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United States	11.5%	12.6%	12.7%	0.2%	0.1%	1.2%	YES	36,997	36,950	36,974
Alabama	14.6%	16.0%	16.8%	1.8%	0.8%	2.2%	no	763	750	757
Alaska	8.1%	9.4%	9.5%	1.6%	0.1%	1.4%	no	59	66	63
Arizona	13.2%	13.9%	14.8%	1.7%	0.9%	1.6%	no	830	917	874
Arkansas	17.1%	16.4%	14.5%	1.8%	-1.9%	-2.6%	no	412	382	397
California	12.6%	13.2%	13.2%	0.6%	0.0%	0.6%	no	4,743	4,716	4,730
Colorado	9.2%	9.8%	10.7%	1.6%	0.9%	1.5%	no	450	530	490
Connecticut	7.5%	9.1%	9.7%	1.5%	0.6%	2.2%	YES	348	326	337
Delaware	7.6%	8.1%	9.1%	1.5%	1.0%	1.5%	no	75	78	77
District of Columbia	16.7%	16.9%	19.1%	2.3%	2.2%	2.4%	no	91	115	103
Florida	11.9%	12.2%	11.4%	0.8%	-0.8%	-0.5%	no	2,026	1,975	2,001
Georgia	12.5%	12.4%	13.7%	1.2%	1.3%	1.2%	no	1,139	1,298	1,219
Hawaii	10.2%	8.9%	8.6%	1.4%	-0.3%	-1.6%	no	105	110	108
Idaho	12.0%	10.0%	9.9%	1.5%	-0.1%	-2.1%	no	136	143	140
Illinois	10.4%	12.5%	11.9%	1.0%	-0.6%	1.5%	YES	1,534	1,441	1,488
Indiana	8.5%	10.8%	12.1%	1.4%	1.3%	3.6%	YES	712	774	743
Iowa	7.8%	9.9%	11.1%	1.6%	1.2%	3.3%	YES	314	327	321
Kansas	9.1%	11.1%	12.0%	1.7%	0.9%	2.9%	YES	304	337	321
Kentucky	12.6%	16.1%	16.3%	1.9%	0.2%	3.7%	YES	719	599	659
Louisiana	16.7%	16.9%	17.6%	1.9%	0.7%	0.9%	no	737	748	743
Maine	10.2%	11.6%	12.1%	1.8%	0.5%	1.9%	no	150	166	158
Maryland	7.3%	9.3%	9.8%	1.4%	0.5%	2.5%	YES	545	542	544
Massachusetts	9.4%	9.8%	9.7%	1.2%	-0.1%	0.3%	no	586	641	614
Michigan	9.6%	12.3%	12.6%	1.1%	0.3%	3.0%	YES	1,320	1,196	1,258
Minnesota	6.5%	7.2%	7.5%	1.2%	0.3%	1.0%	no	358	412	385
Mississippi	17.1%	17.4%	19.4%	2.0%	2.0%	2.3%	no	532	571	552
Missouri	9.4%	11.5%	11.9%	1.5%	0.4%	2.5%	YES	687	659	673
Montana	13.7%	14.7%	14.0%	1.8%	-0.7%	0.3%	no	128	128	128
Nebraska	9.0%	9.6%	9.5%	1.5%	-0.1%	0.5%	no	163	167	165
Nevada	7.9%	10.9%	10.8%	1.7%	-0.1%	2.9%	YES	259	260	260
New Hampshire	5.5%	5.6%	5.5%	1.2%	-0.1%	0.0%	no	70	73	72
New Jersey	7.7%	8.3%	7.4%	1.0%	-0.9%	-0.3%	no	692	592	642
New Mexico	17.7%	17.3%	17.2%	2.1%	-0.1%	-0.5%	no	313	347	330

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New York	14.0%	14.6%	14.8%	0.9%	0.2%	0.8%	no	2,844	2,760	2,802
North Carolina	12.5%	15.1%	13.8%	1.3%	-1.3%	1.3%	no	1,226	1,115	1,171
North Dakota	12.1%	9.7%	10.4%	1.6%	0.7%	-1.7%	no	61	70	66
Ohio	10.3%	11.3%	11.9%	1.0%	0.6%	1.6%	YES	1,310	1,392	1,351
Oklahoma	15.0%	11.8%	13.2%	1.8%	1.4%	-1.8%	no	372	543	458
Oregon	11.3%	12.2%	11.9%	1.7%	-0.3%	0.6%	no	419	436	428
Pennsylvania	9.1%	11.0%	11.3%	1.0%	0.3%	2.2%	YES	1,374	1,372	1,373
Rhode Island	9.9%	11.5%	11.8%	1.8%	0.3%	1.9%	no	121	127	124
South Carolina	13.1%	13.8%	15.0%	1.8%	1.2%	1.9%	no	614	626	620
South Dakota	9.6%	13.1%	12.7%	1.6%	-0.4%	3.1%	YES	101	90	96
Tennessee	13.8%	15.0%	15.4%	1.6%	0.4%	1.6%	no	929	872	901
Texas	15.2%	16.7%	16.3%	0.9%	-0.4%	1.1%	no	3,674	3,681	3,678
Utah	9.1%	9.6%	9.6%	1.4%	0.0%	0.5%	no	236	232	234
Vermont	9.9%	8.2%	7.7%	1.5%	-0.5%	-2.2%	YES	48	47	48
Virginia	8.1%	9.7%	9.3%	1.1%	-0.4%	1.2%	no	689	684	687
Washington	10.8%	12.0%	10.8%	1.4%	-1.2%	0.0%	no	701	636	669
West Virginia	15.6%	15.8%	14.8%	1.7%	-1.0%	-0.8%	no	254	276	265
Wisconsin	8.6%	11.1%	11.3%	1.4%	0.2%	2.7%	YES	673	553	613
Wyoming	9.7%	9.9%	10.3%	1.7%	0.4%	0.6%	no	49	54	52

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