

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. 1957	Week ending			
		Feb. 9	Feb. 16	Feb. 23	Mar. 2
<u>UNITED STATES</u>	+ 5	+ 4	+ 7	+ 3	- 4
<u>BOSTON DISTRICT</u>	+ 2	+15	+13	+ 5	-12
Metropolitan Areas					
Boston Mass.	+ 3	+17	+11	+ 4	- 9
Downtown Boston "	+ 1	+18	+ 9	+ 4	-14
Suburban Boston "	+ 6	+13	+14	+ 5	+ 2
Cambridge "	+10	+24	+19	- 2	+11
Lynn "	+ 2	+38	+12	+43	-17
Quincy "	+ 6	+ 3	+ 3	- 4	-10
Lowell "	- 6	+26	+ 4	- 6	-22
Cities					
Springfield "	+ 8	+ 7	+18	+15	-33
Providence R. I.	0	- 1	+13	- 3	-14
<u>New York District</u>	+ 8	+ 3	+13	+14	0
Metropolitan Areas					
Buffalo N. Y.	0	+ 5	+ 6	- 5	- 9
New York-N.E. New Jersey N.Y.-N.J.	+10	+ 3	+14	r+18	+ 1
Newark N. J.	+ 4	+ 4	+ 9	+ 4	-10
New York N. Y.	+ 6	- 4	+ 6	+14	- 1
Rochester "	+ 3	- 1	+ 8	r+ 8	- 6
Syracuse "	0	+ 3	+ 9	+ 1	0
<u>Philadelphia District</u>	+ 5	- 2	+ 5	r+ 4	-15
Metropolitan Areas					
Wilmington Del.	+12	- 9	+29	+ 4	- 2
Trenton N. J.	+ 5	- 6	+16	+ 4	-10
Lancaster Pa.	+ 9	- 9	+ 1	r- 1	-38
Philadelphia "	+ 4	0	+ 3	r+ 2	-14
Reading "	+10	-19	+49	+ 7	-28
Scranton "	+ 2	- 1	-21	+41	-24
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton "	+ 3	- 8	+ 1	+ 9	+ 1
<u>Cleveland District</u>	+ 5	+ 7	0	+ 1	- 4
Metropolitan Areas					
Lexington Ky.	+18	- 1	+ 8	+ 8	- 5
Akron Ohio	0	+ 3	- 5	0	-10
Cincinnati "	- 1	+22	- 1	- 2	-16
Cleveland "	+ 3	+ 6	- 3	- 2	+ 2
Columbus "	+ 3	- 4	+ 1	+ 7	- 5
Springfield "	- 3	- 3	-10	-13	-17
Toledo "	- 1	+ 7	- 2	- 1	0
Erie Pa.	+ 1	+ 3	r 0	- 1	- 4
Pittsburgh "	+ 3	+ 6	+ 6	+ 6	-10
Wheeling-Steubenville W. Va.-Ohio	+15	+12	+ 4	+17	- 2

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<u>Richmond District</u>	<u>+ 8</u>	<u>+ 4</u>	<u>- 2</u>	<u>+ 3</u>	<u>- 5</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Washington D. C.	+ 9	+ 3	-11	r+ 5	- 4
Downtown Washington "	0	- 5	-19	- 1	-11
Baltimore Md.	+15	+16	+16	+ 9	- 4
Downtown Baltimore "	+ 2	+ 8	+ 6	r- 3	-15
Richmond Va.	- 3	-12	- 5	r- 9	- 4
<u>Atlanta District</u>	<u>+ 6</u>	<u>+ 6</u>	<u>+11</u>	<u>+ 1</u>	<u>- 5</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Birmingham Ala.	+ 3	+ 4	+11	-18	- 3
Jacksonville Fla.	+ 3	+ 7	- 9	- 7	- 1
Atlanta Ga.	+ 5	+ 6	+ 2	+ 1	-13
Augusta "	- 6	+ 4	-17	r- 6	-15
New Orleans La.	- 4	+ 4	+30	- 4	*
Knoxville Tenn.	+ 7	- 7	+ 1	r-10	*
Nashville "	+14	+ 6	+22	+ 8	*
City					
Tampa Fla.	+12	+ 4	+ 2	+ 7	-24
<u>Chicago District</u>	<u>+ 4</u>	<u>+11</u>	<u>+10</u>	<u>+ 5</u>	<u>- 2</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Chicago Ill.	+ 4	+14	+14	+ 2	- 1
Indianapolis Ind.	+11	- 2	+ 6	0	- 4
Detroit Mich.	+ 4	+17	+ 2	+13	- 5
Milwaukee Wis.	+ 6	+ 7	+ 8	- 1	- 6
<u>St. Louis District</u>	<u>+ 3</u>	<u>- 1</u>	<u>+ 3</u>	<u>r- 3</u>	<u>- 7</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Little Rock Ark.	+ 3	+ 3	+13	- 4	-20
Louisville Ky.	+ 5	-10	- 2	- 5	-14
St. Louis Mo.	0	0	+ 3	- 4	- 3
Memphis Tenn.	+ 7	+ 2	0	- 5	- 9
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	<u>+ 6</u>	<u>+ 1</u>	<u>+10</u>	<u>- 2</u>	<u>r+ 5</u>
Metropolitan Areas					
Mpls.-St. Paul Minn.	+ 4	+ 2	+10	- 2	+ 6
Mpls. and Suburbs "	+ 6	+ 2	+15	- 2	+15
St. Paul "	- 1	- 2	0	- 3	-12
Cities					
Duluth-Superior Minn.&Wis.	+ 4	+ 7	+ 3	+ 5	- 5

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<u>Kansas City District</u>	+ 1	0	+ 6	- 8	- 5
Metropolitan Areas					
Denver Col.	+ 1	+ 3	+ 9	r- 6	- 3
Topeka Kans.	0	+ 1	+10	- 4	- 2
Wichita "	+12	+ 6	- 2	r- 9	-13
St. Joseph Mo.	-11	- 5	+11	r- 8	-10
Albuquerque N. Mex.	- 2	- 2	+ 2	- 9	-15
Oklahoma City Okla.	- 5	- 5	0	-18	-14
Tulsa "	+ 5	+ 8	+17	- 6	+10
Cities					
Joplin Mo.	- 2	-17	- 5	+ 2	- 8
Kansas City "	- 2	- 5	+ 1	-13	- 8
<u>Dallas District</u>	+ 2	0	+ 5	- 9	- 6
Metropolitan Areas					
Dallas Tex.	+ 5	- 6	+11	-16	- 6
El Paso "	+ 3	+ 7	+10	+17	-13
Fort Worth "	+ 6	- 6	+ 2	- 4	- 8
Houston "	- 2	+ 2	+ 4	- 9	- 6
San Antonio "	- 1	+ 4	- 4	- 6	+ 2
<u>San Francisco District</u>	+ 5	- 5	+ 5	+ 3	- 4
Metropolitan Areas					
Los Angeles-Long Beach Calif.	+ 8	- 9	+ 9	+ 8	- 6
Downtown Los Angeles "	+ 6	-28	r+25	+ 3	- 5
Westside Los Angeles "	+ 8	- 7	+ 1	+17	- 5
Sacramento "	+10	- 1	+11	-19	- 9
San Diego "	+ 6	- 2	- 8	+13	- 3
San Francisco-Oakland "	+ 6	- 3	- 2	+ 2	- 5
San Francisco City "	+ 5	- 3	- 3	+ 3	- 7
Oakland "	+ 5	- 3	- 2	- 1	- 3
Portland Ore.	- 4	- 2	+ 3	- 8	- 4
Salt Lake City Utah	+ 6	+ 3	+16	- 3	- 4
Seattle Wash.	+ 1	0	+16	-13	+11
Spokane "	- 3	- 8	-27	+53	+ 3
Tacoma "	- 1	+ 1	+18	- 6	- 1

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*--Data not available