

## 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. 19	Jan. 26	Feb. 2	Feb. 9
<u>UNITED STATES</u>	+ 4	+ 2	+ 2	+ 4	+ 5
<u>BOSTON DISTRICT</u>	+ 2	- 4	- 1	- 9	+15
Metropolitan Areas					
Boston	Mass. + 2	- 5	- 1	- 7	+17
Downtown Boston	" 0	- 7	0	-10	+18
Suburban Boston	" + 5	0	- 2	+ 2	+13
Cambridge	" + 5	+ 9	- 3	- 7	+24
Lynn	" + 1	- 3	+14	-11	+38
Quincy	" + 3	+ 5	- 2	- 2	+ 3
Lowell	" 0	-10	- 3	-29	+26
Cities					
Springfield	" + 6	- 4	+ 2	- 3	+ 7
Providence	R. I. - 2	+ 2	- 6	-18	- 1
<u>New York District</u>	+ 6	- 1	+ 7	+ 3	+ 4
Metropolitan Areas					
Buffalo	N. Y. + 4	-17	+ 2	+15	+ 5
New York-N.E.New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J. + 7	+ 2	+ 8	0	+ 4
Newark	N. J. + 6	- 5	0	- 9	+ 5
New York	N. Y. *	- 2	+ 3	- 2	- 2
Rochester	" + 4	-13	+16	+ 8	- 1
Syracuse	" + 2	- 6	- 3	+ 3	+ 3
<u>Philadelphia District</u>	+ 4	+ 4	- 3	- 3	- 2
Metropolitan Areas					
Wilmington	Del. + 9	+20	- 4	+ 1	- 7
Trenton	N. J. + 2	+30	+ 9	- 7	- 6
Lancaster	Pa. + 2	-25	+16	0	- 9
Philadelphia	" + 3	+ 3	- 6	- 5	0
Reading	" + 8	+14	- 3	+19	-19
Scranton	" + 5	-10	+ 2	+ 7	- 1
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	" 0	- 5	- 2	+ 5	- 8
<u>Cleveland District</u>	+ 4	- 3	+ 3	+ 5	+ 7
Metropolitan Areas					
Lexington	Ky. 0	+14	+14	+ 1	- 2
Akron	Ohio + 3	- 5	- 1	+ 1	+ 3
Cincinnati	" + 2	+ 9	+ 1	-28	+22
Cleveland	" + 3	-14	+ 1	+22	+ 6
Columbus	" + 5	-21	+26	+14	- 4
Springfield	" - 1	0	-10	+15	- 3
Toledo	" - 1	- 8	- 3	+ 3	+ 7
Erie	Pa. + 5	-16	+ 3	+17	+ 5
Pittsburgh	" + 5	+ 7	- 3	+ 9	+ 6
Wheeling-Steubenville	W.Va.-Ohio + 8	+18	0	-10	+12

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<u>Richmond District</u>	+ 5	+ 1	- 6	+17	+ 5
Metropolitan Areas					
Washington D. C.	+ 6	+ 3	-11	+ 8	+ 4
Downtown Washington "	- 3	- 4	-19	+ 1	- 4
Baltimore Md.	+ 4	+ 9	+ 4	+42	+15
Downtown Baltimore "	*	- 5	-10	+36	+ 7
Richmond Va.	+ 2	-20	-11	r+ 8	-12
<u>Atlanta District</u>	+ 6	+ 3	+ 8	+ 9	+ 7
Metropolitan Areas					
Birmingham Ala.	+ 5	+ 3	+ 5	+ 1	+ 4
Jacksonville Fla.	+ 5	- 1	*	+ 5	+ 7
Atlanta Ga.	+ 2	- 5	- 4	r+17	+ 6
Augusta "	- 1	-13	*	- 8	+ 2
New Orleans La.	+ 5	-11	+13	+ 7	+ 4
Knoxville Tenn.	+ 2	- 4	+14	r+18	- 7
Nashville "	+ 9	+18	+30	- 6	+ 6
City					
Tampa Fla.	+ 2	+10	+ 8	+13	+ 4
<u>Chicago District</u>	+ 5	+ 3	+ 3	+14	+11
Metropolitan					
Chicago Ill.	+ 5	+ 1	+ 4	+ 5	+14
Indianapolis Ind.	+ 4	+16	+ 9	+ 8	- 2
Detroit Mich.	+ 4	- 1	0	+ 3	+17
Milwaukee Wis.	+ 7	+ 7	+ 4	- 1	+ 7
<u>St. Louis District</u>	+ 5	+11	+ 1	+ 3	- 1
Metropolitan Areas					
Little Rock Ark.	+ 5	+ 8	+ 7	-12	+ 3
Louisville Ky.	+ 4	+10	+ 4	-16	-10
St. Louis Mo.	+ 4	+12	- 9	+13	0
Memphis Tenn.	+ 5	+ 2	+36	- 4	+ 2
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	+ 6	+ 7	+ 1	0	+ 1
Metropolitan Areas					
Mpls.-St. Paul Minn.	+ 5	+ 7	+ 1	- 1	+ 1
Mpls. and Suburbs "	+ 5	+11	+ 3	0	+ 2
St. Paul "	+ 5	- 2	- 3	r- 2	- 2
Cities					
Duluth-Superior Minn.&Wis.	+ 8	+ 3	+ 1	+ 6	+ 7

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

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