

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 1958	Week ending			
		Jan. 31	Feb. 7	Feb. 14	Feb. 21*
<u>UNITED STATES</u>	+ 1	+ 8	+ 9	+ 8	+24
<u>Boston District</u>	0	+ 2	+ 7	- 8	+30
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Boston	Mass.	+ 3	+ 6	- 0	+36
Downtown Boston	"	- 3	- 4	- 2	+42
Suturban Boston	"	+15	+18	+25	+26
Cambridge	"	+ 9	+15	+ 9	+10
Quincy	"	+16	+16	+26	+ 3
Lowell	"	- 5	-12	- 1	- 7
City					
Springfield	"	+ 1	+ 2	+16	- 2
+25					
<u>New York District</u>	+ 2	+ 4	+ 6	+ 1	+45
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Buffalo	N. Y.	- 3	+ 9	+ 3	+17
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J.	+ 4	+ 4	+ 5	r- 1
Newark	N. J.	- 3	+ 3	+11	- 9
New York	N. Y.	0	+ 2	+ 2	r- 1
Rochester	"	- 1	+11	r+26	+ 9
Syracuse	"	- 2	+ 4	- 4	r+15
+25					
<u>Philadelphia District</u>	+ 2	+ 3	r+ 5	+ 8	+46
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Wilmington	Del.	+ 3	r+10	r- 1	+ 8
Trenton	N. J.	+ 1	+ 3	+ 6	r 0
Lancaster	Pa.	+12	+17	+53	+22
Philadelphia	"	+ 2	0	r+ 1	r+ 7
Reading	"	+ 1	+ 2	+34	+39
Scranton	"	+ 3	+ 4	+21	r+ 4
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	- 3	- 6	+13	+ 2
+12					
<u>Cleveland District</u>	- 1	+ 4	+11	r+11	+19
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Lexington	Ky.	0	+45	- 6	+21
Canton	Ohio	- 6	+27	+ 8	+ 7
Cincinnati	"	- 2	- 2	0	+15
Cleveland	"	- 3	+ 6	+11	+ 9
Downtown Cleveland	"	**	+ 1	+ 6	+10
Columbus	"	+ 2	+17	+17	+21
Springfield	"	- 6	+ 3	+22	+22
Youngstown	"	-10	+ 1	+ 2	+11
Erie	Pa.	- 5	+13	r+ 8	+12
Pittsburgh	"	+ 2	- 1	r+16	+13
Downtown Pittsburgh	"	**	- 4	r+15	+12
Wheeling-Steubenville W. Va.&Ohio	"	- 3	+ 6	+29	+14
+23					

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<u>Richmond District</u>	+ 1	+11	+ 8	r+ 4	+30
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Washington D. C.	+ 4	+14	+ 8	r+ 2	+20
Downtown Washington	"	+ 1	+ 7	r- 9	+16
Baltimore Md.	- 1	+ 5	+ 9	r+ 3	+82
Downtown Baltimore	"	- 4	+ 1	r- 8	+66
Richmond Va.	- 3	+14	+ 2	- 1	+ 9
<u>Atlanta District</u>	+ 1	+ 9	+ 5	r+ 5	r+24
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Birmingham Ala.	0	+ 8	+ 9	+49	+ 7
Mobile "	+ 2	+15	+ 2	+21	+13
Jacksonville Fla.	+ 1	- 1	+15	+19	+13
Miami "	+ 1	+ 2	+ 9	r+ 7	*
Downtown Miami "	- 2	- 1	+ 5	r+ 1	*
Atlanta Ga.	+ 3	+ 6	+ 8	r+ 7	+13
Augusta "	- 4	+25	+13	- 9	*
Columbus "	+ 7	+11	-14	+ 6	+ 7
New Orleans La.	- 3	+14	- 8	-30	+74
Knoxville Tenn.	- 1	+10	+17	r+23	+13
<u>Chicago District</u>	- 2	+ 6	+ 6	+ 6	+19
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Chicago Ill.	- 1	+ 1	- 5	+ 5	+14
Indianapolis Ind.	- 4	+ 8	+ 8	+15	+30
Detroit Mich.	- 7	+10	+20	+ 7	+31
Grand Rapids "	- 4	+ 8	- 5	+14	+24
Milwaukee Wis.	- 2	+ 8	+ 8	- 1	+ 9
<u>St. Louis District</u>	0	+22	+ 8	+11	+12
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Little Rock Ark.	+ 3	+ 2	+14	+12	+16
Louisville Ky.	0	+24	+ 9	+15	+21
St. Louis Mo.	0	+29	+ 5	+ 7	+ 8
Memphis Tenn.	+ 1	+ 8	+15	+18	+20
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	0	- 2	+ 4	+ 9	+ 9
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Mpls.-St. Paul Minn.	+ 1	- 2	+ 4	*	*
Mpls. and Suburbs "	0	- 3	+ 5	*	*
St. Paul "	+ 1	0	+ 3	+ 9	+13
<u>Cities</u>					
Duluth-Superior Minn.&Wis.	- 2	+ 6	+ 6	+11	+ 3

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<u>Kansas City District</u>	+ 3	+ 8	r+ 9	+13	+11
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Denver Col.	+ 5	+ 7	+ 1	+17	+17
Topeka Kans.	+ 3	+ 2	+ 8	- 6	+10
Wichita "	- 3	- 4	+ 5	+ 8	+ 5
Kansas City Mo.	+ 2	+14	+ 8	+ 8	+15
Downtown Kansas City "	**	+ 4	- 3	- 1	+ 2
St. Joseph "	- 3	+ 1	0	+13	+ 3
Lincoln Nebr.	**	+14	+18	r+19	- 2
Albuquerque N. Mex.	+ 9	+11	+14	r+15	+ 3
Oklahoma City Okla.	+ 1	+14	+11	+31	+13
Tulsa "	+12	+ 3	+33	+ 5	+10
City					
Joplin Mo.	- 5	+11	- 8	+ 8	+ 6
<u>Dallas District</u>	0	+ 7	+ 7	+16	+ 8
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Dallas Tex.	+ 1	+10	+ 3	+18	- 3
El Paso "	+ 4	+ 1	+ 4	+13	+ 3
Fort Worth "	+ 3	+ 7	+14	+18	+ 6
Houston "	- 6	+ 8	+10	+16	+16
San Antonio "	+ 3	+ 3	+ 9	+16	+26
<u>San Francisco District</u>	+ 2	+13	+14	+11	+20
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Los Angeles-Long Beach Calif.	+ 1	+10	+12	+12	+10
Downtown Los Angeles "	- 6	+ 7	+ 5	- 5	+ 5
Westside Los Angeles "	0	+ 8	+15	+ 8	+ 2
Sacramento "	+ 8	+28	+27	+26	+50
San Diego "	- 1	+14	+16	+19	+20
San Francisco-Oakland "	+ 1	+16	+17	+ 7	+31
San Francisco City "	- 1	+14	r+18	+ 5	+28
Oakland "	-12	+ 9	+ 8	0	+28
San Jose "	+ 5	+19	r+26	+24	+46
Portland Ore.	+ 2	+18	+14	+ 5	+ 5
Salt Lake City Utah	+ 1	+ 5	+13	+ 6	+37
Seattle Wash.	+ 2	+12	+ 5	+ 6	+45
Spokane "	+ 2	+ 9	+ 9	+ 2	- 6
Tacoma "	+ 2	+11	+ 7	+ 1	+42

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**Data not available.

* Comparisons are affected by store closings in some cities in observance of Washington's birthday, which occurred one week later this year.