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Farm Work Slow, Even for December;
Wage Rates Continue Moderate Rise

The number of persons working on farms during the survey week of December 20-26 declined to 4,362,000, the lowest reported in 1964. This is 8 percent under the similar period in 1963 and a record low for this period. Effects of holiday activity and winter slowdown stand out when the December total is compared with the totals for the July and June survey weeks when about 7.5 million persons were doing farm work.

Farm family workers numbered 3,581,000 persons during the December survey week, 9 percent below the 1963 previous record low for that month. This number represents only about one person for each of the nearly 3.5 million farms in the nation and reflects conditions at this time of year with crop work virtually ended on most farms.

The number of hired farm workers in December reached a record low of 781,000, 4 percent less than a year earlier. The December total was less than a third of the force of more than 2.5 million hired workers employed in the July survey week.

The average number of all farm workers during the 12 monthly survey periods in 1964 declined to a new low of 6,110,000 persons-6 percent below 1963. Farm family workers averaged 4,506,000 persons-5 percent less than in 1963. Hired farm workers averaged 1,604,000 for the 12 periods, a sharp reduction to a new low, 10 percent under 1963.

The cumulative effect of the use of labor saving machines and methods in recent years is shown by comparisons of 1964 annual averages with comparable totals for the 5 years, 1958-62. Worker numbers, both family and hired, are down about one-seventh. State and national annual averages are compared on page 5. The extension of machine harvesting of cotton has continued to reduce worker numbers in most cotton States. Prior to 1957, the number of workers in the September survey week, swelled by hand pickers in southern fields, regularly represented the peak among survey weeks. Since 1957 July has replaced September as the survey period with most workers.

Wage Rates in 1964 Average 3 Percent above Previous Record

Farm wage rates showed moderate but consistent advances in 1964 as shown by each quarterly wage report. The annual averages produced by weighting the quarterly reports are shown by States on pages 8 and 9. In index terms, the national average of all rates rose 3 percent over 1963. It reached 695 percent of the historic base period 1910-14 and 120 percent of the average for 1957-59.

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Increases in rates for principal hiring arrangements were reported in most States. The U.S. rate per hour without board and room averaged $1.08 per hour in 1964, an increase of 3 percent over 1963.

Wage rates at the beginning of 1965 continued the moderate advance, with composite averages reaching 122 percent of the 1957-59 base, an increase of 5 percent over January 1, 1964.

All rates reported are from the Department's crop and livestock reporters and represent rates paid in their localities or on their own farms. Cash payments only are included with no allowances for values of housing, food, or other items included in total wages.

Christmas and Chores Highlight Survey Week

Christmas was the big thing this survey week for many farm families, and work was kept to the minimum required by livestock and poultry chores. These households, however, spent little time setting up lighted displays of Nativity scenes complete with stables and mangers comparable with the holiday efforts of urban and suburban home decorators. They had real stable scenes to think about, livened by sounds of fine milk cows ready for feed and willing to pay for it with record rates of milk flow. Other farms had hungry steers or thousands of layers or commercial broilers to feed. The great reductions effected in labor needed per production unit on some of these places has not reduced the need for human attention and skilled management.

In parts of Montana and the Dakotas the survey week closely followed destructive blizzards that drove some range livestock miles from home bases and caused severe death losses on some ranches.

The Christmas period also brought disaster to farms along several principal streams in the Northwest, especially in parts of Oregon, Washington, Northern California, and Idaho. Heavy early snows in the mountains were followed by unusually heavy and prolonged rains that added the melted snow to the torrents converging in stream channels. Livestock and people were dispossessed by the floods, and damage by erosion and silting of pastures was extensive. Major reconstruction jobs on fences and buildings will be needed on many farms, aside from repairs needed on bridges, roads, and other local facilities.

Livestock were able to forage with little interruption in harvested fields of corn, soybeans, and sorghum in principal farming areas, minimizing the care needed for livestock on many farms.

Farm employment and indexes, December 1964, with comparisons, United States

	Annual average 1958-62 1/	Annual average 1962	Annual average 1963	December average 1958-62 1/	Dec. 22-28, 1963	Dec. 20-26, 1964
FARM EMPLOYMENT (Thousands)						
Total	7,104	6,700	6,518	5,230	4,767	4,362
Family labor	5,197	4,873	4,738	4,257	3,953	3,581
Hired labor	1,907	1,827	1,780	973	814	781
INDEXES 2/ (1910-14=100)						
Total	52	49	48	52	47	43
Family labor	51	48	47	51	47	43
Hired labor	56	54	52	56	46	45
(1957-59=100)						
Total	94	90	86	94	86	78
Family labor	94	88	86	93	87	78
Hired labor	97	93	91	96	81	77

1/ Employment during the last full calendar week ending at least one day before the end of the month.

2/ Monthly indexes are adjusted for seasonal variation.

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Farm Wage Rates and Indexes, January 1, 1965, United States

	Annual average 1964	January average 1959-63	January 1, 1964	January 1, 1965
FARM WAGE RATES				
Composite rate per hour 1/	$ 0.904	$ 0.910	$ 0.962	$ 1.01
Per month with house	212	196	209	221
Per month with board and room	162	155	163	172
Per week with board and room	38.50	35.00	37.25	38.00
Per week without board and room	49.50	46.75	48.00	50.00
Per day with house	5.90	5.50	6.00	6.10
Per day with board and room	7.10	6.30	6.80	7.10
Per day without board or room	7.30	6.60	7.00	7.30
Per hour with house	.97	.83	.88	.97
Per hour without board or room	1.08	1.08	1.14	1.19
INDEXES 2/				
(1910-14=100)	695	638	673	708
(1957-59=100)	120	110	116	122

1/ Weighted average of all rates on a per hour basis.
2/ Indexes are adjusted for seasonal variation.

Workers on Farms, December 1964 1/
(Thousands of persons)

State and Region	December Average 1958-62			December 1963 Week of 22-28			December 1964 Week of 20-26		
	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired
Maine	26	18	8	25	19	6	24	19	5
N. H.	10	8	2	9	7	2	9	7	2
Vt.	24	18	6	22	17	5	21	17	4
Mass.	24	17	7	22	16	6	21	15	6
R. I.	3	2	1	3	2	1	3	2	1
Conn.	19	13	6	17	13	4	16	12	4
N. Eng.	106	76	30	98	74	24	94	72	22
N. Y.	134	97	37	115	86	29	101	76	25
N. J.	29	19	10	25	17	8	24	15	9
Pa.	148	126	22	133	117	16	122	107	15
M. Atl.	311	242	69	273	220	53	247	198	49
Ohio	192	178	14	182	171	11	162	153	9
Ind.	182	168	14	160	150	10	144	132	12
Ill.	202	174	28	178	155	23	165	145	20
Mich.	172	148	24	155	137	18	138	120	18
Wis.	245	228	17	222	205	17	201	187	14
E. N. Cent.	993	896	97	897	818	79	810	737	73
Minn.	190	177	13	184	174	10	171	160	11
Iowa	222	208	14	208	196	12	197	183	14
Mo.	227	208	19	213	201	12	188	178	10
N. Dak.	62	54	8	52	47	5	50	44	6
S. Dak.	71	65	6	70	65	5	61	57	4
Nebr.	126	115	11	113	106	7	107	101	6
Kans.	123	114	9	115	108	7	106	99	7
W. N. Cent.	1021	941	80	955	897	58	880	822	58
Del.	7	5	2	7	5	2	6	4	2
Md.	41	30	11	38	29	9	34	26	8
Va.	134	112	22	116	98	18	116	98	18
W. Va.	58	51	7	46	40	6	42	37	5
N. C.	256	228	28	224	203	21	215	187	28
S. C.	119	95	24	97	78	19	77	62	15
Ga.	111	90	21	106	86	20	93	73	20
Fla.	124	38	86	119	31	88	134	34	100
S. Atl.	850	649	201	753	570	183	717	521	196
Ky.	196	179	17	211	193	18	184	167	17
Tenn.	185	163	22	159	146	13	161	144	17
Ala.	106	89	17	96	83	13	89	78	11
Miss.	137	114	23	124	104	20	116	97	19
E. S. Cent.	624	545	79	590	526	64	550	486	64
Ark.	122	98	24	95	82	13	89	70	19
La.	94	75	19	85	70	15	77	61	16
Okla.	120	110	10	119	109	10	102	92	10
Tex.	294	216	78	265	205	60	234	176	58
W. S. Cent.	630	499	131	564	466	98	502	399	103
Mont.	36	30	6	35	30	5	35	30	5
Idaho	44	37	7	42	36	6	41	35	6
Wyo.	14	11	3	13	10	3	12	9	3
Colo.	45	38	7	40	34	6	40	34	6
N. Mex.	37	21	16	28	17	11	27	16	11
Ariz.	49	9	40	41	8	33	40	7	33
Utah	24	21	3	22	20	2	19	17	2
Nev.	3	2	1	3	2	1	3	2	1
Mount.	252	169	83	224	157	67	217	150	67
Wash.	65	58	7	67	52	15	65	54	11
Oreg.	71	57	14	64	55	9	58	52	6
Calif.	307	125	182	282	118	164	222	90	132
Pac.	443	240	203	413	225	188	345	196	149
U. S.	5230	4257	973	4767	3953	814	4362	3581	781

1/ Persons employed during the last full calendar week ending at least one day before the end of the month.

Workers on Farms: Comparative estimates, annual averages 1/

(Thousands of persons)

Region and State	Jan.-Dec. Average 1958-62			Jan.-Dec. Average 1963			Jan.-Dec. Average 1964		
	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired	Total	Family	Hired
Maine	36	21	15	32	20	12	31	20	11
N. H.	12	9	3	11	8	3	11	8	3
Vt.	28	21	7	23	17	6	22	17	5
Mass.	37	23	14	30	18	12	28	17	11
R. I.	4	3	1	3	2	1	3	2	1
Conn.	26	17	9	24	16	8	22	14	8
N. Eng.	143	94	49	123	81	42	117	78	39
N. Y.	166	108	58	144	96	48	131	89	42
N. J.	45	25	20	39	21	18	37	19	18
Pa.	193	158	35	62	134	28	153	129	24
M. Atl.	404	291	113	345	251	94	321	237	84
Ohio	240	203	37	216	182	34	203	175	28
Ind.	219	192	27	199	173	26	185	164	21
Ill.	248	199	49	235	187	48	216	176	40
Mich.	220	178	42	206	165	41	193	155	38
Wisc.	287	257	30	258	230	28	245	220	25
E. N. Cent.	1214	1029	185	1114	937	177	1042	890	152
Minn.	270	231	39	257	220	37	249	216	33
Iowa	291	252	39	283	243	40	267	232	35
Mo.	277	236	41	256	220	37	248	216	32
N. Dak.	93	73	20	82	66	16	78	64	14
S. Dak.	93	81	12	87	76	10	81	72	9
Nebr.	158	134	24	143	122	21	136	117	19
Kans.	162	137	25	149	126	23	145	123	22
W. N. Cent.	1344	1144	200	1257	1073	184	1204	1040	164
Del.	12	7	5	12	7	5	10	6	4
Md.	57	38	19	53	37	16	50	35	15
Va.	190	136	54	170	119	51	162	117	45
W. Va.	72	59	13	58	48	10	53	44	9
N. C.	420	315	105	406	290	116	367	263	104
S. C.	192	127	65	162	108	54	143	98	45
Ga.	182	132	50	170	124	46	154	109	45
Fla.	124	48	76	121	44	77	119	43	76
S. Atl.	1249	862	387	1152	777	375	1058	715	343
Ky.	239	191	48	238	185	53	229	181	48
Tenn.	252	193	59	235	178	57	224	176	48
Ala.	153	117	36	136	103	33	128	100	28
Miss.	245	180	65	211	146	65	201	143	58
E. S. Cent.	889	681	208	820	612	208	782	600	182
Ark.	211	123	88	190	106	84	166	96	70
La.	155	95	60	141	82	59	133	78	55
Okla.	158	126	32	144	118	26	129	109	20
Texas	424	258	166	388	241	147	354	221	133
W. S. Cent.	948	602	346	863	547	316	782	504	278
Mont.	51	38	13	48	36	12	47	35	12
Idaho	68	48	20	66	46	20	66	47	19
Wyo.	20	14	6	19	13	6	19	12	7
Colo.	66	48	18	62	45	17	57	43	14
N. Mex.	40	22	18	34	20	14	32	19	13
Ariz.	47	10	37	40	9	31	38	8	30
Utah	35	25	10	31	22	9	30	21	9
Nev.	5	3	2	5	3	2	4	3	1
Mount.	332	208	124	305	194	111	293	188	105
Wash.	116	77	39	111	72	39	108	71	37
Oreg.	96	66	30	94	63	31	93	63	30
Calif.	369	143	226	335	130	205	310	120	190
Pac.	581	286	295	540	265	275	511	254	257
U. S.	7104	5197	1907	6519	4737	1782	6110	4506	1604

1/ Persons employed during the last full calendar week in each month ending at least one day before the end of the month.

Farm Wage Rates, January 1, 1964 1/

State and Region	Per month		Per week		Per day			Per hour		Composite rate per hour	Indexes of composite rates 1910-14=100 2/
	With house	With board and room	With board and room	Without board or room	With house	With board or room	Without board or room	With house	Without board or room		
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	
Maine	215	155	40.00	56.00	—	—	10.00	—	1.15	1.03	602
N. H.	235	170	46.00	65.00	—	—	10.20	—	1.26	1.16	736
Vt.	207	160	42.00	57.00	—	—	9.60	—	1.23	1.05	679
Mass.	255	170	49.00	70.00	—	—	11.00	—	1.35	1.25	783
R. I.	250	170	49.00	70.00	—	—	11.30	—	1.40	1.25	838
Conn.	250	170	49.00	70.00	—	—	11.50	—	1.42	1.26	843
N. Eng.	233	164	45.00	63.50	—	—	10.50	—	1.29	1.15	730
N. Y.	219	159	41.25	57.00	—	—	9.70	—	1.21	.981	603
N. J.	242	165	48.00	61.00	—	—	10.30	—	1.16	1.03	729
Pa.	203	146	39.00	51.25	—	—	8.70	—	1.11	.897	716
M. Atl.	218	156	41.50	56.00	—	—	9.50	—	1.17	.964	667
Ohio	192	139	—	—	—	6.80	8.60	—	1.11	.850	651
Ind.	198	144	—	—	—	6.90	9.00	—	1.15	.881	694
Ill.	214	162	—	—	—	7.80	9.60	—	1.18	.959	696
Mich.	231	161	—	—	—	7.50	9.50	—	1.14	.960	671
Wis.	215	154	—	—	—	7.10	9.10	—	1.16	.926	622
E. N. Cent.	213	155	—	—	—	7.30	9.30	—	1.15	.928	669
Minn.	196	155	—	—	—	8.00	9.90	—	1.18	.957	606
Iowa	223	173	—	—	—	8.60	10.50	—	1.22	1.04	619
Mo.	178	129	—	—	—	6.70	8.60	—	1.08	.841	744
N. Dak.	188	144	—	—	—	6.60	8.40	—	1.05	.864	523
S. Dak.	203	156	—	—	—	7.20	9.10	—	1.10	.925	561
Nebr.	235	175	—	—	—	8.40	10.50	—	1.19	1.04	678
Kans.	216	163	—	—	—	7.80	9.80	—	1.19	.988	782
W. N. Cent.	205	155	—	—	—	7.70	9.60	—	1.15	.949	648
Del.	183	—	—	—	—	—	8.60	—	1.07	1.06	882
Md.	200	140	38.00	49.50	—	—	8.40	—	1.08	1.06	878
Va.	—	—	—	—	5.80	—	6.80	.71	.88	.796	826
W.Va.	—	—	—	—	5.30	—	6.00	.68	.80	.733	539
N. C.	—	—	—	—	5.40	—	6.30	.66	.79	.733	781
S. C.	—	—	—	—	4.00	—	4.55	.51	.60	.542	678
Ga.	—	—	—	—	4.60	—	5.30	.63	.76	.648	681
Fla.	—	—	—	—	6.20	—	6.40	.75	.89	.789	725
S. Atl.	—	—	—	—	5.60	—	6.20	.71	.84	.749	765
Ky.	—	—	—	—	4.85	—	5.90	.69	.87	.730	650
Tenn.	—	—	—	—	4.40	—	5.30	.57	.73	.649	602
Ala.	—	—	—	—	4.45	—	4.90	.58	.68	.610	604
Miss.	—	—	—	—	4.45	—	4.70	.50	.61	.583	570
E. S. Cent.	—	—	—	—	4.55	—	5.20	.58	.72	.640	606
Ark.	—	—	—	—	6.20	—	6.60	.72	.83	.806	710
La.	—	—	—	—	5.40	—	5.90	.65	.74	.716	698
Okla.	—	—	—	—	7.60	—	8.50	.94	1.07	1.03	754
Tex.	—	—	—	—	6.90	—	7.50	.79	.91	.904	692
W. S. Cent.	—	—	—	—	6.60	—	7.20	.77	.88	.869	712
Mont.	230	172	—	—	—	—	9.40	—	1.25	1.02	524
Idaho	265	205	—	—	—	—	10.80	—	1.31	1.16	645
Wyo.	242	172	—	—	—	—	9.40	—	1.20	1.02	525
Colo.	232	170	—	—	—	—	10.20	—	1.22	1.02	668
N. Mex.	200	150	—	—	—	—	8.00	—	.95	.853	681
Ariz.	283	170	—	—	—	—	9.20	—	1.05	1.03	640
Utah	240	215	—	—	—	—	10.00	—	1.35	1.14	669
Nev.	260	190	—	—	—	—	9.90	—	1.30	1.11	590
Mount.	253	172	—	—	—	—	9.30	—	1.11	1.01	608
Wash.	283	221	—	—	—	—	—	1.28	1.39	1.37	662
Oreg.	266	194	—	—	—	—	—	1.21	1.30	1.28	630
Calif.	324	240	—	—	—	—	—	1.27	1.32	1.36	612
Pacific	319	237	—	—	—	—	—	1.27	1.32	1.36	626
Alaska	385	310	—	—	—	—	17.90	—	2.00	—	—
U. S.	209	163	37.25	48.00	6.00	6.80	7.00	.88	1.14	.962	673

1/ Average rates paid on crop and livestock reporters' farms or in their localities for arrangements specified above. U.S. averages and State composite rates include estimates for unpublished State rates of small importance.

2/ Adjusted for seasonal variation.

Farm Wage Rates, January 1, 1965 1/

State and Region	Per month		Per week		Per day			Per hour		Composite rate per hour	Indexes of composite rates 1910-14=100 2/
	With house	With board and room	With board and room	Without board or room	With house	With board and room	Without board or room	With house	Without board or room		
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	
Maine	215	167	42.00	60.00	---	---	10.20	---	1.20	1.09	635
N. H.	240	177	45.00	64.00	---	---	10.30	---	1.27	1.16	732
Vt.	226	171	43.00	59.00	---	---	10.00	---	1.24	1.09	704
Mass.	260	182	47.00	70.00	---	---	11.00	---	1.37	1.25	784
R. I.	260	182	47.00	70.00	---	---	11.30	---	1.37	1.25	835
Conn.	260	182	47.00	70.00	---	---	12.00	---	1.40	1.26	844
N. Eng.	240	176	44.75	64.75	---	---	10.70	---	1.30	1.17	742
N. Y.	231	161	42.25	59.25	---	---	9.80	---	1.22	1.00	618
N. J.	242	172	49.00	63.00	---	---	10.50	---	1.30	1.08	762
Pa.	205	143	38.75	52.25	---	---	8.90	---	1.14	.907	724
M. Atl.	225	157	42.25	57.75	---	---	9.60	---	1.21	.987	683
Ohio	194	138	---	---	---	6.70	8.70	---	1.13	.854	654
Ind.	207	149	---	---	---	7.20	9.20	---	1.17	.909	716
Ill.	220	168	---	---	---	8.10	10.10	---	1.20	.991	720
Mich.	240	169	---	---	---	7.80	9.70	---	1.16	.987	689
Wis.	219	160	---	---	---	7.80	9.00	---	1.17	.947	636
E. N. Cent.	219	160	---	---	---	7.70	9.50	---	1.17	.951	685
Minn.	207	155	---	---	---	8.20	10.10	---	1.18	.970	614
Iowa	229	177	---	---	---	8.80	11.10	---	1.25	1.06	636
Mo.	186	141	---	---	---	6.90	8.60	---	1.10	.876	774
N. Dak.	200	151	---	---	---	6.80	8.80	---	1.11	.909	549
S. Dak.	208	157	---	---	---	7.40	9.10	---	1.10	.933	565
Nebr.	247	178	---	---	---	8.70	10.60	---	1.23	1.07	699
Kans.	226	173	---	---	---	8.10	10.20	---	1.22	1.03	815
W. N. Cent.	214	161	---	---	---	7.90	9.80	---	1.17	.979	668
Del.	185	---	---	---	---	---	8.60	---	1.09	1.08	903
Md.	195	147	39.00	48.00	---	---	8.60	---	1.10	1.08	994
Va.	---	---	---	---	6.00	---	7.20	.77	.93	.842	875
W. Va.	---	---	---	---	---	---	6.40	---	.86	.777	571
N. C.	---	---	---	---	5.60	---	6.60	.68	.83	.767	817
S. C.	---	---	---	---	4.35	---	5.00	.52	.61	.578	723
Ga.	---	---	---	---	4.80	---	5.50	.65	.79	.673	708
Fla.	---	---	---	---	6.00	---	6.40	.80	1.00	.816	750
S. Atl.	---	---	---	---	5.50	---	6.40	.82	.91	.797	815
Ky.	---	---	---	---	4.95	---	6.00	.71	.87	.741	659
Tenn.	---	---	---	---	4.55	---	5.50	.60	.76	.672	623
Ala.	---	---	---	---	4.55	---	5.20	.60	.72	.644	638
Miss.	---	---	---	---	4.60	---	4.95	.57	.66	.614	600
E. S. Cent.	---	---	---	---	4.70	---	5.40	.62	.75	.667	631
Ark.	---	---	---	---	6.40	---	7.10	.75	.87	.853	752
La.	---	---	---	---	5.50	---	6.20	.70	.81	.753	734
Okla.	---	---	---	---	7.70	---	8.70	.98	1.09	1.05	771
Tex.	---	---	---	---	7.10	---	7.90	.83	.95	.945	723
W. S. Cent.	---	---	---	---	6.80	---	7.60	.81	.93	.913	748
Mont.	239	179	---	---	---	---	9.60	1.21	1.23	1.05	539
Idaho	269	202	---	---	---	---	11.40	1.20	1.30	1.17	649
Wyo.	244	167	---	---	---	---	9.40	1.15	1.21	1.02	523
Colo.	248	179	---	---	---	---	10.20	1.10	1.25	1.06	694
N. Mex.	210	155	---	---	---	---	8.30	.92	1.00	.891	712
Ariz.	296	195	---	---	---	---	10.00	1.05	1.10	1.11	694
Utah	250	210	---	---	---	---	10.80	1.11	1.31	1.15	671
Nev.	270	190	---	---	---	---	10.20	---	1.34	1.13	604
Mount.	266	185	---	---	---	---	9.80	1.07	1.14	1.07	643
Wash.	297	224	---	---	---	---	---	1.30	1.39	1.38	668
Oreg.	270	196	---	---	---	---	---	1.26	1.32	1.29	635
Calif.	333	247	---	---	---	---	---	1.32	1.36	1.40	632
Pac.	327	243	---	---	---	---	---	1.32	1.36	1.40	643
U. S.	221	172	38.00	50.00	6.10	7.10	7.30	.97	1.19	1.01	708

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	With house	With board and room	With board and room	Without board or room	With board and room	Without board or room	With house	Without board or room		
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	
Maine	212	154	39.00	56.50	—	—	9.80	—	1.17	1.02	613
N. H.	232	168	44.75	62.75	—	—	10.20	—	1.24	1.10	722
Vt.	206	159	40.75	57.25	—	—	9.80	—	1.18	1.02	671
Mass.	252	168	47.75	67.50	—	—	10.80	—	1.34	1.17	765
R. I.	249	169	47.50	68.25	—	—	11.00	—	1.38	1.19	824
Conn.	249	170	47.75	68.25	—	—	11.00	—	1.40	1.20	824
N. Eng.	231	163	44.00	62.50	—	—	10.60	—	1.27	1.10	721
N. Y.	221	158	40.75	56.50	—	—	9.50	—	1.20	.963	598
N. J.	234	178	46.00	62.25	—	—	10.20	—	1.21	1.02	729
Pa.	202	143	37.50	50.50	—	—	8.70	—	1.10	.883	712
M. Atl.	218	156	40.75	55.50	—	—	9.40	—	1.17	.949	664
Ohio	184	133	—	—	—	6.80	8.70	—	1.11	.844	639
Ind.	190	144	—	—	—	7.20	8.90	—	1.14	.876	690
Ill.	214	162	—	—	—	8.10	9.90	—	1.17	.932	690
Mich.	228	158	—	—	—	7.30	9.30	—	1.12	.908	653
Wis.	212	154	—	—	—	7.40	9.50	—	1.16	.907	621
E. N. Cent.	207	152	—	—	—	7.40	9.30	—	1.14	.897	660
Minn.	201	160	—	—	—	8.60	10.40	—	1.18	.972	615
Iowa	221	175	—	—	—	8.80	10.70	—	1.22	1.02	622
Mo.	175	128	—	—	—	6.70	8.30	—	1.08	.830	741
N. Dak.	205	172	—	—	—	7.90	9.70	—	1.11	.931	535
S. Dak.	204	160	—	—	—	7.70	9.60	—	1.10	.915	555
Nebr.	233	178	—	—	—	8.50	10.50	—	1.20	1.00	670
Kans.	218	167	—	—	—	8.10	10.40	—	1.20	.991	793
W. N. Cent.	206	160	—	—	—	8.10	10.00	—	1.16	.953	657
Del.	177	—	—	—	—	—	8.50	—	1.05	.935	858
Md.	188	138	37.00	49.50	—	—	8.40	—	1.07	.943	953
Va.	—	—	—	—	5.70	—	6.90	.73	.88	.745	828
W. Va.	—	—	—	—	5.40	—	6.00	.69	.82	.675	536
N. C.	—	—	—	—	5.40	—	6.30	.68	.78	.678	779
S. C.	—	—	—	—	3.95	—	4.70	.50	.56	.494	668
Ga.	—	—	—	—	4.55	—	5.10	.63	.73	.590	670
Fla.	—	—	—	—	5.90	—	6.40	.79	.86	.720	735
S. Atl.	—	—	—	—	5.30	—	6.10	.71	.78	.668	751
Ky.	—	—	—	—	4.80	—	5.90	.58	.94	.710	670
Tenn.	—	—	—	—	4.35	—	5.20	.56	.73	.603	609
Ala.	—	—	—	—	4.25	—	4.80	.57	.66	.560	615
Miss.	—	—	—	—	4.25	—	4.50	.51	.59	.519	558
E. S. Cent.	—	—	—	—	4.45	—	5.10	.57	.70	.587	605
Ark.	—	—	—	—	6.00	—	6.50	.69	.82	.737	689
La.	—	—	—	—	5.10	—	5.70	.63	.73	.653	687
Okla.	—	—	—	—	7.70	—	8.90	.94	1.07	.980	748
Tex.	—	—	—	—	6.60	—	7.30	.77	.88	.812	671
W.S.Cent.	—	—	—	—	6.30	—	7.00	.74	.85	.779	689
Mont.	237	186	—	—	—	—	9.90	—	1.21	.977	512
Idaho	269	210	—	—	—	—	11.30	—	1.29	1.09	635
Wyo.	238	174	—	—	—	—	9.60	—	1.19	.954	510
Colo.	240	173	—	—	—	—	9.90	—	1.18	.965	656
N. Mex.	204	148	—	—	—	—	8.10	—	.91	.794	679
Ariz.	273	174	—	—	—	—	9.60	—	1.02	.938	638
Utah	259	220	—	—	—	—	10.40	—	1.32	1.08	685
Nev.	259	184	—	—	—	—	9.90	—	1.31	1.03	572
Mount.	251	181	—	—	—	—	9.90	—	1.14	.966	611
Wash.	286	221	—	—	—	—	—	1.30	1.35	1.32	648
Oreg.	263	193	—	—	—	—	—	1.22	1.29	1.25	620
Calif.	317	236	—	—	—	—	—	1.24	1.32	1.31	610
Pac.	309	231	—	—	—	—	—	1.24	1.32	1.30	616
U. S.	206	159	37.50	48.50	5.70	6.90	7.10	.94	1.05	.880	677

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Maine	216	160	41.00	58.00	---	10.40	---	1.20	1.06	637
N. H.	239	173	45.00	64.50	---	10.30	---	1.26	1.11	732
Vt.	216	165	43.75	59.00	---	10.00	---	1.25	1.06	698
Mass.	257	175	48.00	68.75	---	11.10	---	1.33	1.18	772
R. I.	254	175	48.00	69.25	---	11.40	---	1.39	1.20	836
Conn.	254	175	48.00	69.25	---	11.60	---	1.40	1.22	838
N. Eng.	236	169	45.00	63.75	---	10.80	---	1.28	1.13	787
N. Y.	227	161	41.75	58.25	---	9.70	---	1.23	.988	614
N. J.	239	170	44.75	60.00	---	10.60	---	1.25	1.03	739
Pa.	206	145	38.00	51.25	---	8.80	---	1.13	.898	724
M. Atl.	223	158	41.25	56.50	---	9.60	---	1.20	.969	678
Ohio	193	137	---	---	6.90	8.80	---	1.13	.862	653
Ind.	201	148	---	---	7.30	9.10	---	1.16	.895	705
Ill.	220	167	---	---	8.30	10.10	---	1.21	.958	710
Mich.	235	166	---	---	7.60	9.50	---	1.13	.926	666
Wis.	218	158	---	---	7.70	9.50	---	1.21	.937	642
E. N. Cent.	215	157	---	---	7.60	9.50	---	1.17	.920	676
Minn.	206	162	---	---	8.70	10.40	---	1.19	.985	623
Iowa	226	178	---	---	9.10	10.90	---	1.25	1.04	636
Mo.	179	134	---	---	6.90	8.60	---	1.09	.853	762
N. Dak.	210	175	---	---	8.00	9.90	---	1.13	.952	547
S. Dak.	208	163	---	---	7.80	9.60	---	1.13	.932	565
Nebr.	238	179	---	---	8.70	10.70	---	1.21	1.02	678
Kans.	226	174	---	---	8.80	10.60	---	1.23	1.03	823
W. N. Cent.	211	163	---	---	8.30	10.10	---	1.18	.971	670
Del.	187	---	---	---	---	8.90	---	1.08	.970	890
Md.	196	143	38.00	48.75	---	8.70	---	1.09	.967	977
Va.	---	---	---	---	5.90	7.10	.75	.89	.767	852
W. Va.	---	---	---	---	5.40	6.30	---	.83	.689	547
N. C.	---	---	---	---	5.60	6.60	.70	.81	.705	810
S. C.	---	---	---	---	4.20	4.85	.52	.60	.518	700
Ga.	---	---	---	---	4.70	5.40	.64	.75	.609	692
Fla.	---	---	---	---	6.20	7.00	.80	.94	.775	791
S. Atl.	---	---	---	---	5.50	6.50	.73	.83	.704	791
Ky.	---	---	---	---	4.90	6.10	.70	.93	.704	664
Tenn.	---	---	---	---	4.50	5.40	.59	.77	.618	624
Ala.	---	---	---	---	4.50	5.00	.59	.69	.585	643
Miss.	---	---	---	---	4.45	4.70	.54	.64	.545	586
E. S. Cent.	---	---	---	---	4.60	5.30	.61	.75	.612	631
Ark.	---	---	---	---	6.30	6.80	.73	.84	.758	708
La.	---	---	---	---	5.40	5.90	.67	.74	.673	708
Okla.	---	---	---	---	7.80	9.10	.95	1.08	.985	752
Tex.	---	---	---	---	7.00	7.80	.80	.91	.851	703
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Calif.	328	244	---	---	---	---	1.29	1.35	1.33	624
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