

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. 29*	Jan. 5	Jan. 12	Jan. 19
UNITED STATES	+ 5	+27	- 1	+ 3	+ 2
Boston District	+ 2	+35	- 1	- 3	- 4
Metropolitan Areas					
Boston Mass.	+ 2	+36	+ 2	- 2	- 5
Downtown Boston "	0	+19	- 4	+ 1	- 7
Suburban Boston "	+ 6	+77	+17	-10	0
Cambridge "	+ 5	+95	+66	-13	+ 9
Lynn "	+ 1	+29	+ 6	- 3	- 3
Quincy "	+ 3	+101	+ 3	+ 5	+ 5
Lowell "	0	+59	-10	- 3	-10
Cities					
Springfield "	+ 7	+30	- 6	- 8	- 4
Providence R. I.	- 1	+26	-14	- 8	+ 2
New York District	+ 7	+30	- 1	r+ 9	- 2
Metropolitan Areas					
Buffalo N. Y.	+ 5	+16	r- 8	r- 1	-17
New York-N.E. New Jersey N.Y.-N.J.	+ 8	+32	+ 2	r+11	0
Newark N. J.	+ 6	+33	- 1	r+ 5	- 7
New York N. Y.	**	+21	- 5	r+ 6	- 4
Rochester "	+ 6	+25	-17	r+ 3	-13
Syracuse "	+ 3	+31	-10	0	- 6
Philadelphia District	+ 5	+23	r+ 1	r+ 4	+ 3
Metropolitan Areas					
Wilmington Del.	+10	+61	+ 6	r+ 7	+18
Trenton N. J.	+ 2	+69	+15	r-28	+30
Lancaster Pa.	+ 4	+33	r- 5	r+13	-25
Philadelphia "	+ 4	+18	- 1	r+ 7	+ 3
Reading "	+ 8	+36	+ 6	+16	+14
Scranton "	+ 7	+34	+ 1	- 2	-10
Wilkes-Barre-Hazleton "	0	+14	+11	- 1	- 5
Cleveland District	+ 5	+18	- 4	r+ 1	- 3
Metropolitan Areas					
Lexington Ky.	0	+62	- 5	+13	+11
Akron Ohio	+ 4	+18	- 5	0	- 4
Cincinnati "	+ 4	+24	r+ 5	- 2	+ 7
Cleveland "	+ 4	+19	- 7	- 5	-14
Columbus "	+ 6	+27	+ 6	- 1	-21
Springfield "	0	+14	r- 8	- 2	0
Toledo "	0	+36	r- 8	- 9	- 7
Erie Pa.	+ 5	+28	r- 8	+ 3	-15
Pittsburgh "	+ 7	+ 3	r-12	+ 3	+ 8
Wheeling-Steubenville W.Va.-Ohio	+ 8	+18	-12	+35	+18

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<u>Richmond District</u>	+ 6	+27	+ 3	r+13	+ 1
Metropolitan Areas					
Washington D.C.	+ 6	+39	+ 5	r+13	+ 5
Downtown Washington "	- 2	+25	- 1	r+ 9	- 2
Baltimore Md.	+ 4	+15	+ 4	+17	+ 8
Downtown Baltimore "	**	-10	-17	r+ 1	- 5
Richmond Va.	+ 4	+27	- 6	+ 4	-19
<u>Atlanta District</u>	+ 7	+29	+ 2	r+ 5	+ 4
Metropolitan Areas					
Birmingham Ala.	+ 6	+36	+ 2	r+ 1	+ 4
Jacksonville Fla.	+ 7	+ 2	- 5	+27	- 1
Atlanta Ga.	+ 3	+25	+ 4	r+ 2	- 5
Augusta "	- 1	+41	+11	r-11	-13
New Orleans La.	+ 6	+26	-14	-10	-12
Knoxville Tenn.	+ 3	+33	- 8	+10	- 1
Nashville "	+ 9	+38	+ 7	+24	+18
City					
Tampa Fla.	+ 3	+23	+ 4	+ 6	+10
<u>Chicago District</u>	+ 5	+37	- 5	r- 3	+ 3
Metropolitan Areas					
Chicago Ill.	+ 5	+47	- 5	- 3	+ 1
Indianapolis Ind.	+ 6	+16	- 4	+ 4	+16
Detroit Mich.	+ 4	+36	- 5	- 2	- 1
Milwaukee Wis.	+ 8	+40	- 3	+ 1	+ 7
<u>St. Louis District</u>	+ 6	+18	- 8	r- 2	+11
Metropolitan Areas					
Little Rock Ark.	+ 7	+36	- 9	+ 7	+ 8
Louisville Ky.	+ 5	+11	- 9	+ 2	+10
St. Louis Mo.	+ 5	+13	r-12	- 7	+12
Memphis Tenn.	+ 6	+31	0	+ 2	+ 2
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	+ 6	+24	- 1	+ 1	+ 7
Metropolitan Areas					
Mpls.-St. Paul Minn.	+ 5	+23	r 0	0	+ 7
Mpls. and Suburbs "	+ 5	+24	+ 3	+ 1	+11
St. Paul "	+ 6	+21	- 8	- 2	- 2
Cities					
Duluth-Superior Minn.&Wis.	+ 9	+50	- 7	+ 4	+ 3

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

r--Revised.

**--Data not available.

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