

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)				
	Year 1956	Week ending			
		Jan. 12	Jan. 19	Jan. 26	Feb. 2
<u>UNITED STATES</u>	+ 4	+ 3	+ 2	+ 2	+ 4
<u>BOSTON DISTRICT</u>	+ 2	- 3	- 4	- 1	- 9
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Boston	Mass. + 2	- 2	- 5	- 1	- 7
Downtown Boston	" 0	+ 1	- 7	0	- 10
Suburban Boston	" + 5	- 10	0	- 2	+ 2
Cambridge	" + 5	- 13	+ 9	- 3	- 7
Lynn	" + 1	- 3	- 3	+ 11	- 11
Quincy	" + 3	+ 5	+ 5	- 2	- 2
Lowell	" 0	- 3	- 10	- 3	- 29
<u>Cities</u>					
Springfield	" + 6	- 8	- 4	+ 2	- 3
Providence	R. I. - 2	- 8	+ 2	- 6	- 18
<u>New York District</u>	+ 6	+ 9	- 1	+ 7	+ 3
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Buffalo	N. Y. + 4	- 1	- 17	+ 2	+ 16
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N. Y.-N. J. + 7	+ 11	+ 2	+ 8	+ 1
Newark	N. J. + 6	+ 5	- 5	0	- 7
New York	N. Y. *	+ 6	- 2	+ 3	- 1
Rochester	" + 4	+ 3	- 13	+ 16	+ 8
Syracuse	" + 2	0	- 6	- 3	+ 4
<u>Philadelphia District</u>	+ 4	+ 4	+ 4	- 3	- 3
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Wilmington	Del. + 9	+ 7	+ 20	- 4	0
Trenton	N. J. + 2	- 28	+ 30	+ 9	- 7
Lancaster	Pa. + 2	+ 11	- 25	+ 6	0
Philadelphia	" + 3	+ 7	+ 3	- 6	- 6
Reading	" + 8	+ 16	+ 11	- 3	+ 19
Scranton	" + 5	- 2	- 10	+ 2	+ 8
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	" 0	- 1	- 5	- 2	+ 5
<u>Cleveland District</u>	+ 4	+ 1	- 3	+ 3	+ 5
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Lexington	Ky. 0	+ 13	+ 11	+ 11	+ 1
Akron	Ohio + 3	0	+ 5	- 1	+ 1
Cincinnati	" + 2	- 3	+ 9	+ 1	- 28
Cleveland	" + 3	- 5	- 11	+ 1	+ 22
Columbus	" + 5	- 1	- 21	+ 26	+ 11
Springfield	" - 1	- 3	0	- 10	+ 15
Toledo	" - 1	- 9	+ 8	- 3	+ 3
Erie	Pa. + 5	+ 1	+ 16	+ 3	+ 17
Pittsburgh	" + 5	+ 2	+ 7	- 3	+ 9
Wheeling-Steubenville	W. Va.-Ohio + 8	+ 35	+ 18	0	- 10

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<u>Richmond District</u>	+ 5	+13	+ 1	- 6	+17
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Washington D.C.	+ 6	+13	+ 3	-11	+ 8
Downtown Washington "	- 3	+ 9	- 4	r-19	+ 1
Baltimore Md.	+ 4	+17	+ 9	r+ 4	+42
Downtown Baltimore "	*	+ 1	- 5	-10	+36
Richmond Va.	+ 2	+ 4	-20	-11	+ 9
<u>Atlanta District</u>	+ 6	r+ 4	+ 3	r+ 8	+ 9
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Birmingham Ala.	+ 5	+ 1	+ 3	+ 5	+ 1
Jacksonville Fla.	+ 5	+27	- 1	*	*
Atlanta Ga.	+ 2	+ 2	- 5	r- 4	+16
Augusta "	- 1	-11	-13	*	- 8
New Orleans La.	+ 5	-10	-11	+13	+ 7
Knoxville Tenn.	+ 2	+10	- 4	+14	+19
Nashville "	+ 9	+24	+18	+30	- 6
<u>City</u>					
Tampa Fla.	+ 2	+ 6	+10	+ 8	
<u>Chicago District</u>	+ 5	- 3	+ 3	+ 3	+ 4
<u>Metropolitan</u>					
Chicago Ill.	+ 5	- 3	+ 1	+ 4	+ 5
Indianapolis Ind.	+ 4	+ 4	+16	+ 9	+ 8
Detroit Mich.	+ 4	- 2	- 1	0	+ 3
Milwaukee Wis.	+ 7	+ 1	+ 7	+ 4	- 1
<u>St. Louis District</u>	+ 5	- 2	+11	+ 1	+ 3
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Little Rock Ark.	+ 5	+ 7	+ 8	+ 7	-12
Louisville Ky.	+ 4	+ 2	+10	+ 4	-16
St. Louis Mo.	+ 4	- 6	+12	- 9	+13
Memphis Tenn.	+ 5	+ 2	+ 2	+36	- 4
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	+ 6	+ 1	+ 7	+ 1	0
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Mpls.-St. Paul Minn.	+ 5	0	+ 7	+ 1	- 1
" and Suburbs "	+ 5	+ 1	+11	+ 3	0
St. Paul "	+ 5	- 2	- 2	- 3	- 1
<u>Cities</u>					
Duluth-Superior Minn.&Wis.	+ 8	+ 4	+ 3	+ 1	+ 6

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<u>Kansas City District</u>	+ 2	- 4	+ 5	- 3	+10
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Denver	+ 4	0	+ 3	r- 5	+ 4
Topeka	+ 7	- 7	+ 9	-20	+15
Wichita	+ 3	+ 3	+ 7	r+22	+ 8
St. Joseph	0	-12	- 8	r- 4	- 9
Albuquerque	+ 2	-11	- 2	+ 7	*
Oklahoma City	+ 4	- 6	+ 1	-13	+20
Tulsa	+ 4	+ 3	+ 7	-1	*
<u>Cities</u>					
Joplin	0	- 1	- 3	r+11	+27
Kansas City	- 2	-11	+ 2	-10	+12
<u>Dallas District</u>	+ 3	0	+ 7	- 7	+10
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Dallas	0	0	+22	-17	+17
El Paso	+ 4	0	+ 4	+ 1	+14
Fort Worth	+ 6	* 3	+20	+ 2	+25
Houston	+ 4	- 5	- 4	- 2	+ 6
San Antonio	- 1	+ 8	- 2	- 1	- 7
<u>San Francisco District</u>	+ 5	+ 2	+ 3	+ 9	r- 1
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Los Angeles-Long Beach Calif.	0	+ 4	+ 6	+20	- 1
Downtown Los Angeles	- 4	0	+13	+19	+ 3
Westside Los Angeles	+ 1	- 1	- 1	+21	- 1
Sacramento	+ 7	+ 2	+ 7	+ 7	+15
San Diego	+ 5	+ 6	+ 5	+10	+ 5
San Francisco-Oakland	+ 3	+ 6	+ 4	+ 4	+ 1
San Francisco City	+ 3	+ 5	+ 4	+ 3	0
Oakland City	0	+ 6	+ 4	+ 6	+ 2
Portland	0	- 9	-16	+ 4	- 7
Salt Lake City	+ 3	+ 4	+10	+ 2	+ 5
Seattle	+ 3	+ 2	+ 2	- 5	- 4
Spokane	+ 3	- 6	+ 4	-17	+ 2
Tacoma	+ 4	-11	- 3	+ 7	+ 3

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\*--Data not available