

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. 22	Dec. 29*	Jan. 5	Jan. 12
<u>UNITED STATES</u>	+ 5	+15	+27	r- 1	+ 3
<u>Boston District</u>	+ 2	+15	+35	- 1	- 3
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Boston	Mass. + 2	+13	+36	+ 2	- 2
Downtown Boston	" 0	+13	+19	- 4	+ 1
Suburban Boston	" + 6	+14	+77	+17	-10
Cambridge	" + 5	+ 6	+95	+46	-13
Lynn	" + 1	+ 7	+29	+ 6	- 3
Quincy	" + 3	+ 9	+101	+ 3	+ 5
Lowell	" 0	+ 9	+59	-10	- 3
<u>Cities</u>					
Springfield	" + 7	+22	+30	- 6	- 8
Providence	R. I. - 1	+14	+26	-14	- 8
<u>New York District</u>	+ 7	+20	+30	r- 1	+10
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Buffalo	N. Y. + 5	+ 8	+16	- 7	0
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J. + 8	+21	+32	r+ 2	+12
Newark	N. J. + 6	+20	+33	- 1	+ 4
New York	N. Y. **	+11	+21	- 5	+ 7
Rochester	" + 6	+11	+25	r-17	+ 5
Syracuse	" + 3	+ 5	+31	r-10	0
<u>Philadelphia District</u>	+ 5	+14	+23	r+ 2	+ 3
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Wilmington	Del. +10	+20	+61	r+ 6	+ 8
Trenton	N. J. + 2	+12	+69	+15	-27
Lancaster	Pa. + 4	+11	+33	- 4	+14
Philadelphia	" + 4	+14	+18	r- 1	+ 5
Reading	" + 8	+22	+36	+ 6	+16
Scranton	" + 7	+14	r+34	r+ 1	- 2
Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton	" 0	+ 9	+14	r+11	- 1
<u>Cleveland District</u>	+ 5	+11	+18	r- 4	+ 2
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Lexington	Ky. 0	+12	r+62	- 5	+13
Akron	Ohio + 4	+ 7	+18	- 5	0
Cincinnati	" + 4	+ 7	r+24	+ 6	- 2
Cleveland	" + 4	+ 9	+19	- 7	- 5
Columbus	" + 6	+11	+27	+ 6	- 1
Springfield	" 0	+ 2	r+14	-12	- 2
Toledo	" 0	+14	r+36	- 7	- 9
Erie	Pa. + 5	+22	r+28	+ 4	+ 3
Pittsburgh	" + 7	+15	+ 3	- 7	+ 3
Wheeling-Steubenville W. Va.-Ohio	+ 8	+16	+18	-12	+35

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<u>Richmond District</u>	+ 6	+17	+27	+ 3	+14
Metropolitan Areas					
Washington D.C.	+ 6	+15	+39	r+ 5	+15
Downtown Washington "	- 2	+ 8	+25	r- 1	+12
Baltimore Md.	+ 4	+27	+15	r+ 4	+17
Downtown Baltimore "	**	+10	-10	r-17	+ 4
Richmond Va.	+ 4	+ 9	+27	- 6	+ 4
<u>Atlanta District</u>	+ 7	+ 9	+29	+ 2	+ 3
Metropolitan Areas					
Birmingham Ala.	+ 6	+ 9	+36	+ 2	0
Jacksonville Fla.	+ 7	+ 6	+ 2	- 5	**
Atlanta Ga.	+ 3	+10	+25	r+ 4	+ 5
Augusta "	- 1	+ 3	+41	r+11	-12
New Orleans La.	+ 6	+13	+26	-14	**
Knoxville Tenn.	+ 3	+12	+33	- 8	**
Nashville "	+ 9	+20	+38	+ 7	**
City					
Tampa Fla.	+ 3	+ 7	+23	+ 4	**
<u>Chicago District</u>	+ 5	+14	r+37	r- 5	- 2
Metropolitan Areas					
Chicago Ill.	+ 5	+15	+47	- 5	- 3
Indianapolis Ind.	+ 6	+ 5	+16	- 4	+ 4
Detroit Mich.	+ 4	+15	+36	- 5	- 2
Milwaukee Wis.	+ 8	+15	+40	- 3	+ 1
<u>St. Louis District</u>	+ 6	+13	r+18	r- 8	- 3
Metropolitan Areas					
Little Rock Ark.	+ 7	+ 9	+36	- 9	+ 7
Louisville Ky.	+ 5	+12	+11	- 9	+ 2
St. Louis Mo.	+ 5	+15	r+13	-11	- 7
Memphis Tenn.	+ 6	+ 9	+31	0	+ 2
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	+ 6	+17	+24	- 1	+ 1
Metropolitan Areas					
Mpls.-St. Paul Minn.	+ 5	+18	+23	- 1	0
Mpls. and Suburbs "	+ 5	+21	+24	+ 3	+ 1
St. Paul "	+ 6	+11	+21	r- 8	- 2
Cities					
Duluth-Superior Minn.&Wis.	+ 9	+11	+50	- 7	+ 4

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

r--Revised.

**--Data not available.

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