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The number of poliomyelitis cases reported for the current week is 2,238. A total of 2,251 was reported for the week ended August 22. The number of cases reported for the week ended August 30 last year was 3,562. The cumulative total since the seasonal low point is 16,666 as compared with 22,199 last year, and the cumulative total for the calendar year is 18,210 as compared with 23,392 for the same period in 1952. Except for Utah, which increased from 3 cases for the week ended August 22 to 20 cases for the current week, there were no wide variations in cases reported by States for the past 2 weeks. Some showed decreases and others slight increases.

Twenty-nine deaths were reported as follows: New York City, 2; Ohio, 4; Illinois, 3 (1 each in 3 counties); Michigan, 2; Minnesota, 5; Virginia, 1 (in Washington County); Georgia, 1; Kentucky, 1; Oklahoma, 1; Washington, 1; Oregon, 1; and Califormia, 7 (4 in Los Angeles County and 1 each in 3 other counties).

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL REPORTS

Rabies in man

Dr. Mason Romaine, Virginia Department of Health, gives information on the case of human rabies reported last week. The patient was a man who held a part-time job at an animal hospital where he cleaned cages and assisted in the treatment of animals. He frequently had scratches on his hands and it is possible that he contracted the disease at the animal hospital. However, the definite source and site of the infection were not determined.

Psittacosis

Dr. A. L. Gray, Mississippi State Board of Health, reports 2 suspect cases of psittacosis. The first case was in an infant who died 3 weeks after onset of illness. The symptoms were vomiting, choking spells, fever, constipation, and loss of weight. Psittacosis was suspected at the time of death and an autopsy was performed. The pathological findings were, in general, those of psittacosis. The child was in close contact with a parakeet which apparently had been well following its purchase last year. The nurse took the bird to the State Department of Health where it was killed and sent to the Virus Laboratory in Montgomery, Alabama, for study. Five days later she developed chest pains and severe coughing, which became productive on the fourth day. No fever was noted. She was admitted to a hospital where X-rays were negative. About 2 months after admission to the hospital, the complement fixation test was positive for psittacosis in dilution of 1:8. The report from the Virus Laboratory was negative.

Dr. F. H. Wentworth, Ohio Department of Health, reports that psittacosis virus has been isolated from a parrot which was l of 3 imported from a southern State. This parrot died on August 12. The other parrots are known to have died about the same time. A diagnosis of psittacosis had been made in one member of each family in Ohio who purchased 2 of the parrots. No information is available at this time on the family who purchased the other parrot because they live in another State.

Plague infection

Mr. F. M. Prince, San Francisco Field Station, PHS, reports that a specimen obtained August 13, 1953, in San Mateo County, California, was found to be positive for plague. The specimen consisted of 25 fleas (Hystrichopsylla dippici, Malaraeus telchinum, and Atyphloceras multidentatus) collected from the nest of a field mouse (Microtus californicus) about 2 miles south of the San Francisco city limits.

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Herpangina

Dr. C. M. Steward, New York State District Health Officer, reports that one physician attended 10 cases of possible herpangina during a period of 10 days. All of the cases occurred in children under 6 years of age. They had sudden onsets of high fever, sore throat, and blebs on the roof of the mouth. No extensive laboratory investigation was made.

Malaria

Dr. W. H. Y. Smith, Alabama Department of Public Health, reports 2 unusual instances of malaria. The first instance concerns a case of <u>Plasmodium vivax</u> in a 3-year-old child who was given a blood transfusion following an injury. The donor, her father, had been treated for a febrile illness while a member of the armed forces in Korea but had no recurrence since 1950. <u>P. vivax</u> was found in a blood smear obtained from him at the time of his daughter's illness. The second instance involves 2 children who had malaria due to <u>P. vivax</u>. These children had recently returned from the Panama Canal Zone and gave a history of treatment for malaria prior to their return.

Shigellosis

Dr. Dean Fisher, Maine Department of Health and Welfare, reports 2 cases of shigellosis among approximately 80 boys in a camp. The cases were in 12-year-old boys who had been on an overnight hike to the same place on the same night, but in separate parties. Another boy in one of the hiking groups had diarrhea. He and all the other boys in the 2 groups who could be reached submitted negative stool specimens. <u>S. shira</u> was identified from. specimens submitted by the 2 patients. The source of infection was not found.

Gastro-enteritis

Dr. W. A. Longshore, Jr., California Department of Public Health, gives additional information on the outbreak of gastroenteritis mentioned in this report for the week ended August 15. The outbreak affecting 263 persons, occurred among 400 Mexican nationals who resided in a camp, and were detailed to work at 10 different ranches in the area. Cases were reported at all 10 ranches, and the only common source was the lunch which was packed at the camp. Before leaving at 6:00 a.m., all the men were given lunches which consisted of 2 hard boiled eggs, an orange, a piece of coffee cake, and 3 sandwiches-cheese, jelly, and meat loaf. These lunches stayed in the hot sun until eaten at noon time. A few hours after eating lunch the victims became ill with nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and prostration. An investigation indicated that the meat loaf sandwiches were the vehicles of infection. A preliminary bacteriological culture on samples from the sandwiches showed unidentified staphylococcus and streptococcus. An examination of the kitchen help revealed that the chef had a large burn with weeping blisters on his forearm and 2 helpers had evidence of abrasions and cuts. Since the food was mixed by hand, it is possible that any one of these persons may have been the CENTER

source of contamination.

Three mild outbreaks of gastro-enteritis which occurred in New York State are summarized as follows: (1) In one instance, 19 persons in 5 families became ill from drinking polluted water from a drilled well. (2) In another instance, 20 persons living at a lodge had a mild illness. A similar illness is widespread throughout the area and county. Samples of the water proved to be safe, and food handling practices at the lodge were essentially good. It is believed that the outbreak was spread by person to person. (3) In the other instance, over 100 cases have been reported in a wave of mild gastro-enteritis which occurred in and around one village. Water was suspected to be the vehicle of infection but samples collected were negative.

Dr. Roy F. Feemster, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, reports 4 cases of gastro-enteritis in persons at a summer cottage. They experienced nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and abdom inal cramps a few hours after drinking well water. The well was 22 feet from a cesspool and laboratory examination of the water showed it to be grossly polluted. It was reported that the previous

tenant at the cottage had a similar experience but complete information was not available.

Dr. F. H. Wentworth, Ohio Department of Health, reports an outbreak of gastro-enteritis due to pineapple chiffon pies. One bakery baked 1,363 pies and shipped them to 11 different outlets scattered over the State. The filling, containing starch and a suspension of frozen egg yolk, was cooked and kept at room temperature for some time while the shells of the pies were being baked. The shells were then cold filled. Approximately 150 cases have been reported to the Health Department, but over 700 claims of gastro-enteritis have been made to representatives of this company. Staphylococcus aureus was isolated with ease from several pies. Suspensions of the frozen egg yolk used to make the filling of these pies did not contain staphylococci. Several individuals working as pie fillers had small cuts on their fingers. Staphylocouci were isolated from these wounds. It was concluded tentatively, that the filling of these pies was contaminated during the filling process.

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	Approxi- mate	CUMULATI SINCE S LOW	VE TOTAL SEASONAL WEEK	5-year median	CUMULATI FOR CA YE	5-year median	
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Diphtheria055	40	32	76	.111 1	284	282	582	1,316	1,663	3.591
Encephalitis, acute infectious082	33	122	27	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	2718	1,302	534
Hepatitis, infectious.	00	100				· · ·			_,	
and serum092.N998.5 pt.	444	177		(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	21,582	10,538	
Malaria110-117	53	366		(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	1,003	6,000	
Measles085	861	622	826	Sept. 1	442,112	702,901	583,472	410,678	641,228	550,575
Meningococcal infections057	48	36	39	Sept. 1	5,039	4,751	3,728	3,765	3,509	2,681
Policmyelitis, acute080	2.238	3.562	1.762	Apr. 1	³ 16.696	22,199	12.350	318,210	23,392	13,512
Rabies in man094	· 141	-		(¹)	(1)	(1)	(1)	6	11	
Rocky Mountain spotted fever 104A	11	10	21	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	243	269	369
Scarlet fever and streptococcal										
sore throat050,051	728	689	263	Aug. 1	3,667	3,298	1,016	103,274	79,163	56,063
Smallpox084	1	_	-	(¹)	(1)	(1)	(1)	16	13	26
Trichiniasis128	6	6		= (1)	(-)	(1)	(1)	277	245	
Tularemia059	8	8	14	(1)	(1)	(¹)	(1)	373	445	663
Typhoid fever040	58	84	85	Apr. 1	1,168	1,232	1,232	1,451	1,613	1,637
Typhus fever, endemic101	6	5		Apr. 1	137	92		175	119	
Whooping cough056	733	622	951	0ct. 1	31,707	48,107	71,318	23,180	32,992	48,131
Rabies in animals	140	127		(1)	(¹)	(1)	(¹)	5,076	5,550	

Not computed.

²Addition: New Jersey, week ended August 22, 1 case.

Deductions: Iowa, week ended August 1, 2 cases; Delaware and Missouri, week ended August 15, 1 case each; Georgia, week ended August 22, 2 cases. *Reported in Mississippi.

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.

Table 2. CASES OF SPECIFIED DISEASES WITH COMPARATIVE DATA: UNITED STATES,EACH DIVISION AND STATE FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 29, 1953

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

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Massachusetts	2	-	12	3	7	8	-		38	59	10	8
Rhode Island	-		-		-		-	-	26	7	12	2
MIDDLE ATLANTIC	3	4	92	20	116	53	6	6	356	335	42	35
New York	-	1	73	14	83	28	3	-	216	192	35	28
New Jersey	2	-	2	-	11	12	1	2	55	54	2	1
Pennsylvania	1	3	17	6	22	13	2	4	85	89	5	6
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Michigan	-	1	5	2	40	49	2	2	181	286	22	21
Wisconsin	-	1	2	1	56	68	1	1	68	183	8	9
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Nebraska	-	-	4	-	-	3	-	-	11	55	2	-
Kansas	-	1	2	1	3	4	1 1	ī	38	110		2
SOUTH ATLANTIC	14	9	84	39	62	23	5	8	234	199	114	79
Delaware	-	-	-	-	1-1-	-		-	3	9	-	- 1
District of Columbia		-	-		2	2		-	2	12	3	1
Virginia	1	-	41	7	19	3	-	1	65	52	86	38
West Virginia			8	7	4	6		1	38	43	6	20
South Carolina	3	3	21	6	8	1	2	3	44	34	7	16
Georgia	8	2	9	14	11] =	-		22	26	10	2
Florida	-	-	2		2	-	-	1	16	8	1	-
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL	5	7	57	43	23	31	3	4	83	169	24	16
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Alabama	1 3	2	11	21	2	14	3	1	30	27	15	2
Mississippi	-	-	31	5	12	2	-	-	18	15	3	-
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL	4	6	16	17	157	69	2	- 4	123	285	355	288
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Texas	3	2	15	15	141	61	ī	-	63	163	323	267
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Montana	-	-	-	-	7	30	2	-	16	11	1	5
Wyoming	5	-	-		8	10	1		2	36	1 20	- 3
Colorado	-	-	2	-	10	18	ĩ	-	13	28	3	38
New Mexico	-	-	-	2	-	3	-	-	5	39	4	1
Utah	-	-	1	-	1	16	-	-	21	10	211	78
Nevada			6		20		1		20	16	15	5
PACIFIC	6	1	76	21	225	141	11	6	218	281	40	54
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Table 2. CASES OF SPECIFIED DISEASES WITH COMPARATIVE DATA: UNITED STATES,EACH DIVISION AND STATE FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 29, 1953-Continued

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

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New York	6	12	164	53	1	6	6	1	84	-		25
New Jersey	1	1	30	18	-	2	ĩ	-			_	-
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Table 3. CASES OF SPECIFIED DISEASES: SELECTED CITIES FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 29, 1953

(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.)	Меавleв (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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Table 3. CASES OF SPECIFIED DISEASES: SELECTED CITIES FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 29, 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.)	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)	Rebies in animals
SOUTH ATLANTIC				1	1										
Atlanta	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	2	-	-	2	0 -	-	-
Baltimore	-	-	-	-	9	-	4	-	1	_	-	1	· · ·	3	-
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Charlotte	-	-					1	-	2			-		-	
Norfolk	-	-	-	-	4		4	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
Richmond	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Savannah	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Тапра	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-		-
Washington, D. C	1	-	-	-	2	-	2	1	-	-		1	-	1	-
Wilmington, Del	-	-	-	-	2.0 0	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3. - 0	-
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Birmingham	-	-		5	-	-	4	-		. 2	-	2	-	-	2
Chattanooga															
Knozville	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Louisville	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-
Memphis	-	-	-	3	-	-	7	-		-	-	-		1	-
Mobile	-		-	-		-		-		-		-		-	
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Galveston	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Houston	-	1	-	-	3	1	8	-	-	5	-	-		-	9
Little Rock	-	-		-	1.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
New Orleans	-	-	-	12	4	•	2	-			-	-		7	-
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PACIFIC															
Long Beach															
Los Angeles		5	-	6	25		36	-	4	-	-	-	-	6	2
Oakland	-	-	-	6	5	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fortland, Oreg	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sacramento	-	-	-	-	8		-	(-)	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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Weekly Mortality Report

Provisional Statistics for Deaths in Selected Cities for Week Ended August 29, 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)

	34th week ended	33d week ended	34 week	Percentage difference between	CUMULATIVE NUMBER FOR FIRST 34 WEEKS					
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	Aug. 29, 1953	Aug. 22, 1953	median 1950-52	current week and median	1953	1952	Percentage difference			
TOTAL: 104 REPORTING CITIES	8,856	8,532	8,501	+4.2	342,835	334,582	+2.5			
New England(13 cities)	559	548	534	+4.7	20,879	20,797	+0.4			
Middle Atlantic(17 cities)	2,556	2,460	2,494	+2.5	102,011	101,057	+0.9			
East North Central(18 cities)	1,987	1,869	1,969	+0.9	75,812	73,566	+3.1			
West North Central(8 cities)	659	592	633	+4.1	25,359	23,842	+6.4			
South Atlantic(9 cities)	616	663	674	-8.6	26,589	26,481	+0.4			
East South Central(7 cities)	546	398	383	+42.6	15,355	14,651	+4.8			
West South Central(13 cities)	665	717	696	-4.5	26,706	25,351	+5.3			
Mountain(7 cities)	205	218	198	+3.5	8,244	7,651	+7.8			
Pacific(12 cities)	1,063	1,067	1,059	+0.4	41,880	41,186	+1.7			

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Table 5. DEATHS IN SELECTED CITIES FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 29, 1953

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

CITY	34th week ended	33d week ended	CUMULATIV FOR FIRST	E NUMBER 34 WEEKS	CITY	34th week ended	33d week ended	CUMULATIVE NUMBER FOR FIRST 34 WEEKS		
	29, 1953	22, 1953	1953	1952		Aug. 29, 1953	Aug. 22, 1953	1953	1952	
NEW ENGLAND					WEST NORTH CENTRAL-Con.		14.	-		
Boston	201	194	7,606	7.558	St. Paul	68	56	2 141	2 056	
Bridgeport	26	31	1,148	1,176	Wichita	29	36	1,368	1.337	
Cambridge	24	24	937	1,027	SOUTH ATTANTIC			_,		
Fall River	21	24	957	924	SOUTH ATLANTIC					
Hartford	42	29	1,551	1,527	Atlanta	88	88	3,582	3,390	
Lovell	35	1/	863	844	Baltimore	180	185	7,696	8,048	
New Bedford	27	25	799	795		28	34	981	967	
New Haven	29	33	1.475	1 450	Norfolk	40	40	2,067	1,822	
Providence	73	54	2.044	2,145	Richmond	56	56	2,206	2 332	
Somerville	15	9	531	545	Татра	42	50	1,822	1,850	
Springfield, Mass	32	45	1,324	1,262	Washington, D. C	130	145	6,017	5,937	
Waterbury	21	28	892	803	Wilmington, Del	25	31	1,118	1,076	
Worcester		(38)		(1,829)	EAST SOUTH CENTRAL					
MIDDLE ATLANTIC					Birmingham	76	83	2,516	2,350	
Albany	35	51	1.530	1.396	Chattanooga	37	52	1,584	1,547	
Buffalo	118	123	4,851	4,606	Knoxville	28	25	1,110	1,116	
Camden	27	26	1,227	1,231	Memphis	109	82	3,608	3,406	
Elizabeth	26	17	915	1,017	Mobile	212	86	3,684	3,302	
Erie	30	39	1,162	1,132	Montgomery	(28)	(30)	1,007	(905)	
Neverk N I	57	54	2,334	2,454	Nashville	48	41	1.786	1,860	
New York City	1 348	1 288	53 510	53 256	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL			_,	-,	
Paterson	37	34	1 316	1 279	MEST BOOTH CENTRAL		-	1.00		
Philadelphia	411	390	16.398	16,199	Austin	19	34	879	788	
Pittsburgh	128	143	5,835	5,827	Baton Rouge	24	19	505	537	
Rochester, N. Y	79	72	3,212	3,100	Delles	6	17	588	555	
Schenectady	28	18	805	776	El Paso	85	82	3,252	3,039	
Syracuse	52	38	1,824	1,759	Fort Worth	50	63	1 995	1 843	
Itice	29	25	1,597	1,492	Houston	108	125	4,280	3,940	
Yonkers	36	24	900	995	Little Rock	47	30	1,476	1,559	
the state of the second				511	New Orleans	128	143	5,443	5,157	
EAST NORTH CENTRAL		120.00	10 Sec. 24		San Antonio	43	44	1,875	1,781	
Akron	52	60	1,981	1,850	Shreveport	30	35	1 335	1,286	
Canton	49	25	965	932	Tulsa	43	27	1,322	1.345	
Chicago	630	602	25,119	24,442	MOUNTAIN				10 C	
Cincinnati	130	118	4,962	4,779						
Columbus	161	102	6,869	7,017	Albuquerque	30	27	918	857	
Devton	61	40	2 120	2,390	Derver-	9	13	460	436	
Detroit	298	280	10,750	10,428	Ogden	104	89	3,721	3,439	
Evansville	17	25	1,114	1,157	Phoenix	16	23	*22 793	701	
Flint	32	28	1,251	1,157	Pueblo	11	13	460	384	
Fort Wayne	27	31	1,022	1,007	Salt Lake City	28	45	1,470	1,375	
Grand Rapids	40	33	1,334	1,226	Tucson	(2)	(1)	(171)	(173)	
Indianapolis	102	66	3,791	3,749	PACIFIC					
Peorla	301	30	4,1/4	4,041	Berkelev			1.20		
South Bend	13	22	803	784	Long Beach	17	19	566	1 559	
Toledo	85	81	3.119	2,986	Los Angeles	407	389	15 097	14 751	
Youngstown	45	45	1,821	1,600	Oakland	95	75	3,219	3,251	
		1999 B	100	1.1	Pasadena	34	31	1,159	1,099	
WEST NORTH CENTRAL		100		1.1	Portland, Oreg	61	92	3,397	3,189	
Des Moines	45	35	1,686	1,648	Sacramento	31	48	1,604	1,555	
Duluth	26	23	921	847	Sen Frencisco	62	59	2,401	2,393	
Kansas City, Kans		(25)		(1,188)	Seattle-	157	169	6,434	6,472	
Kansas City, Mo	104	76	4,226	3,815	Spokane	94	101	3,891	3,750	
Minneapolis	99	121	4,348	3,833	Тасова	20	26	1,400	1 158	
	222	102	2,230	2,148	Honolulus	104	100	1,161	(1 117)	
JU. LOUIS	666	194	0,439	8,128	I TOUOTATA	(24)	(30)	(1,069)	(011,11)	

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