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There have been no reports of the occurrence of influenza in epidemic form in the United States so far this season. As previously reported the only outbreak in the northern hemisphere is a mild one which occurred in Japan during the past fall.

Of the 20 cases of diphtheria, 4 each were in Florida and Texas, 3 in Georgia and 2 each in Louisiana and Montana.

The number of typhoid fever cases (19) for the current week was about the same as that (20) for the corresponding week of 1956. Of the 19 this week, 6 were in Louisiana and 5 were in Ohio.

More than half (162) of the 316 cases of infectious hepatitis reported this week were in 3 geographic divisions—East North Central, 67; Pacific, 52; and Middle Atlantic, 43.

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL REPORTS

Anthrax

Dr. E. J. Witte, Pennsylvania Department of Health, has reported a case of anthrax in a 62-year-old man. This man is now and has been employed for the last 40 years as a stevedore. About the middle of December while unloading a steamship a large bale of wool broke open. He repacked the bale which was a dusty job. About an hour later he developed itching below the right eye. There were no cuts nor abrasions of the skin. The stevedore wore heavy clothes and the only exposed part of his body was his face. The next day the area under the eye had become noticeably swollen. Later his physician diagnosed the lesion as anthrax and the patient was admitted to a hospital. Smears and cultures from the lesion were positive for Bacillus anthracis.

The wool unloaded from the above mentioned vessel originated from Syria and Lebanon.

Salmonellosis

Dr. R. F. Sondag, Jackson County (Illinois) Health Department, has reported an outbreak of salmonellosis following a banquet in a club. Of 82 persons eating the meal, 31 had steak and 51 had turkey and dressing. Forty-two of those eating the turkey became ill with nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and cramps from 24 to 72 hours later. None of those eating the steak became ill. An investigation revealed that 2 turkeys had been purchased from a local chain store. The turkeys were cooked on Thursday, allowed to cool at room temperature, and then refrigerated until Saturday. The meat was sliced and reheated in an electric cooker prior to serving. The dressing was prepared on Saturday but was not stuffed into the birds. Bacteriologic examination of turkey and dressing showed gross contam-

ination with coli-aerogenes. Many of the individuals who became ill lived outside the jurisdiction of the county health department. Rectal swabs, obtained from 6 living within the county, showed Salmonella typhimurium in 4 and S. Blockley in 2.

The facilities at the club were inadequate for groups larger than 40 or 50 persons. Sanitation and food handling practices were substandard.

Gastro-enteritis

Dr. J. D. Martin, Louisiana State Department of Health, has reported an outbreak of gastro-enteritis from contaminated water in one section of a city. Seventy-two cases of nausea, vomiting, abdominal pains, and tenesmus, and bloody diarrhea were reported in 27 households. About the time of the report of illness there were also reports of bad water. Laboratory examination of water samples collected showed contamination was entering the city water supply in the area of the complaints. An investigation revealed a cross connection between the city supply and a sprinkler system using water from a bayou. In 1947, a resident of this area installed a pump in a bayou in the rear of his home. This was in conformity with the city plumbing code, which at that time did not require the installation of a backflow or vacuum breaker on such installations. Later he had city water connected to an underground sprinkler system for the front yard. In 1954, he installed an automatic time clock system and a booster pump to use the bayou water for the entire system. Unfortunately, no request was made for a plumbing inspection. When the cross connection was found the valves from the city supply were open. Thus, when the pumps for the sprinkler system were in operation they were pumping directly against the city system and forcing polluted bayou water into the city water.

Dr. Stanley H. Osborn, Connecticut State Department of Health, has reported 2 outbreaks of gastro-enteritis following dinners in clubs in different counties of the State. One was attended by 69 persons, and from 3 to 8 hours later about 20 persons became ill with vomiting, severe abdominal pain, diarrhea, and chills. Epidemiological investigation revealed asparagus with hollandaise sauce was the vehicle of infection. However, none was available for bacteriologic examination. The sauce was prepared by the second cook who at the time had a burn on his hand. Hemolytic, coagulase-positive staphylococci were isolated in pure culture from the lesion. The other dinner was attended by 110 persons of whom about 80 became ill with diarrhea and abdominal pain from 8 to 17 hours later. Cultures of food (turkey and dressing) showed no recognized enteric pathogens but did show Escherichia coli, paracolon, and alkaligenes. This outbreak probably resulted from improper food handling.

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Table 1. CASES OF SPECIFIED NOTIFIABLE DISEASES: CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES

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

DISEASE	1st WEEK			CUMULATIVE NUMBER SINCE SEASONAL LOW WEEK			Approximate seasonal low point
	January 5, 1957	January 7, 1956	Median 1952-56	1956-57	1955-56	Median 1951-52 to 1955-56	
Anthrax-----062	1 ¹	2	-	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Botulism-----049.1	-	-	-	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Brucellosis (undulant fever)-----044	17	15	15	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Diphtheria-----055	20	41	55	775	1,371	1,371	July 1
Encephalitis, infectious-----082	19	20	27	1,583	942	942	June 1
Hepatitis, infectious, and serum-----092, N998.5 pt.	316	384	424	5,515	7,887	---	Sept. 1
Malaria-----110-117	1	5	5	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Measles-----085	6,650	4,464	4,751	43,862	33,562	36,092	Sept. 1
Meningococcal infections-----057	41	59	85	772	982	1,242	Sept. 1
Meningitis, other-----340	32	22	---	---	---	---	---
Poliomyelitis-----080	29	120	129	14,362	28,327	34,454	Apr. 1
Paralytic-----080.0, 080.1	17	66	---	---	---	---	---
Nonparalytic-----080.2	7	35	---	---	---	---	---
Unspecified-----080.3	5	19	---	---	---	---	---
Psittacosis-----096.2	2	2	-	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Rabies in man-----094	-	-	-	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Typhoid fever-----040	19	20	19	1,465	1,439	1,893	Apr. 1
Typhus fever, endemic-----101	1	-	3	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Rabies in animals-----	86	95	122	1,050	1,122	1,660	Oct. 1

¹Reported in Massachusetts.²Data show no pronounced seasonal change in incidence.

SOURCE AND NATURE OF MORBIDITY DATA

These provisional data are based on reports to the Public Health Service from health departments of each State and of Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. They give the total number of cases of certain communicable diseases reported during the week usually ended the preceding Saturday. Cases of anthrax, botulism, and rabies in man are not shown in table 2,

but a footnote to table 1 shows the States reporting on these diseases. In addition, when diseases of rare occurrence (cholera, dengue, plague, louse-borne relapsing fever, smallpox, louse-borne epidemic typhus, and yellow fever) are reported, this will be noted at the end of table 1.

Symbols.—1 dash [-]: no cases reported; 3 dashes [---]: data not available.

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Table 2. CASES OF SPECIFIED NOTIFIABLE DISEASES: UNITED STATES, EACH DIVISION AND STATE, ALASKA, HAWAII, AND PUERTO RICO, FOR WEEKS ENDED JANUARY 7, 1956 AND JANUARY 5, 1957—Continued

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

AREA	POLIOMYELITIS 080						MEASLES		MENINGOCOCCAL INFECTIONS	
	Total ¹		Paralytic 080.0, 080.1		Nonparalytic 080.2		085		057	
	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956
CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES-----	29	120	17	66	7	35	6,650	4,464	41	59
NEW ENGLAND-----	-	6	-	4	-	-	205	104	3	3
Maine-----	-	1	-	1	-	-	39	6	-	-
New Hampshire-----	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Vermont-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	64	20	-	-
Massachusetts-----	-	3	-	3	-	-	29	74	-	1
Rhode Island-----	-	1	-	-	-	-	5	1	-	-
Connecticut-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	67	3	3	2
MIDDLE ATLANTIC-----	-	9	-	6	-	1	1,143	763	7	1
New York-----	-	6	-	5	-	1	467	301	4	-
New Jersey-----	-	1	-	1	-	-	361	118	1	1
Pennsylvania-----	-	2	-	-	-	-	315	344	2	-
EAST NORTH CENTRAL-----	3	11	1	2	1	5	834	693	6	9
Ohio-----	2	2	1	-	-	-	86	109	-	-
Indiana-----	-	1	-	1	-	-	114	35	-	1
Illinois-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	87	228	2	-
Michigan-----	-	3	-	-	-	3	322	186	2	5
Wisconsin-----	1	5	-	1	1	2	225	135	2	3
WEST NORTH CENTRAL-----	2	6	2	1	-	4	301	307	3	2
Minnesota-----	-	1	-	-	-	1	41	2	-	1
Iowa-----	1	3	1	1	-	2	71	44	1	-
Missouri-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	144	33	2	-
North Dakota-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	45	-	-
South Dakota-----	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Nebraska-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	21	-	-
Kansas-----	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	162	-	-
SOUTH ATLANTIC-----	1	9	1	4	-	1	443	704	8	15
Delaware-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	-	-
Maryland-----	-	1	-	-	-	1	5	266	1	2
District of Columbia-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	17	-	-
Virginia-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	85	155	3	1
West Virginia-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	82	87	2	1
North Carolina-----	-	3	-	3	-	-	15	37	-	4
South Carolina-----	1	1	1	1	-	-	70	89	2	3
Georgia-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	56	43	-	1
Florida-----	-	4	-	-	-	-	112	10	-	3
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL-----	1	4	1	3	-	1	1,351	194	3	10
Kentucky-----	-	2	-	1	-	1	451	73	-	4
Tennessee-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	664	69	1	2
Alabama-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	207	25	2	3
Mississippi-----	1	2	1	2	-	-	29	27	-	1
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL-----	6	21	5	10	1	7	836	670	3	9
Arkansas-----	-	2	-	1	-	1	39	90	-	1
Louisiana-----	1	3	1	2	-	1	8	1	1	5
Oklahoma-----	-	1	-	-	-	-	7	157	1	-
Texas-----	5	15	4	7	1	5	782	422	1	3
MOUNTAIN-----	5	8	-	5	1	2	547	624	2	2
Montana-----	-	1	-	-	-	1	99	106	-	1
Idaho-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	17	-	-
Wyoming-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	91	1	-
Colorado-----	1	2	-	1	1	1	52	265	1	-
New Mexico-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	7	-	-
Arizona-----	-	4	-	4	-	-	139	129	-	1
Utah-----	3	-	-	-	-	-	232	8	-	-
Nevada-----	1	1	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	-
PACIFIC-----	11	46	7	31	4	14	990	405	6	8
Washington-----	1	-	1	-	-	-	217	97	1	-
Oregon-----	2	5	1	4	1	-	75	22	1	2
California-----	8	41	5	27	3	14	700	286	4	6
Alaska-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	115	-	-
Hawaii-----	-	4	-	4	-	-	456	6	-	-
Puerto Rico-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	62	55	-	-

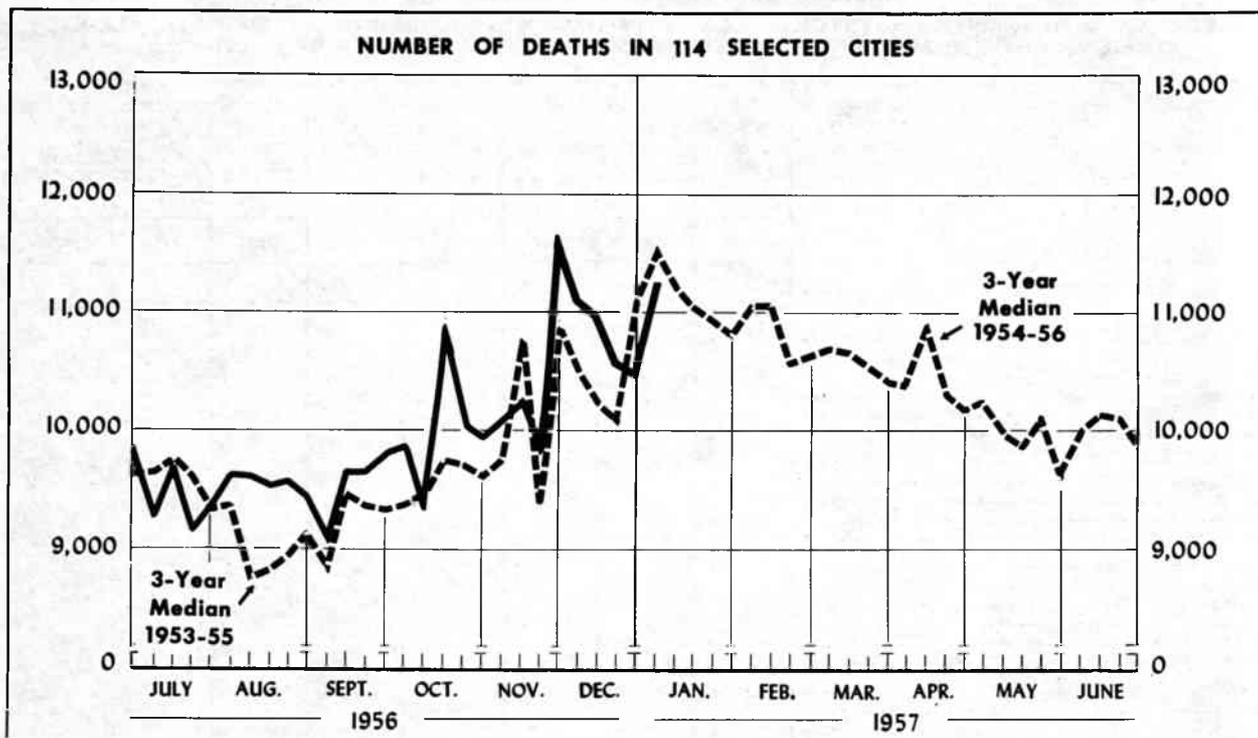
¹Includes cases not specified by type, category number 080.3.

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Table 2. CASES OF SPECIFIED NOTIFIABLE DISEASES: UNITED STATES, EACH DIVISION AND STATE, ALASKA, HAWAII, AND PUERTO RICO, FOR WEEKS ENDED JANUARY 7, 1956 AND JANUARY 5, 1957--Continued

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

AREA	MENINGITIS, OTHER 340	PSITTACOSIS 096.2		TYPHOID FEVER 040		TYPHUS FEVER ENDEMIC 101	RABIES IN ANIMALS	
		1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1957	1956
	1957	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1957	1956
CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES-----	32	2	2	19	20	1	86	95
NEW ENGLAND-----	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont-----	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rhode Island-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MIDDLE ATLANTIC-----	-	-	-	4	5	-	5	9
New York-----	-	-	-	1	2	-	4	5
New Jersey-----	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania-----	-	-	-	2	3	-	1	4
EAST NORTH CENTRAL-----	4	1	1	5	-	-	10	5
Ohio-----	-	-	1	5	-	-	6	1
Indiana-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Illinois-----	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan-----	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
WEST NORTH CENTRAL-----	1	1	1	-	1	-	20	12
Minnesota-----	-	1	1	-	-	-	13	5
Iowa-----	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	5
Missouri-----	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
North Dakota-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Dakota-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Kansas-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SOUTH ATLANTIC-----	10	-	-	1	5	-	16	20
Delaware-----	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Maryland-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
District of Columbia-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia-----	8	-	-	-	-	-	5	6
West Virginia-----	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3
North Carolina-----	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
South Carolina-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	6
Georgia-----	2	-	-	-	-	-	7	1
Florida-----	-	-	-	-	3	-	2	2
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL-----	6	-	-	-	2	-	18	29
Kentucky-----	2	-	-	-	1	-	7	16
Tennessee-----	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Alabama-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	11
Mississippi-----	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL-----	5	-	-	8	1	1	16	15
Arkansas-----	-	-	-	6	-	-	1	2
Louisiana-----	-	-	-	1	-	-	15	-
Oklahoma-----	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas-----	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	13
MOUNTAIN-----	3	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
Montana-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho-----	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wyoming-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colorado-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Mexico-----	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Arizona-----	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Utah-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PACIFIC-----	2	-	-	1	5	-	-	3
Washington-----	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Oregon-----	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
California-----	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	3
Alaska-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerto Rico-----	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-



The chart shows the number of deaths reported for 114 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 3 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 with a weekly average of 50 deaths, 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 3. DEATHS IN SELECTED CITIES BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS

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

AREA	WEEK ENDED		1st week median 1954-56	Percent change, median to current week
	January 5, 1957	December 29, 1956		
TOTAL: 113 REPORTING CITIES-----	11,259	10,620	11,530	-2.4
New England----- (14 cities)	777	748	778	-0.1
Middle Atlantic----- (19 cities)	3,291	3,080	3,460	-4.9
East North Central----- (19 cities)	2,377	2,402	2,394	-0.7
West North Central----- (9 cities)	754	824	782	-3.6
South Atlantic----- (11 cities)	975	848	965	+1.0
East South Central----- (8 cities)	509	426	505	+0.8
West South Central----- (13 cities)	937	779	884	+6.0
Mountain----- (8 cities)	262	228	268	-2.2
Pacific----- (12 cities)	1,377	1,285	1,416	-2.8

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Table 4. DEATHS IN SELECTED CITIES

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

AREA	WEEK ENDED		AREA	WEEK ENDED	
	January 5, 1957	December 29, 1956		January 5, 1957	December 29, 1956
NEW ENGLAND			WEST NORTH CENTRAL—Con.		
Boston, Mass.-----	260	257	St. Louis, Mo.-----	219	279
Bridgeport, Conn.-----	53	31	St. Paul, Minn.-----	65	76
Cambridge, Mass.-----	33	29	Wichita, Kans.-----	42	46
Fall River, Mass.-----	32	29	SOUTH ATLANTIC		
Hartford, Conn.-----	43	41	Atlanta, Ga.-----	132	89
Lowell, Mass.-----	19	33	Baltimore, Md.-----	250	235
Lynn, Mass.-----	24	23	Charlotte, N. C.-----	31	35
New Bedford, Mass.-----	30	19	Jacksonville, Fla.-----	50	43
New Haven, Conn.-----	51	60	Miami, Fla.-----	48	32
Providence, R. I.-----	83	66	Norfolk, Va.-----	55	27
Somerville, Mass.-----	13	14	Richmond, Va.-----	73	82
Springfield, Mass.-----	42	51	Savannah, Ga.-----	41	22
Waterbury, Conn.-----	25	38	Tampa, Fla.-----	70	65
Worcester, Mass.-----	69	57	Washington, D. C.-----	193	176
MIDDLE ATLANTIC			Wilmington, Del.-----	32	42
Albany, N. Y.-----	59	37	EAST SOUTH CENTRAL		
Allentown, Pa.-----	45	34	Birmingham, Ala.-----	96	46
Buffalo, N. Y.-----	136	91	Chattanooga, Tenn.-----	52	38
Camden, N. J.-----	41	46	Knoxville, Tenn.-----	36	38
Elizabeth, N. J.-----	18	39	Louisville, Ky.-----	93	97
Erie, Pa.-----	40	40	Memphis, Tenn.-----	92	83
Jersey City, N. J.-----	76	80	Mobile, Ala.-----	39	40
Newark, N. J.-----	142	92	Montgomery, Ala.-----	26	29
New York City, N. Y.-----	1,664	1,645	Nashville, Tenn.-----	75	55
Paterson, N. J.-----	47	44	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL		
Philadelphia, Pa.-----	470	422	Austin, Tex.-----	44	27
Pittsburgh, Pa.-----	203	184	Baton Rouge, La.-----	23	30
Reading, Pa.-----	---	(23)	Corpus Christi, Tex.-----	19	18
Rochester, N. Y.-----	117	96	Dallas, Tex.-----	127	115
Schenectady, N. Y.-----	25	28	El Paso, Tex.-----	26	28
Scranton, Pa.-----	31	38	Fort Worth, Tex.-----	72	71
Syracuse, N. Y.-----	68	66	Houston, Tex.-----	132	105
Trenton, N. J.-----	32	30	Little Rock, Ark.-----	43	28
Utica, N. Y.-----	35	40	New Orleans, La.-----	195	162
Yonkers, N. Y.-----	42	28	Oklahoma City, Okla.-----	60	48
EAST NORTH CENTRAL			San Antonio, Tex.-----	102	96
Akron, Ohio-----	53	66	Shreveport, La.-----	25	19
Canton, Ohio-----	39	27	Tulsa, Okla.-----	69	32
Chicago, Ill.-----	779	802	MOUNTAIN		
Cincinnati, Ohio-----	166	163	Albuquerque, N. Mex.-----	20	18
Cleveland, Ohio-----	217	197	Colorado Springs, Colo.-----	18	7
Columbus, Ohio-----	114	121	Denver, Colo.-----	134	102
Dayton, Ohio-----	101	82	Ogden, Utah-----	9	9
Detroit, Mich.-----	294	318	Phoenix, Ariz.-----	29	40
Evansville, Ind.-----	17	26	Pueblo, Colo.-----	11	9
Flint, Mich.-----	46	41	Salt Lake City, Utah-----	29	36
Fort Wayne, Ind.-----	37	38	Tucson, Ariz.-----	12	7
Gary, Ind.-----	12	34	PACIFIC		
Grand Rapids, Mich.-----	31	44	Berkeley, Calif.-----	23	26
Indianapolis, Ind.-----	119	117	Long Beach, Calif.-----	60	42
Milwaukee, Wis.-----	135	126	Los Angeles, Calif.-----	508	460
Peoria, Ill.-----	23	25	Oakland, Calif.-----	116	99
South Bend, Ind.-----	24	21	Pasadena, Calif.-----	34	31
Toledo, Ohio-----	103	115	Portland, Oreg.-----	95	115
Youngstown, Ohio-----	67	39	Sacramento, Calif.-----	57	46
WEST NORTH CENTRAL			San Diego, Calif.-----	89	82
Des Moines, Iowa-----	53	38	San Francisco, Calif.-----	162	197
Duluth, Minn.-----	33	16	Seattle, Wash.-----	139	115
Kansas City, Kans.-----	30	21	Spokane, Wash.-----	52	40
Kansas City, Mo.-----	113	117	Tacoma, Wash.-----	42	32
Minneapolis, Minn.-----	125	152	Honolulu, Hawaii-----	(36)	(29)
Omaha, Nebr.-----	74	79			

Symbols.—parentheses [()] : data not included in table 3; 3 dashes [---] : data not available.

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