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HUD ISSUES 12th SUMMARY OF POSTAL VACANCY SURVEYS

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development today released its 12th semi-annual summary of post office surveys of housing vacancies covering 62 cities or metropolitan areas. The surveys were made from July through December 1969, except for Scranton, Pa., surveyed in May 1969.

The semi-annual summary was released by Eugene A. Gullledge, Assistant Secretary for Housing Production and Mortgage Credit and the FHA Commissioner. He said the Scranton results were included in this summary because they were received too late for inclusion in the 11th summary.

The results of the 62 surveys are summarized in the attached table.

Forty-one of the 62 areas have been surveyed one or more times previously. In these 41 areas, 31 had lower over-all vacancy rates in the latest survey compared with the previous survey. Only seven areas had higher vacancy rates, while three remained unchanged.

The data are not entirely comparable with those published by the Bureau of the Census because of significant differences in definition, area delineation, and method of enumeration. Furthermore, because of the limitations inherent in this type of survey, the data obtained are expressed only in quantitative terms. Data are provided for each area on total number of dwelling units, number of "residence" units and number of "apartment" units, and for each of these categories, the number and percent of units reported vacant.

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SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF POST OFFICE SURVEYS OF HOUSING VACANCIES IN SELECTED AREAS

JULY - DECEMBER 1969

Postal areas	Survey date	All units			Residences			Apartments		
		Total units	Vacant units No. %	%	Total units	Vacant units No. %	%	Total units	Vacant units No. %	%
Alaska										
Anchorage	8/69	26,392	5,300 2.1		15,023	334 2.2		11,369	213 1.9	
California										
Fresno	11/69	123,372	2,984 2.4		107,926	2,000 1.9		15,446	984 6.4	
Imperial County	9/69	17,992	1,008 5.6		15,563	568 3.6		2,429	440 18.1	
Oxnard-Ventura	9/69	101,513	2,184 2.2		90,320	1,785 2.0		11,193	399 3.6	
Sacramento	9/69	238,058	7,072 3.0		196,365	4,079 2.1		41,693	2,993 7.2	
Salinas-Monterey	10/69	54,234	973 1.8		42,868	504 1.2		11,366	469 4.1	
San Bernardino-Riverside-Ontario	11/69	241,465	7,197 3.0		209,395	5,219 2.5		32,070	1,978 6.2	
San Diego	10/69	406,012	8,406 2.1		327,755	4,496 1.4		78,257	3,910 5.0	
San Jose	11/69	322,308	5,847 1.8		249,268	3,432 1.4		73,040	2,415 3.3	
Santa Barbara	7/69	78,366	4,550 5.8		60,933	1,303 2.1		17,433	3,247 18.6	
Stockton	7/69	82,132	1,321 1.6		73,958	701 0.9		8,174	620 7.6	
Colorado										
Denver	10/69	375,646	5,535 1.5		304,756	3,348 1.1		70,890	2,187 3.1	
Connecticut										
Bridgeport	8/69	114,488	1,289 1.1		70,517	763 1.1		43,971	526 1.2	
Hartford	7/69	160,270	1,759 1.1		94,349	576 0.6		65,921	1,183 1.8	
New London	10/69	37,126	1,018 2.7		24,507	573 2.3		12,619	445 3.5	
Stamford	8/69	62,742	210 0.3		43,270	141 0.3		19,472	69 0.4	
District of Columbia										
Washington, D.C.-Maryland-Virginia	10/69	875,445	17,452 2.0		496,867	7,007 1.4		378,578	10,445 2.8	
Florida										
Brevard County	10/69	72,413	6,359 8.8		59,602	3,337 5.6		12,811	3,022 23.6	
Pensacola	12/69	67,498	2,274 3.4		62,897	1,770 2.8		4,601	504 11.0	
Georgia										
Augusta, Ga.-S.C.	8/69	64,191	1,941 3.0		57,156	1,373 2.4		7,035	568 8.1	
Indiana										
Bloomington	11/69	22,924	438 1.9		16,653	232 1.4		6,271	206 3.3	
Elkhart County	12/69	34,504	964 2.8		30,912	609 2.0		3,592	355 9.9	
Gary-Hammond-East Chicago	8/69	172,567	2,624 1.5		139,975	1,395 1.0		32,592	1,229 3.8	
Kansas										
Topeka	12/69	46,882	1,203 2.6		40,485	870 2.1		6,397	333 5.2	
Kentucky										
Frankfort	11/69	11,052	240 2.2		10,155	179 1.8		897	61 6.8	
Louisville, Ky.-Ind.	8/69	242,937	5,179 2.1		205,269	2,990 1.5		37,668	2,189 5.8	

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JULY - DECEMBER 1969

Postal areas	Survey date	All units			Residences			Apartments		
		Total units	Vacant units No.	%	Total units	Vacant units No.	%	Total units	Vacant units No.	%
Louisiana Baton Rouge	8/69	84,526	3,092	3.7	74,288	1,605	2.2	10,238	1,487	15.4
Massachusetts Springfield-Chicopee- Holyoke	8/69	146,158	3,258	2.2	97,113	1,265	1.3	49,045	1,993	4.1
Nevada Las Vegas	7/69	75,638	1,503	2.0	50,806	839	1.7	24,832	664	2.7
New Hampshire Manchester	11/69	35,086	677	1.9	18,869	238	1.3	16,217	439	2.7
Portsmouth	11/69	8,286	295	3.6	4,508	41	0.9	3,778	254	6.7
New Jersey Trenton	11/69	91,280	1,339	1.5	73,431	1,133	1.5	17,849	206	1.2
New York Amsterdam	10/69	16,586	430	2.6	8,954	224	2.5	7,632	206	2.7
Cattaraugus County	11/69	18,325	499	2.7	16,707	361	2.2	1,618	138	8.5
Corning	11/69	22,897	777	3.4	20,753	434	2.1	2,144	343	16.0
Newburgh-Middletown- Beacon	12/69	59,677	1,285	2.2	44,201	613	1.4	15,476	672	4.3
North Carolina Greensboro--Winston-Salem-- High Point	9/69	147,968	3,058	2.1	126,703	2,164	1.7	21,265	894	4.2
Ohio Akron	10/69	187,312	3,931	2.1	165,214	2,195	1.3	22,098	1,736	7.9
Mount Vernon	11/69	10,062	253	2.5	9,036	160	1.8	1,026	93	9.1
Sidney	11/69	7,231	172	2.4	6,882	139	2.0	349	33	9.5
Steubenville-Weirton, Ohio- W. Virginia	9/69	39,226	971	2.5	37,028	702	1.9	2,198	269	12.2
Oklahoma Oklahoma City	12/69	210,490	8,895	4.2	183,430	5,478	3.0	27,060	3,417	12.6
Oregon Salem	10/69	50,451	1,019	2.0	44,806	773	1.7	5,645	246	4.4
Pennsylvania Bradford	11/69	13,072	488	3.7	11,410	318	2.8	1,662	170	10.2
Pittsburgh	7/69	680,540	15,690	2.3	585,527	9,413	1.6	95,013	6,277	6.6
Reading	10/69	83,098	2,123	2.6	68,478	1,103	1.6	14,620	1,020	7.0
Scranton	5/69	70,435	1,654	2.3	46,603	999	2.1	23,832	655	2.7
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	9/69	105,033	2,038	1.9	95,010	1,504	1.6	10,023	534	5.3
Rhode Island Providence	10/69	247,591	5,455	2.2	145,419	1,795	1.2	102,172	3,660	3.6
South Carolina Florence	11/69	18,982	851	4.5	17,508	722	4.1	1,474	129	8.8
Greenwood	11/69	13,164	346	2.6	12,139	230	1.9	1,025	116	11.3

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Tennessee										
Memphis	12/69	223,075	4,689	2.1	185,375	3,001	1.6	37,700	1,688	4.5
Texas										
Dallas	11/69	450,041	16,068	3.6	351,079	8,170	2.3	98,962	7,898	8.0
El Paso	9/69	87,150	1,393	1.6	71,627	1,016	1.4	15,523	377	2.4
Fort Worth	10/69	228,482	7,233	3.2	197,852	3,668	1.9	30,630	3,565	11.6
Vermont										
Bennington	11/69	4,466	71	1.6	4,256	36	0.8	210	35	16.7
Brattleboro	11/69	4,250	41	1.0	2,839	-	0.0	1,411	41	2.9
Virginia										
Norfolk-Portsmouth	11/69	197,839	5,003	2.5	152,455	3,161	2.1	45,384	1,842	4.1
Washington										
Aberdeen--Hoquiam	7/69	14,099	367	2.6	12,707	221	1.7	1,392	146	10.5
Pullman, Washington-Moscow, Idaho	10/69	8,478	75	0.9	5,592	42	0.8	2,886	33	1.1
West Virginia										
Wheeling	11/69	52,774	1,492	2.8	47,057	1,104	2.3	5,717	388	6.8
Wisconsin										
Madison	11/69	77,036	962	1.2	53,424	473	0.9	23,612	489	2.1

Notes:

The name of a city or county is used merely for identification and is not intended to indicate the scope of the survey coverage. The survey in each area ordinarily includes the jurisdiction of all post offices with city delivery routes in the housing market area.

The surveys cover dwelling units in residences and apartments, including military, institutional, and public housing units and units used only seasonally. The surveys do not cover stores, offices, commercial hotels and motels, or dormitories; nor do they cover boarded-up residences or apartments that are not intended for occupancy.

The definitions of "residence" and "apartment" are those used by the Post Office Department; i.e., a residence represents one possible stop with one possible delivery on a carrier's route; an apartment represents one possible stop with more than one possible delivery.

The distribution of total possible deliveries to residences and apartments were estimated by the postal carriers. The data in this table, therefore, are not strictly comparable to the distribution of deliveries by structural type for surveys prior to 1966. The total possible deliveries for the total of residences and apartments, however, are as recorded in official route records.

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JANUARY - JUNE 1970

Postal areas	Survey date	All units			Residences			Apartments		
		Total units	Vacant units		Total units	Vacant units		Total units	Vacant units	
			No.	%		No.	%		No.	%
Alabama										
Birmingham	3/70	200,905	5,565	2.8	177,420	3,973	2.2	23,485	1,592	6.8
Dothan	1/70	14,014	387	2.8	13,455	357	2.7	559	30	5.4
Gadsden	4/70	29,130	574	2.0	28,163	469	1.7	967	105	10.9
Alaska										
Anchorage	4/70	29,335	910	3.1	17,620	345	2.0	11,715	565	4.8
Fairbanks	4/70	9,961	179	1.8	5,481	96	1.8	4,480	83	1.9
Juneau	5/70	2,060	14	0.7	1,118	9	0.8	942	5	0.5
Ketchikan	5/70	1,890	50	2.6	1,008	14	1.4	882	36	4.1
Arizona										
Phoenix	3/70	274,782	5,369	2.0	221,811	3,579	1.6	52,971	1,790	3.4
Tucson	3/70	99,281	1,641	1.7	84,870	1,018	1.2	14,411	623	4.3
Arkansas										
Little Rock	1/70	93,445	2,507	2.7	83,547	1,780	2.1	9,898	727	7.3
California										
Anaheim-Santa Ana-Garden Grove	4/70	441,275	14,471	3.3	329,443	7,103	2.2	111,832	7,368	6.6
Bakersfield	4/70	97,002	2,307	2.4	87,124	1,625	1.9	9,878	682	6.9
Los Angeles County	3/70	2,476,704	51,499	2.1	1,784,183	24,330	1.4	692,521	27,169	3.9
San Bernardino-Riverside-Ontario	5/70	332,743	10,010	3.0	289,509	7,389	2.5	43,234	2,621	6.1
San Francisco-Oakland	6/70	1,060,610	14,674	1.4	717,567	7,244	1.0	343,043	7,430	2.2
Sonoma County	6/70	59,638	1,353	2.3	54,711	940	1.7	4,927	413	8.4
Vallejo-Napa	6/70	75,700	1,035	1.4	64,919	681	1.0	10,781	354	3.3
Connecticut										
Torrington	1/70	15,792	308	2.0	11,837	69	0.6	3,955	239	6.0
Florida										
Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood	2/70	238,764	3,157	1.3	163,183	1,274	0.8	75,581	1,883	2.5
Miami	2/70	424,467	3,779	0.9	275,733	1,493	0.5	148,734	2,286	1.5
Georgia										
Albany	4/70	26,061	622	2.4	23,252	369	1.6	2,809	253	9.0
Atlanta	2/70	415,750	8,396	2.0	299,270	4,388	1.5	116,480	4,008	3.4
Macon	4/70	61,529	1,928	3.1	55,358	1,283	2.3	6,171	645	10.5
Hawaii										
Hilo	2/70	7,303	51	0.7	7,015	41	0.6	288	10	3.5
Honolulu	2/70	162,835	2,715	1.7	98,506	901	0.9	64,329	1,814	2.8
Kahului-Wailuku	2/70	6,531	36	0.6	5,725	30	0.5	806	6	0.7
Kapaa-Lihue	2/70	2,263	42	1.9	2,156	38	1.8	107	4	3.7
Idaho										
Boise	2/70	33,186	438	1.3	30,357	347	1.1	2,829	91	3.2
Caldwell-Nampa	2/70	17,306	270	1.6	16,749	214	1.3	557	56	10.1

SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF POST OFFICE SURVEYS OF HOUSING VACANCIES IN SELECTED AREAS

JANUARY - JUNE 1970

Postal areas	Survey date	All units			Residences			Apartments		
		Total units	Vacant units No.	%	Total units	Vacant units No.	%	Total units	Vacant units No.	%
Illinois										
Champaign-Urbana	6/70	38,851	744	1.9	28,495	318	1.1	10,356	426	4.1
Chicago (Selected Areas)	2/70	1,077,319	17,693	1.6	735,706	7,390	1.0	341,613	10,303	3.0
Peoria	6/70	92,078	2,788	3.0	78,939	1,643	2.1	13,139	1,145	8.7
Quincy	2/70	18,559	576	3.1	14,311	262	1.8	4,248	314	7.4
Springfield	3/70	46,047	1,880	4.1	37,707	836	2.2	8,340	1,044	12.5
Indiana										
Indianapolis	1/70	263,668	7,219	2.7	216,319	4,131	1.9	47,349	3,088	6.5
Kokomo	2/70	24,137	633	2.6	21,431	416	1.9	2,706	217	8.0
Muncie	3/70	36,803	1,255	3.4	33,967	794	2.3	2,836	461	16.3
Richmond	1/70	23,279	759	3.3	21,215	486	2.3	2,064	273	13.2
Iowa										
Burlington	1/70	13,066	242	1.9	11,385	172	1.5	1,681	70	4.2
Fort Dodge	1/70	10,948	244	2.2	9,302	171	1.8	1,646	73	4.4
Ottumwa	2/70	12,867	517	4.0	11,420	318	2.8	1,447	199	13.7
Kansas										
Wichita	2/70	115,496	5,253	4.5	101,632	3,866	3.8	13,864	1,387	10.0
Louisiana										
Lafayette	3/70	24,565	596	2.4	22,664	423	1.9	1,901	173	9.1
Shreveport	5/70	83,370	3,182	3.8	75,152	2,120	2.8	8,218	1,062	12.9
Maryland										
Baltimore	4/70	579,021	12,990	2.2	446,746	7,355	1.6	132,275	5,635	4.3
Massachusetts										
Fitchburg-Leominster	4/70	26,552	661	2.5	16,708	195	1.2	9,844	466	4.7
Pittsfield-North Adams	4/70	36,688	785	2.1	28,775	377	1.3	7,913	408	5.2
Worcester	1/70	95,733	1,468	1.5	52,243	469	0.9	43,490	999	2.3
Michigan										
Ann Arbor	5/70	63,848	2,050	3.2	43,386	640	1.5	20,462	1,410	6.9
Detroit	5/70	1,182,147	24,550	2.1	1,017,590	13,721	1.3	164,557	10,829	6.6
Missouri										
St. Joseph	4/70	33,245	1,397	4.2	27,965	803	2.9	5,280	594	11.3
St. Louis	6/70	720,602	23,834	3.3	581,403	12,959	2.2	139,199	10,875	7.8
Springfield	6/70	47,462	1,583	3.3	43,058	1,047	2.4	4,404	536	12.2
Montana										
Billings	4/70	25,518	694	2.7	21,766	334	1.5	3,752	360	9.6
Great Falls	6/70	22,828	598	2.6	17,889	304	1.7	4,939	294	6.0
Helena	6/70	8,755	234	2.7	7,043	90	1.3	1,712	144	8.4
Missoula	6/70	15,347	525	3.4	12,297	176	1.4	3,050	349	11.4
Nevada										
Las Vegas	3/70	78,383	1,960	2.5	53,078	1,066	2.0	25,305	894	3.5
Reno	3/70	34,680	517	1.5	28,931	314	1.1	5,749	203	3.5

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			No.	%		No.	%		No.	%
New Hampshire										
Nashua	1/70	20,405	364	1.8	17,230	158	0.9	3,175	206	6.5
New Jersey										
Cumberland County	5/70	35,314	846	2.4	29,696	502	1.7	5,618	344	6.1
New York										
Rockland, Suffolk, & Westchester Counties	2/70	603,214	8,250	1.4	451,516	6,237	1.4	151,698	2,013	1.3
North Carolina										
Chapel Hill	3/70	13,327	161	1.2	10,404	115	1.1	2,923	46	1.6
Charlotte	2/70	102,323	2,882	2.8	82,472	1,730	2.1	19,851	1,152	5.8
Oklahoma										
Altus	2/70	7,255	278	3.8	7,014	269	3.8	241	9	3.7
Lawton	2/70	26,163	1,252	4.8	22,349	936	4.2	3,814	316	8.3
Oregon										
Baker	2/70	3,324	180	5.4	3,021	131	4.3	303	49	16.2
Eugene	4/70	56,811	1,483	2.6	49,217	1,039	2.1	7,594	444	5.8
Grants Pass	5/70	11,151	319	2.9	10,464	286	2.7	687	33	4.8
Klamath Falls	5/70	13,156	400	3.0	12,383	261	2.1	773	139	18.0
Medford-Ashland	5/70	22,931	1,039	4.5	20,541	781	3.8	2,390	258	10.8
Portland 1/	3/70	222,159	6,377	2.9	182,238	3,598	2.0	39,921	2,779	7.0
Salem	4/70	53,283	1,244	2.3	47,331	873	1.8	5,952	371	6.2
Pennsylvania										
Altoona	4/70	39,456	1,206	3.1	34,437	760	2.2	5,019	446	8.9
Erie	1/70	70,984	1,109	1.6	66,005	674	1.0	4,979	435	8.7
Fayette County	3/70	32,020	585	1.8	28,417	460	1.6	3,603	125	3.5
Harrisburg	4/70	115,806	3,565	3.1	98,515	2,356	2.4	17,291	1,209	7.0
South Carolina										
Columbia	6/70	79,482	2,454	3.1	69,712	1,808	2.6	9,770	646	6.6
Spartanburg	2/70	40,475	971	2.4	36,104	781	2.2	4,371	190	4.3
South Dakota										
Rapid City	3/70	16,457	527	3.2	14,102	331	2.3	2,355	196	8.3
Tennessee										
Nashville	5/70	135,312	3,088	2.3	109,812	1,612	1.5	25,500	1,476	5.8
Texas										
Beaumont-Port Arthur	6/70	100,758	3,264	3.2	94,884	2,574	2.7	5,874	690	11.7
Utah										
Ogden	4/70	47,119	1,051	2.2	41,194	518	1.3	5,925	533	9.0
Provo-Orem	4/70	33,768	574	1.7	29,162	356	1.2	4,606	191	4.1
Salt Lake City	4/70	142,383	3,086	2.2	122,052	1,877	1.5	20,331	1,209	5.9

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JANUARY - JUNE 1970

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Virginia										
Newport News-Hampton	1/70	80,577	1,985	2.5	67,109	1,433	2.1	13,468	552	4.1
Washington										
Olympia	5/70	21,790	979	4.5	19,432	469	2.4	2,358	510	21.6
Seattle-Everett-Tacoma	2/70	580,952	25,943	4.5	453,511	11,891	2.6	127,441	14,052	11.0
Spokane	1/70	84,296	2,535	3.0	74,135	1,816	2.4	10,161	719	7.1
Yakima	5/70	36,299	1,411	3.9	33,598	1,070	3.2	2,701	341	12.6
Wyoming										
Casper	4/70	14,271	422	3.0	12,279	253	2.1	1,992	169	8.5
Cheyenne	4/70	17,667	1,260	7.1	14,694	692	4.7	2,973	568	19.1
Laramie	4/70	6,574	127	1.9	5,091	93	1.8	1,483	34	2.3

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HUD ISSUES 14th SUMMARY OF POSTAL VACANCY SURVEYS

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development today released its 14th semi-annual summary of post office surveys of housing vacancies covering 53 cities or metropolitan areas. The surveys were made from July through December 1970.

The semi-annual summary was released by Eugene A. Gullledge, Assistant Secretary for Housing Production and Mortgage Credit and the FHA Commissioner. The results of the 53 surveys are summarized in the attached table.

The data are not entirely comparable with those published by the Bureau of the Census because of significant differences in definition, area delineation, and method of enumeration. Furthermore, because of the limitations inherent in this type of survey, the data obtained are expressed only in quantitative terms. Data are provided for each area on total number of dwelling units, number of "residence" units and number of "apartment" units, and for each of these categories, the number and percent of units reported vacant.

These surveys are made for FHA by local post offices under an agreement with the U. S. Post Office Department. The mail carriers enumerate vacant dwelling units as they serve their routes. The selection of area to be surveyed does not conform to any prescribed schedule; the surveys are made as required for FHA market analysis and other needs. The results of future surveys will continue to be released by the HUD Area Office Directors and the FHA Insuring Office Directors having jurisdiction over the area surveyed as promptly as the data can be processed and also will be summarized in a semi-annual release.

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JULY - DECEMBER 1970

Postal areas	Survey date	All units			Residences			Apartments		
		Total units	Vacant units No.	%	Total units	Vacant units No.	%	Total units	Vacant units No.	%
Alabama										
Huntsville	7/70	45,164	1,809	4.0	37,376	1,194	3.2	7,788	615	7.9
Montgomery	10/70	57,224	2,441	4.3	47,973	1,189	2.5	9,251	1,252	13.5
Arizona										
Phoenix	12/70	286,232	6,724	2.3	229,411	3,967	1.7	56,821	2,757	4.9
California										
Fresno	10/70	124,189	2,143	1.7	108,252	1,435	1.3	15,937	708	4.4
Sacramento	9/70	248,232	6,975	2.8	201,001	3,693	1.8	47,231	3,282	6.9
Salinas-Monterey	10/70	56,402	816	1.4	48,785	425	0.9	7,617	391	5.1
San Diego	10/70	425,065	10,334	2.4	336,273	5,555	1.7	88,792	4,779	5.4
San Jose	11/70	339,807	9,610	2.8	255,039	4,025	1.6	84,768	5,585	6.6
Santa Barbara	9/70	81,445	3,115	3.8	62,110	1,127	1.8	19,335	1,988	10.3
Santa Cruz County	10/70	40,975	643	1.6	36,863	512	1.4	4,112	131	3.2
Stanislaus County	7/70	55,543	1,147	2.1	51,328	816	1.6	4,215	331	7.9
Stockton	7/70	84,767	1,983	2.3	75,516	947	1.3	9,251	1,036	11.2
Colorado										
San Luis Valley	10/70	4,219	29	0.7	4,117	29	0.7	102	-	0.0
Florida										
Brevard County	10/70	73,531	7,203	9.8	59,887	3,543	5.9	13,644	3,660	26.8
Georgia										
Savannah	9/70	57,081	1,414	2.5	50,672	971	1.9	6,409	443	6.9
Illinois										
Decatur	11/70	35,465	1,228	3.5	32,233	708	2.2	3,232	520	16.1
Indiana										
Lafayette-West Lafayette	12/70	29,985	779	2.6	23,035	411	1.8	6,950	368	5.3
Iowa										
Cedar Rapids	11/70	44,949	1,513	3.4	37,503	745	2.0	7,446	768	10.3
Dubuque	11/70	21,395	250	1.2	17,048	114	0.7	4,347	136	3.1
Maine										
Lewiston-Auburn	12/70	23,990	753	3.1	11,135	122	1.1	12,855	631	4.9
Massachusetts										
Boston	10/70	849,278	9,338	1.1	391,532	2,900	0.7	457,746	6,438	1.4
Michigan										
Saginaw	8/70	53,472	1,649	3.1	47,476	832	1.8	5,996	817	13.6
Montana										
Billings	12/70	22,830	394	1.7	19,734	225	1.1	3,096	169	5.5
Great Falls	12/70	22,850	328	1.4	19,672	217	1.1	3,178	111	3.5

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Nevada										
Las Vegas	10/70	82,704	2,232	2.7	57,598	1,161	2.0	25,106	1,071	4.3
New Jersey										
Atlantic City	8/70	79,065	2,252	2.8	59,873	1,175	2.0	19,192	1,077	5.6
New Mexico										
Albuquerque	10/70	96,621	753	0.8	83,825	599	0.7	12,796	154	1.2
New York										
Buffalo	8/70	386,105	3,768	1.0	277,058	1,852	0.7	109,047	1,916	1.8
North Carolina										
Raleigh	7/70	59,806	1,631	2.7	49,534	1,014	2.0	10,272	617	6.0
North Dakota										
Bismarck-Mandan	11/70	14,225	339	2.4	11,682	135	1.2	2,543	204	8.0
Ohio										
Canton	7/70	108,959	2,349	2.2	99,918	1,348	1.3	9,041	1,001	11.1
Cincinnati	9/70	373,036	8,412	2.3	261,031	3,176	1.2	112,005	5,236	4.7
Cleveland	9/70	639,155	11,468	1.8	451,893	4,630	1.0	187,262	6,838	3.7
Columbus	11/70	271,643	8,352	3.1	218,708	4,419	2.0	52,935	3,933	7.4
Sandusky	8/70	21,343	597	2.8	17,661	333	1.9	3,682	264	7.2
Springfield	12/70	45,738	1,246	2.7	42,711	830	1.9	3,027	416	13.7
Oklahoma										
Tulsa	9/70	156,632	6,414	4.1	135,005	3,516	2.6	21,627	2,898	13.4
Oregon										
Bend-Redmond	7/70	9,331	225	2.4	8,852	197	2.2	479	28	5.8
Lincoln City	8/70	2,610	14	0.5	2,423	14	0.6	187	-	0.0
Pennsylvania										
Johnstown	11/70	62,735	1,157	1.8	57,433	898	1.6	5,302	259	4.9
South Carolina										
Clemson	9/70	24,081	403	1.7	23,041	372	1.6	1,040	31	3.0
Tennessee										
Knoxville	8/70	111,847	3,003	2.7	98,410	1,820	1.8	13,437	1,183	8.8
Rutherford County	8/70	14,293	1,009	7.1	12,006	209	1.7	2,287	800	35.0

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Austin	9/70	94,961	2,271	2.4	72,389	1,302	1.8	22,572	969	4.3
Laredo	11/70	18,479	246	1.3	17,302	223	1.3	1,177	23	2.0
McAllen-Pharr-Edinburg	12/70	38,949	623	1.6	36,338	512	1.4	2,611	111	4.3
Midland	11/70	22,244	2,190	9.8	20,414	1,857	9.1	1,830	333	18.2
Odessa	11/70	29,185	1,323	4.5	27,195	1,107	4.1	1,990	216	10.9
San Angelo	11/70	22,546	802	3.6	21,056	713	3.4	1,490	89	6.0
San Antonio	9/70	253,720	7,449	2.9	213,914	4,494	2.1	39,806	2,955	7.4
Smith County	11/70	28,869	806	2.8	27,988	714	2.6	881	92	10.4
Vermont										
Rutland	11/70	11,332	324	2.9	7,811	178	2.3	3,521	146	4.1
Wisconsin										
Winneshago County	11/70	35,952	652	1.8	31,754	460	1.4	4,198	192	4.6

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