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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)					
	11 mos. 1958	Week ending				
		Dec. 6	Dec. 13	Dec. 20	Dec. 27*	
<u>UNITED STATES</u>	- 1	+ 6	+ 3	+ 3	+ 30	
<u>Boston District</u>	- 1	- 1	+ 6	+ 3	+ 34	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Boston	Mass.	+ 2	+ 1	+ 7	+ 4	+ 36
Downtown Boston	"	- 4	- 6	- 2	- 3	+ 29
Suburban Boston	"	+ 14	+ 15	+ 22	+ 16	+ 47
Cambridge	"	+ 9	- 4	+ 17	+ 4	+ 22
Quincy	"	+ 14	+ 27	+ 27	+ 23	+ 57
Lowell	"	- 6	- 12	- 2	- 8	+ 24
<u>City</u>						
Springfield	"	- 1	- 6	+ 7	+ 4	+ 31
<u>New York District</u>	+ 1	+ 9	+ 5	- 3	+ 27	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Buffalo	N. Y.	- 5	+ 1	+ 1	r- 4	+ 25
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J.	+ 3	+ 11	+ 6	r- 4	+ 27
Newark	N. J.	- 5	+ 9	- 1	- 3	+ 28
New York	N. Y.	- 1	+ 4	+ 10	- 6	+ 22
Rochester	"	- 4	+ 5	r+ 5	+ 1	+ 38
Syracuse	"	- 3	- 3	r+ 1	+ 3	+ 24
<u>Philadelphia District</u>	0	r+ 19	+ 3	+ 2	+ 31	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Wilmington	Del.	+ 1	r+ 35	- 1	r- 3	+ 34
Trenton	N. J.	0	+ 18	+ 2	- 5	+ 25
Lancaster	Pa.	+ 10	+ 24	+ 11	+ 16	+ 34
Philadelphia	"	0	+ 20	+ 3	+ 2	+ 34
Reading	"	- 1	+ 19	+ 4	r+ 7	+ 20
Scranton	"	+ 2	0	+ 4	+ 3	+ 27
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	- 4	- 2	- 1	+ 1	+ 17
<u>Cleveland District</u>	- 3	+ 3	+ 1	r+ 3	+ 26	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Lexington	Ky.	- 1	+ 10	+ 6	+ 6	+ 23
Canton	Ohio	- 8	+ 2	- 3	+ 6	+ 21
Cincinnati	"	- 2	+ 5	r+ 6	+ 5	+ 24
Cleveland	"	- 4	0	- 1	- 1	+ 27
Downtown Cleveland	"	**	- 4	- 4	- 4	+ 23
Columbus	"	0	+ 8	r+ 1	+ 7	+ 33
Springfield	"	- 8	+ 1	- 8	- 1	+ 27
Youngstown	"	- 12	- 6	r- 1	- 2	+ 24
Erie	Pa.	- 7	+ 3	r 0	+ 5	+ 33
Pittsburgh	"	0	+ 5	r+ 1	+ 8	+ 20
Downtown Pittsburgh	"	**	+ 6	r+ 1	+ 8	+ 19
Wheeling-Steubenville W. Va.&Ohio	"	- 4	+ 9	+ 1	+ 8	+ 26

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<u>Richmond District</u>	- 1	+16	0	+ 2	+30
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Washington	D. C. + 3	+17	+ 4	+ 4	+33
Downtown Washington	" 0	+ 5	- 3	- 2	+23
Baltimore	Md. - 3	+26	+ 1	- 1	+26
Downtown Baltimore	" - 5	+14	- 8	- 9	+11
Richmond	Va. - 4	+ 2	r-10	+ 2	+25
<u>Atlanta District</u>	0	0	+ 2	+ 3	+28
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Birmingham	Ala. - 2	+ 4	- 2	+ 4	+31
Mobile	" + 1	+ 2	+ 2	+ 5	+31
Jacksonville	Fla. - 1	- 3	+ 4	r+ 3	+31
Miami	" + 1	- 5	- 2	+ 1	**
Downtown Miami	" - 3	- 6	- 3	- 1	**
Atlanta	Ga. + 2	+ 2	+ 2	+ 3	**
Augusta	" - 5	- 3	- 5	r+ 2	+25
Columbus	" + 6	+10	0	0	+30
New Orleans	La. - 4	- 2	- 2	0	**
Knoxville	Tenn. - 3	+ 5	+10	+ 4	+20
<u>Chicago District</u>	- 4	+ 3	0	r+ 8	+31
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Chicago	Ill. - 2	0	- 3	+ 8	+33
Indianapolis	Ind. - 7	+ 8	+ 5	+13	+27
Detroit	Mich. - 9	+ 3	+ 2	+ 5	+29
Grand Rapids	" - 5	0	+ 2	- 5	+28
Milwaukee	Wis. - 3	- 3	- 1	+ 3	+25
<u>St. Louis District</u>	- 2	+ 9	+ 2	r+ 6	+24
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Little Rock	Ark. + 2	+ 6	-12	+ 9	+34
Louisville	Ky. - 2	+12	+ 4	0	+26
St. Louis	Mo. - 2	+ 8	+ 4	+ 5	+18
Memphis	Tenn. - 1	r+10	- 1	+11	+34
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	- 1	- 2	+ 2	+ 3	+26
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Mpls.-St. Paul	Minn. - 1	- 2	+ 2	+ 3	+27
Mpls. and Suburbs	" - 1	- 1	+ 2	+ 3	+24
St. Paul	" - 1	- 2	+ 3	+ 5	+36
<u>Cities</u>					
Duluth-Superior	Minn.&Wis- 3	r- 2	- 3	- 1	+20

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<u>Kansas City District</u>	+ 2	+ 6	+ 4	+ 8	+29
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Denver	Col. + 4	+ 4	+ 5	+ 7	+29
Topeka	Kans. + 1	+11	+ 6	+10	+23
Wichita	" - 4	+ 1	- 5	- 2	+25
Kansas City	Mo. 0	+ 8	+ 7	+11	+29
St. Joseph	" - 4	+ 3	- 1	+ 1	+18
Lincoln	Nebr. **	+ 8	+ 9	+ 6	+22
Albuquerque	N. Mex. + 8	+ 4	+ 5	+11	**
Oklahoma City	Okla. 0	+ 3	- 7	+ 4	+25
Tulsa	" +12	+15	+ 6	+17	+38
City					
Joplin	Mo. - 6	- 2	-17	+ 8	+22
<u>Dallas District</u>	- 1	+ 2	+ 2	+ 1	+26
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Dallas	Tex. + 1	+ 4	+ 2	+ 1	+20
El Paso	" + 4	+ 6	+ 4	+ 4	+23
Fort worth	" + 2	+ 9	+ 4	+ 3	+35
Houston	" - 7	- 4	- 4	- 5	+26
San Antonio	" + 2	+ 4	+10	+ 1	+27
<u>San Francisco District</u>	0	+ 5	+ 3	+ 1	+32
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Los Angeles-Long Beach	Calif. - 1	+ 6	+ 5	- 1	+34
Downtown Los Angeles	" - 8	+ 4	+ 2	- 5	+25
Westside Los Angeles	" - 2	+ 6	+ 3	- 6	+27
Sacramento	" + 7	+19	+ 7	+ 8	+41
San Diego	" - 2	+11	+ 8	+ 3	+39
San Francisco-Oakland	" 0	- 1	- 3	- 1	+31
San Francisco City	" - 1	- 1	- 5	- 1	+28
Oakland	" -13	-10	-11	-11	+20
San Jose	" + 4	+ 4	+ 5	+ 6	+37
Portland	Ore. 0	+ 7	+ 5	+ 6	+26
Salt Lake City	Utah - 1	+13	+ 7	+ 7	+29
Seattle	Wash. 0	+ 3	+ 3	+ 3	+27
Spokane	" + 1	+ 4	- 2	0	+26
Tacoma	" 0	+ 6	+ 2	+ 3	+24

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\*\*Data not available.

\* The large increases shown for this week reflect in part the fact that this year Christmas was on Thursday and the week therefore included 3 days of heavy pre-Christmas shopping; in the corresponding week last year Christmas was on Wednesday.