6	+27	r+15	0
Downtown Baltimore "	**	- 9	+10	r-10	-15
Richmond Va.	+ 4	- 5	+ 9	r+27	- 6
<u>Atlanta District</u>	<u>+ 7</u>	<u>- 3</u>	<u>+ 9</u>	<u>r+29</u>	<u>+ 2</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Birmingham Ala.	+ 6	- 1	+ 9	+36	+ 2
Jacksonville Fla.	+ 7	- 6	+ 6	+ 2	**
Atlanta Ga.	+ 3	- 1	r+10	+25	+ 5
Augusta "	- 1	- 5	+ 3	+41	+12
New Orleans La.	+ 6	- 4	+13	+26	**
Knoxville Tenn.	+ 3	- 2	+12	+33	**
Nashville "	+ 9	+ 6	+20	+38	**
City					
Tampa Fla.	+ 3	-16	+ 7	+23	**
<u>Chicago District</u>	<u>+ 5</u>	<u>+ 4</u>	<u>+14</u>	<u>r+36</u>	<u>- 4</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Chicago Ill.	+ 5	+ 4	+15	+47	- 5
Indianapolis Ind.	+ 6	+10	+ 5	+16	- 4
Detroit Mich.	+ 4	+ 1	+15	+36	- 5
Milwaukee Wis.	+ 8	+ 3	+15	+40	- 3
<u>St. Louis District</u>	<u>+ 6</u>	<u>+ 3</u>	<u>+13</u>	<u>r+19</u>	<u>- 7</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Little Rock Ark.	+ 7	+ 3	+ 9	+36	- 9
Louisville Ky.	+ 5	0	+12	+11	- 9
St. Louis Mo.	+ 5	+ 5	+15	+12	-11
Memphis Tenn.	+ 6	- 3	+ 9	+31	0
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	<u>+ 6</u>	<u>+ 5</u>	<u>+17</u>	<u>+24</u>	<u>- 1</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Mpls.-St. Paul Minn.	+ 5	+ 5	+18	+23	- 1
Mpls. and Suburbs "	+ 5	+ 6	+21	+24	+ 3
St. Paul "	+ 6	+ 3	+11	+21	- 9
Cities					
Duluth-Superior Minn.&Wis.	+ 9	+ 1	+11	+50	- 7

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

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**--Data not available.

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