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Week Ended April 18, 1953

The number (836) of reported cases of infectious hepatitis for the current week is larger than any weekly total since January 1, 1952, when the disease was added to the list of notifiable diseases. For the corresponding week of 1952 the number was 238. During the first 15 weeks of 1953, a total of 9,637 cases was reported as compared with 6,688 for the corresponding week of last year. For the current week States reporting more than 50 cases were: Iowa, 90; Kentucky, 64; Colorado, 62; New York, 51; and Connecticut, 51.

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL REPORTS

<u>Smallpox</u>

Dr. James O. Wails, Oklahoma Department of Health, has supplied information on the case of smallpox reported last week. This case occurred in a 78-year-old man who was extremely deaf and it was almost impossible to get a good history. He lives alone in a small mining town in the northeastern part of the State. He had not been out of this town during the 2 months preceding his illness, nor had he received any visitors from out of town. The patient had two vaccination scars and reports that an attempt at vaccination was made about 25 years ago but it failed to take. Eruptions came on apparently quite suddenly and were extremely thick over practically all of his body. His temperature was never more than 102,° and most of the time was about 100.° He had considerable discomfort and pain, especially backache, but was not extremely sick. His eruptions consisted of crops. In a 2-inchsquare area it was possible to find tiny papules, macules, vesicules, pustules, and crusts that were black in color. These were extremely numerous over his entire body, and 3 to 4 days later extended to the palms of his hands and soles of his feet. Seven, and possibly 8, cases of chickenpox were reported in his town and neighborhood. In the opinion of several physicians the symptoms did not indicate smallpox. However, material taken from both vesicules and pustules was inoculated in a chick embryo. The growth which resulted was thought to be either smallpox or herpes. Since generalized herpes did not appear to be a likely diagnosis, it was concluded that this was a confirmed smallpox case.

Infectious hepatitis

Dr. R. L. Cleere, Colorado Department of Public Health, gives preliminary information on an outbreak of infectious hepatitis in a county in the northeastern part of the State. The outbreak occurred between March 7 and April 13, 1953. Practically all of the 49 reported cases were in boys who participated in athletic events at a high school. The incubation period was from 10 to 14 days. The suspected source was a possible contaminated water supply at the school. The plumbing is still under study, but it is believed that the water could have become contaminated through faulty plumbing.

Tularemia

Dr. H. M. Erickson, Oregon State Board of Health, reports 1 case of tularemia in his Communicable Disease Summary for the week ended April 11. This was a student who contracted the disease in a college laboratory.

Trichiniasis

Dr. H. M. Erickson also reports 3 new cases of trichiniasis

in Oregon for the week ended April 11. This brings the total cases in the past 3 weeks to 4, the largest number reported since 1947 when 13 occurred. All these cases were traced to a single source of uncooked Polish sausage.

Shigellosis

Dr. W. H. Y. Smith, Alabama Department of Health, reports an outbreak of shigellosis in a high school. The principal of the school reported that approximately 269 students were absent with acute gastro-enteritis. Information was collected on 961 persons, 465 of whom had varying degrees of nausea, diarrhea, abdominal discomfort, fever, and in some cases, vomiting, delirium, and prostration. Stool and blood samples were collected for laboratory study. Arrangements were made for the collection of convalescent blood samples. Shigella sonnei was isolated from the stools of a selected group of 23 patients. Samples of food could not be obtained for examination and it was not possible to determine the vehicle of infection. No carrier of the organism was found.

Gastro-enteritis

Dr. Morris Greenberg, New York City Department of Health, reports 2 outbreaks of gastro-enteritis. The first outbreak occurred among 15 persons who attended a buffet supper at a private home. Twelve became ill from 1 to 6 hours after eating cold ham. The ham was prepared 24 hours before serving and was said to have been refrigerated. Laboratory examination of the ham revealed the presence of a large number of hemolytic Staphylococcus aureus. Coliform organisms were also found.

The second outbreak occurred among patients and employees in a hospital following the ingestion of creamed turkey. Although the turkey was served to about 250 patients and several employees, the outbreak was confined to 2 adjacent wards. The turkey and cream sauce had been prepared at 10:00 a.m. and thereafter unrefrigerated. The meat was served for the noon meal without any ill effects. However, when it was served for the evening meal 12 patients and a nurse became ill from 6 to 14 hours after this meal. It was concluded that only a portion of the creamed turkey had become contaminated. Stool cultures of the food handlers and of those who became ill were negative.

Dr. W. R. Giedt, Washington State Department of Health, reports 2 outbreaks of gastro-enteritis in widely separated counties. One outbreak occurred in a private home and consisted of 4 cases. The illness occurred in all who ate ham. The meat was a precooked ham which was purchased at a local market where it was cut in 3 pieces. It was cooked for 1 hour on the day of purchase and for 30 minutes on the following day. After the first cooking it was placed in a deep freeze, and after the second, it was refrigerated. On the day following the second cooking it was sliced and served cold. Cultures of the meat surface revealed many colonies of gram positive coccus resembling M. pyogenes albus. Cultures of the equipment yielded M. pyogenes var. albus.

The other outbreak occurred among persons who attended an Easter egg hunt sponsored by local civic groups. An investigation revealed that the eggs were purchased from a local egg and poultry company. Eggs from this company had not given rise to such an incident in the past. The eggs were hard boiled April 1, and brought to a private residence where they were dyed

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by 6 volunteers. They were then transported to a recreation area where they were stored at room temperature until Easter. Nose and throat cultures of 2 of the volunteers, and cultures of some cracked eggs, by the local laboratory, revealed staphylococcus. These cultures were confirmed as golden pigmented, hemolytic and coagulase positive, by the State laboratory. They are being submitted for phage typing.

The report on gastro-enteritis by Dr. McCroan of Georgia, as given in The Communicable Disease Summary last week, stated that no bacteriologic studies were made. It has been reported that specimens of food from both schools were examined as completely as possible with essentially negative results. A frozen turkey was taken from an unbroken package of the suspected lot and carried to Atlanta for examination. Salmonella typhimurium and several other pathogenic and nonpathogenic organisms were isolated from the turkey.

Communicable diseases in other areas

Dr. A. S. Osborne, Science Attache, American Embassy, London, reports that the number of confirmed cases of smallpox in Yorkshire, England, has now reached 25. The last 4 cases reported indicate spread to areas not previously involved. One of the recent cases, an 8-year-old boy, died 2 days after admission to a hospital. Many of the cases reported so far have been in older people, vaccinated in infancy, or younger ones who are unvaccinated.

Table 1. COMPARATIVE DATA FOR CASES OF SPECIFIED NOTIFIABLE DISEASES: UNITED STATES

(Numbers after diseases are category numbers of the Sixth Revision of the International Lists, 1948)

DISEASE	TOTAL FOR WEEK ENDED		5-year median	Approxi- mate seasonal	SINCE S	VE TOTAL EASONAL WEEK	5-year median	CUMULATI FOR CA YE	5-year median 1948-	
	April 18, 1953	April 12, 1952	1948- 52	low week ended	1952-53	1951-52	1947-48 through 1951-52	1953	1952	52
Anthrax062		2	2	(¹)	(1)	(1)	(1)	14	13	20
Botulism049.1	_	2		(¹) (¹)	11	(1) (1)	(1) (1)	5	7	
Brucellosis (undulant fever)044	43	40		\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	(1)	\ ¹	\ \rac{1}{2}	435	541	
Diphtheria055	39	46	107	July 1	22,338	3,161	6,584	2 ₆₉₀	981	2,233
Encephalitis, acute infectious082	18	32	20	(1)	(1)	(¹)	(¹)	276	338	199
Hepatitis, infectious,				` ′	` ′	` '	` '			
and serum092, N998.5 pt.	836	238		(1)	(¹)	(1)	(1) (1)	9,679	6,688	
Malaria110-117	8	30		(1) (1)	(1) (1)	(1) (1)	(1)	13 5	545	
Measles085	21,902	28,330	25,616	Sept. 1	209,113	410,922	280,950	178,339	358,745	250,733
Meningococcal infections057	122	135	104	Sept. 1	³ 3,372	3,110	2,450	³ 2,140	1,955	1,442
Poliomyelitis, acute080	83	56	56	Apr. 1	170	118	118	41,752	1,438	1,380
Rabies in man094	-	i -		(1)	(¹) (¹)	(¹) (¹)	(¹) (¹)	· -	5	
Rocky Mountain spotted fever 104A	1	2	2	(¹) (¹)	(1)	(1)	(1)	9	11	11
Scarlet fever and streptococcal					1					
sore throat050,051	3,774	3,227	2,140	Aug. 1	98,471	63,934	56,591	62,869	48,023	34,939
Smallpox084	51	· -	-	(¹ / ₁)	(¹)	(1)	(¹)	• e ₆	4	18
Trichiniasis128	9	5		(¹)	(1)	(¹)	(1)	85	75	
Tularemia059	11	11	13	(1)	(1)	(1)	(¹)	158	214	266
Typhoid fever040	31	27	30	Apr. 1	45	49	56	350	448	520
Typhus fever, endemic101	4	4		Apr. 1	10	10		50	40	
Whooping cough056	658	832	1,443	Oct. 1	17,167	31,164	44,834	9,310	16,979	23,220
Rabies in animals	177	203		(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(1)	⁷ 2,588	2,714	

¹Not computed.

SOURCE AND NATURE OF DATA

These provisional data are based on reports from State and territorial health departments to the Public Health Service. They give the total number of cases of certain communicable diseases reported during the week usually ended the preceding

Saturday. When the diseases which rarely occur (cholera, dengue, plague, typhus fever-epidemic, and yellow fever) are reported, they will be noted under the table above.

Symbols.—1 dash [-]: no cases reported; asterisk [*]: disease stated not notifiable; parentheses, [[]]: data not included in total; 3 dashes [---]: data not available.

Additions: Arkansas—4 cases, week ended February 28; 1 case each, March 21 and March 28; 1 case April 4.

³Deduction: Arkansas, week ended April 4, 1 case. Deduction:

Indiana, January 10-March 28, 11 cases.

⁵Reported in Kansas.

Deduction: West Virginia, week ended March 7, 1 case.

⁷Addition: Indiana, week ended April 4, 4 cases.

Table 2. CASES OF SPECIFIED DISEASES WITH COMPARATIVE DATA: UNITED STATES, EACH DIVISION AND STATE FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 18, 1953

(Numbers under diseases are category numbers of the Sixth Revision of the International Lists, 1948)

	DIPHTHERIA (055)		HEPATITIS, INFECTIOUS, AND SERUM (092, N998.5 pt.)		MEAS		MENINGO INFEO	TIONS	POLIOMY ACT		AND STREET	F FEVER PTOCOCCAL THROAT
AREA	15th			week	·	week		veek	<u> </u>	veek		,051) week
	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952
UNITED STATES	39	46	836	238	21,902	28.330	122	135	83	56	3,774	3,227
NEW ENGLAND	2	2	83	4	258	4,257	4	8	-	_	390	230
Maine	-	-	16	2	13	466	-	4	-	-	43	12
New HampshireVermont	_	-	-	_	14	71 201	2	_	_	_	13	6 8
Massachusetts	2	2	16	2	123	2,002	- :	1	-	-	149	119
Rhode Island	-	-	51	_	16 92	274 1,243	1 1	3	_	_	34 144	12 73
MIDDLE ATLANTIC	5	3	77	45	1,232	9,050	16	20	6	4	659	767
New York	3	2	51	37	290	3,834	9	9	3	4	401	513
New Jersey	-	-	-	-	153	3,821	1	4 7	- 3	-	121	120
Pennsylvania	2	1	26	8	789	1,395	6			20	137	134
EAST NORTH CENTRAL	2	6	68	32	4,859	5,184	30	19	8	3	648	734
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Michigan	-	-	10 7	13	901	1,533 1,467	4	3 3	- 2	_	222 105	2 9 2 117
WEST NORTH CENTRAL	4	2	138	27	3,470	1,500	10	5	9	6	266	132
Minnesota	1	_	18	2	251	61	5	1	1	3	52	48
Iowa	-1	-	90	10	978	305	1	_	i	-	75	35
Missouri	2	1	3	14	934	116		4	1	3	22	21
South Dakota	1	-	1 -	_	72	214	1	_	1	_	38 4	12 3
Nebraska	-	-	22	_	87	134	-	-	2	-	21	1
Kansas	-	1	4	1	1,148	661	3	-	3	1	54	12
SOUTH ATLANTIC	7	7	141	55	1,115	2,716	18	37	10	6	313	294
Delaware	1	-	- 8	- 5	15 64	4 478	1	9	1	-	5 107	6 39
District of Columbia	-1	-	1		24	114	3	1	_	_	14	6
Virginia	1	3	34	9 23	215	1,059	1	9	1	-	105	128
North Carolina	1 -	2	21 28	3	155 178	183 304	7	4 7	_		21 35	79
South Carolina	3	1	2	-	122	63	2	3	1	-	1	1
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EAST SOUTH CENTRAL	10	9	141	34	520	1,303	22	11	9	1	85	29
Kentucky	5	3	64	2	265	353	7	5	2	1	26	23
Tennessee	-	1	28	15	60	336	4	5	í	1	46	14
Alabama	3	2	35	16	134	539	9	Ţ1	5	-)	10	3
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Arkansas	8	10	43	-	5,443	1,553	7	16	10	25	672	236
Louisiana	1	1	6	-	782 196	136 14	- 1	1	1	1 5	44 8	27 7
Oklahoma	2	2	3	-	203	103	2	1	350	1	37	13
Texas	5	6	34	-	4,262	1,300	4	14	8	18	583	189
MOUNTAIN	-	1	75	8	1,997	717	3	1	9	1	386	462
Montana	-	1	1	5	65 74	84 54	-	1	2	1	34 92	15 18
Wyoming	-	-	2	-	182	6	- 1	-	- 1	-	138	132
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PACIFIC	1	6	70		3,008	2,050	2	19			355	343
WashingtonOregon	-	1	27 18	5 9	428 406	149 79	1	ī	1	2	135 50	31 91
California	1	4	25	19	2,174	1,822	9	17	17	7	170	221
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Table 2. CASES OF SPECIFIED DISEASES WITH COMPARATIVE DATA: UNITED STATES, EACH DIVISION AND STATE FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 18, 1953—Continued

(Numbers under diseases are category numbers of the Sixth Revision of the International Lists, 1948)

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New York	1	_	56	56	-	9	_	-	2	1	1	17
New Jersey	-	1	38	15	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	1	1	56	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
EAST NORTH CENTRAL	7	2	68	95	3	4	-	-	-	3	-	11
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Michigan	-	-	28	8	-	4	-	-	-		-	1
Wisconsin	2	2	20	39				- 1	- '	1	-	-
WEST NORTH CENTRAL	3	3	16	7	26	1	3	-	6	1	-	23
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Florida	-	2	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL	4	2	39	81	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	51
Kentucky Tennessee	2	-	21	8	1	-	-	-	-1	-	-	10
Alabama	2	1	8 7	23 4 1	2	_ [_	-	-	-	7 23
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Table 3. CASES OF SPECIFIED DISEASES: SELECTED CITIES FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 18, 1953

(Numbers after diseases are category numbers of the Sixth Revision of the International Lists, 1948)

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AREA	Brucellosis (undulant fever) (044)	Diphtheria (055)	Encephalitis, scute infectious (082)	Hepatitis, infectious, and serum (092, N998.5 pt.)	Measles (085)	Meningococcal infections (057)	Poliomyelitis, acute (080)	Rocky Mountain spotted fever (104A)	Scarlet fever and streptococcal sore throat (050,051)	Trichiniasis (128)	Tularemia (059)	Typhoid fever (040)	Typhus fever, endemic (101)	Whooping cough (056)	Rabies in animals
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New Bedford New Haven	-	-	=		6	2	-	-	=	-	-	-	2	-	-
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Pittsburgh	-	1	-	-	12	1	-	_	5	-	-	-	-	1	-
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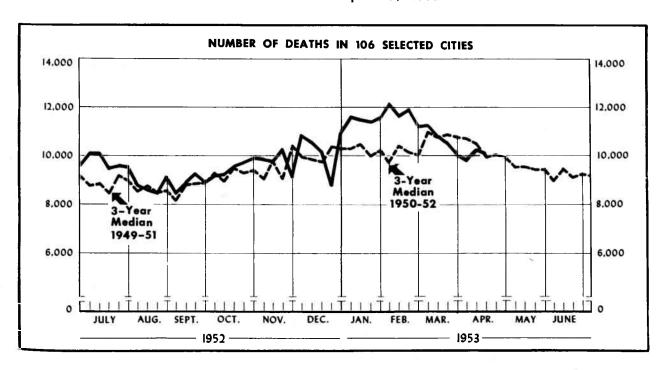
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Table 3. CASES OF SPECIFIED DISEASES: SELECTED CITIES FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 18, 1953—Continued

(Numbers after diseases are category numbers of the Sixth Revision of the International Lists, 1948)

AREA	Brucellosis (undulant fever) (044)	Diphtheria (055)	Encephalitis, acute infectious (082)	Hepatitis, infectious, and serum (092, N998.5 pt.)	Мевавев (085)	Meningococcal infections (057)	Pollomyelitis, acute (080)	Rocky Mountain spotted fever (104A)	Scarlet fever and atreptococcal sore throat (050,051)	Trichiniasis (128)	Tularemia (059)	Typhoid fever (040)	Typhus fever, endemic (101)	Whooping cough (056)	Rabies in animals
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Provisional Statistics for Deaths in Selected Cities for Week Ended April 18, 1953



The chart shows the number of deaths reported for 106 major cities of the United States by week for the current year, and, for comparison, the median of the number of deaths reported for the corresponding weeks of the three previous calendar years. (The median is the central one of the three values arranged in order of magnitude.) If a report is not received from a city in time to be included in the total for the current week, an estimate is made to maintain comparability for graphic presentation.

The figures reported represent the number of death certificates received in the vital statistics offices during the week indicated, for deaths occurring in that city. Figures compiled in this way, by week of receipt, usually approximate closely the number of deaths occurring during the week. However, differences are to be expected because of variations in the interval

between death and receipt of the certificate.

While week-to-week changes in the total number of deaths reported for all major cities generally represent a change in mortality conditions, this may not be true for variations in weekly figures for each city. For example, in a city where 50 deaths are the weekly average, the number of deaths occurring in a week may be expected to vary by chance alone from 36 to 64 (d $\pm 2\sqrt{d}$, where d represents the average number of deaths per week).

The number of deaths in cities of the same size may also differ because of variations in the age, race, and sex composition of their populations, and because some cities are hospital centers serving the surrounding areas. Changes from year to year in the number of deaths may be due in part to population increases or decreases.

Table 4. DEATHS IN SELECTED CITIES BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION

(By place of occurrence, and week of filing certificate. Exclusive of fetal deaths)

ATTOCAL DATE OF THE COLOR	15th week ended	14th week ended	15th week	Percentage difference between	CUMULATIVE NUMBER FOR FIRST 15 WEEKS				
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Apr. 18, 1953	Apr. 11, 1953	median 1950-52	current week and median	1953	1952	Percentage difference		
TOTAL: 102 REPORTING CITIES	9,623	9,754	9,455	+1.8	158,033	150,027	+5.3		
New England	703 3,005 1,902 607 749 443 704 252 1,258	708 2,989 1,986 623 789 481 693 226	688 2,956 1,866 566 763 434 707 209 1,202	+2.2 +1.7 +1.9 +7.2 -1.8 +2.1 -0.4 +20.6 +4.7	10,986 48,888 31,290 10,087 13,026 7,328 12,132 3,982 20,314	10,630 47,300 29,001 9,207 12,299 6,652 11,458 3,459 20,021	+3.: +3.: +7.: +9.: +5.: +10.: +5.: +15.:		

Table 5. DEATHS IN SELECTED CITIES FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 18, 1953

(By place of occurrence, and week of filing certificate. Exclusive of fetal deaths)

CITY	15th week ended	14th week ended	CUMULATIVE FOR FIRST	I	CITY	15th week ended	14th week ended	CUMULATIVE FOR FIRST	
	April 18 1953	April 11 1953	1953	1952	W.A.A.	April 18 1953	April 11 1953	1953	1952
NEW ENGLAND					WEST NORTH CENTRAL-Con.				
Boston	271	239	3,768	3,627	St. Paul	78	62	1,076	957
Bridgeport	29	34	515	556	Wichita	44	47	664	652
Cembridge	23	23	430	503	SOUTH ATLANTIC				
Fall River	23 43	25	444	442			٠		
Lowell	32	64 25	762 418	669 386	AtlantaBaltimore	99	119	1,703	1,52
ynn	29	18	335	374	Charlotte	232 34	225 23	3,830 450	3,74
New Bedford	21	25	387	380	Miami	46	50	1,002	87
New Haven	42	55	732	673	Norfolk	31	35	532	46
Providence	63	52	1,018	992	Richmond	61	57	1,075	1,11
Somerville	17	15	254	261	Tampa	49	51	951	94
Springfield, Mass	43	52	612	577	Washington, D. C	155	189	2,959	2,70
Waterbury	17	34	430	370	Wilmington, Del	42	40	524	49
Worcester	50	47	881	820	EAST SOUTH CENTRAL				
MIDDLE ATLANTIC				i	Birmingham	70	8 5	1,163	1,06
Albany	34	60	718	620	Chattanooga	42	79	783	740
Buffalo	138	163	2,246	2,174	Knoxville	40	38	556	51
Camden	36	36	558	564	Louisville	106	117	1,718	1,55
Elizabeth	22	39	480	513	Mobile	99 36	89	1,722	1,47
Crie	43	36	561	505	Montgomery	(27)	(29)	511 (473)	49 (37
Jersey City	68	75	1,113	1,174	Nashville	50	53	875	79
Newark, N. J	98	134	1,741	1,716				1	
New York City	1,583	1,452 36	25,852 641	24,807 653	WEST SOUTE CENTRAL		i		
Philadelphia	489	496	7,708	7,479	Austin	17	26	399	36
Pittsburgh	174	149	2,788	2,851	Baton Rouge		(15)	1	(24
Rochester, N. Y	97	91	1,577	1,481	Corpus Christi	15	15	278	26
Schenectady	32	34	381	356	El Paso	91 29	87 26	1,528	1,39 41
Syracuse	48	58	849	815	Fort Worth	64	58	938	80
Trenton	57	54	782	696	Houston	107	98	1,944	1,84
Utica	33	34 42	490 403	457 439	Little Rock	40	49	691	75
Yonkers	1 21	42	403	435	New Orleans	153	148	2,503	2,37
EAST NORTH CENTRAL					Oklahoma City	51	44	865	84
		-	044	861	San Antonio	74 37	66	1,291	1,19
AkronCanton	52 30	64 25	944 465	470	Tulsa	26	32	656 568	59 61
Chicago	747	749	12,141	10,973	1	1 20	**	300	61
Cincinnati	131	145	2,400	2,230	MOUNTAIN				
Cleveland	216	218	3,357	3,188	Albuquerque	19	18	432	37
Columbus	95	92	1,711	1,607	Colorado Springs	16	6	210	18
Dayton	64	57	971	933	Denver	106	113	1,812	1,61
Detroit	70	(312)	542	(4,698)	Ogden	18 40	8 25	194 396	18
EvansvilleFlint	30 42	36 45	542 586	511 519	Pueblo	16	13	219	15
Fort Wayne	35	27	497	473	Salt Lake City	37	43	719	61
Grand Rapids	39	45	631	590	Tucson	(5)			(9
Indianapolis	95	162	1,837	1,751	PACIFIC	1	1		1
Milwaukee	113	105	2,017	1,846	[]				
Peoria	31	38	470	476	Berkeley	15	14	272	29
South Bend	29	28	378	363	Los Angeles	60 487	48 438		75
ToledoYoungstown	99 54	95 55	1,456	1,457 753	Oakland	105	89	1,565	1,58
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WEST NORTH CENTRAL		1			Portland, Oreg	102	99	1,641	1,58
Des Moines	45	54	786	806	Sacramento	41	38	1	75
Duluth	34	22	428	365	San Diego	19	79		1,10
Kansas City, Kans		(25)	. 1	(544)	Seattle	183	201		3,03
Kansas City, Mo		(113)		(1,777)	Spokane	31	47	671	1,76
Minneapolis	110	137	2,015	1,764	Tacoma	23	39		54
Omaha	68	63	1,058	989	Honolulu	Į.	1	·	
St. Louis	228	238	4,060	3,674	TONOTATA	(34)	' (28	(491)	(5

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