

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)				
		11 mos. 1958	Week ending			
			Dec. 27*	Jan. 3	Jan. 10	Jan. 17
<u>UNITED STATES</u>		- 1	+30	r+ 2	+ 4	+ 5
<u>Boston District</u>		- 1	+34	- 6	+ 3	+ 9
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Boston	Mass.	+ 2	+36	- 8	+ 2	+ 6
Downtown Boston	"	- 4	+29	-12	-10	- 2
Suburban Boston	"	+14	+47	+ 1	+30	+25
Cambridge	"	+ 9	+22	-12	+18	+ 9
Quincy	"	+14	+57	+ 6	+12	+13
Lowell	"	- 6	+23	-18	r- 3	+ 4
<u>City</u>						
Springfield	"	- 1	+31	+ 4	+ 2	+26
<u>New York District</u>		+ 1	+28	- 1	r 0	+ 4
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Buffalo	N. Y.	- 5	+25	+ 4	r- 3	0
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J.	+ 3	+28	- 2	+ 2	+ 4
Newark	N. J.	- 5	+28	- 2	+ 5	+ 3
New York	N. Y.	- 1	+23	- 4	r- 3	0
Rochester	"	- 4	+36	+10	r- 6	+25
Syracuse	"	- 3	+26	- 5	r-27	+ 8
<u>Philadelphia District</u>		0	+31	r+ 6	+ 8	+12
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Wilmington	Del.	+ 1	+37	+24	r+16	+10
Trenton	N. J.	0	+24	0	+10	+20
Lancaster	Pa.	+10	+33	+14	r+37	+36
Philadelphia	"	0	+34	r+ 6	+ 7	+13
Reading	"	- 1	+19	r- 2	r+ 6	+ 4
Scranton	"	+ 2	+26	+ 2	r+ 2	+ 6
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	- 4	+17	- 7	r- 7	- 3
<u>Cleveland District</u>		- 3	+25	+ 8	r- 6	- 3
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Lexington	Ky.	- 1	+23	r+10	0	+ 5
Canton	Ohio	- 8	+21	+ 9	- 2	- 3
Cincinnati	"	- 2	+24	r+11	+ 2	- 5
Cleveland	"	- 4	+27	r+15	- 9	- 3
Downtown Cleveland	"	**	+23	r+18	-12	- 8
Columbus	"	0	+33	+11	- 1	0
Springfield	"	- 8	+26	- 6	- 3	+ 3
Youngstown	"	-12	+25	r 0	-14	- 3
Erie	Pa.	- 7	+30	r+18	- 4	+ 2
Pittsburgh	"	0	+18	r+ 1	- 4	- 4
Downtown Pittsburgh	"	**	+15	r 0	- 4	- 4
Wheeling-Steubenville W. Va.&Ohio	"	- 4	+26	+ 5	- 2	+ 4

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<u>Richmond District</u>		- 1	+29	+ 2	r+ 4	+ 8
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Washington	D. C.	+ 3	+31	- 2	r- 2	+16
Downtown Washington	"	0	+22	- 6	r+ 5	+ 2
Baltimore	Md.	- 3	+27	+ 7	r+15	0
Downtown Baltimore	"	- 5	+12	- 2	r+11	- 2
Richmond	Va.	- 4	+24	- 1	r- 6	+ 5
<u>Atlanta District</u>		0	+27	+ 7	+ 6	+ 7
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Birmingham	Ala.	- 2	+30	+ 1	+10	+16
Mobile	"	+ 1	+31	+ 9	+ 7	+ 6
Jacksonville	Fla.	- 1	+29	+10	- 2	+11
Miami	"	+ 1	+25	+11	- 5	+ 3
Downtown Miami	"	- 3	+21	+15	- 8	+ 6
Atlanta	Ga.	+ 2	+28	+14	r+ 7	+ 4
Augusta	"	- 5	+22	- 4	r- 6	+ 4
Columbus	"	+ 6	+30	+ 2	r+ 7	+17
New Orleans	La.	- 4	+27	+ 4	+11	+ 2
Knoxville	Tenn.	- 3	+19	+ 9	+ 6	+12
<u>Chicago District</u>		- 4	+30	0	r+ 4	+ 3
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Chicago	Ill.	- 2	+33	- 4	0	+ 1
Indianapolis	Ind.	- 7	+27	+14	- 3	+ 1
Detroit	Mich.	- 9	+29	+ 5	+ 5	+ 3
Grand Rapids	"	- 5	+28	+ 7	+ 2	- 7
Milwaukee	Wis.	- 3	+25	- 3	**	- 1
<u>St. Louis District</u>		- 2	+23	r+ 1	+ 5	+ 4
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Little Rock	Ark.	+ 2	+34	+ 2	+ 4	+12
Louisville	Ky.	- 2	+26	+ 2	- 5	+ 4
St. Louis	Mo.	- 2	+18	r 0	+ 4	- 1
Memphis	Tenn.	- 1	+34	+ 5	+15	+ 9
<u>Minneapolis District</u>		- 1	+26	- 2	+ 2	- 1
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Mpls.-St. Paul	Minn.	- 1	+27	- 1	+ 2	- 1
Mpls. and Suburbs	"	- 1	+24	- 3	0	- 5
St. Paul	"	- 1	+35	+ 2	+ 7	+ 7
Cities						
Duluth-Superior	Minn.&Wis-	3	+19	- 6	r+ 3	+ 4

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<u>Kansas City District</u>	+ 2	+29	- 9	+ 9	+11
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Denver	Col. + 4	+29	-12	+ 8	+10
Topeka	Kans. + 1	+23	-12	+11	+ 5
Wichita	" - 4	+25	-20	+ 9	+12
Kansas City	Mo. 0	+29	- 7	+ 4	+13
Downtown Kansas City	" **	**	**	- 9	0
St. Joseph	" - 4	+18	- 1	-14	+ 2
Lincoln	Nebr. **	+15	+ 9	+18	+21
Albuquerque	N. Mex. + 8	+52	- 8	r+21	+15
Oklahoma City	Okla. 0	+24	-17	+ 8	+ 9
Tulsa	" +12	+38	-3	+15	+11
<u>City</u>					
Joplin	Mo. - 6	+21	-14	+ 1	+ 7
<u>Dallas District</u>	- 1	+26	0	+ 8	+ 2
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Dallas	Tex. + 1	+20	- 4	+ 7	+ 5
El Paso	" + 4	+23	+ 8	+ 9	+ 8
Fort Worth	" + 2	+35	+ 5	+ 8	+ 6
Houston	" - 7	+26	+ 1	+ 8	-10
San Antonio	" + 2	+27	+ 7	+ 3	+ 8
<u>San Francisco District</u>	0	+33	+ 8	+13	+11
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Los Angeles-Long Beach	Calif. - 1	+35	r+ 1	+17	+ 8
Downtown Los Angeles	" - 8	+25	- 1	+ 7	+ 1
Westside Los Angeles	" - 2	+28	+ 5	+17	+11
Sacramento	" + 7	+41	+31	+27	+21
San Diego	" - 2	+39	r+19	+12	+18
San Francisco-Oakland	" 0	+31	r+ 7	+ 7	+ 8
San Francisco City	" - 1	+28	r+ 5	+ 6	+ 5
Oakland	" -13	+20	r+ 2	- 2	+ 4
San Jose	" + 4	+50	r+23	+17	+37
Portland	Ore. 0	+26	+15	+ 3	+15
Salt Lake City	Utah - 1	+29	- 4	+19	+18
Seattle	Wash. 0	+27	+13	+10	+ 9
Spokane	" + 1	+26	+ 6	- 6	- 4
Tacoma	" 0	+24	+ 9	+ 3	+18

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**Data not available.

* This year there were three shopping days before Christmas compared with two last year.