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State	Week Ending					
	Oct 25	Nov 1	Nov 8	Nov 15	Nov 22	Nov 29
	1,000					
AL	22,508	24,142	*25,115	*25,609	25,791	25,840
AR	*23,347	28,609	*29,306	28,377	29,218	29,888
DE	4,198	4,488	4,449	4,271	4,536	4,542
FL	2,642	2,425	2,939	2,917	2,930	2,992
GA	27,470	27,773	27,770	*28,404	*29,315	29,829
MD	7,371	*8,352	8,646	8,362	8,749	8,785
MS	15,826	16,103	16,891	17,500	16,584	17,490
NC	15,964	16,130	17,158	17,170	16,557	17,167
PA	3,198	3,370	3,575	3,494	3,685	3,664
SC	4,325	4,231	4,365	4,391	4,405	4,365
TX	11,048	11,522	*12,454	12,091	*12,334	12,454
VA	6,391	6,078	6,617	6,523	6,015	6,627
CA, TN, & WV	9,704	10,638	10,323	11,039	10,664	11,029
1997 Total	*153,992	*163,861	*169,608	*170,148	*170,783	174,672
1996 Total	150,501	158,685	166,637	166,941	168,089	169,854
% of Prev Yr	102	103	102	102	102	103

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AL	18,517	16,808	17,070	*15,899	17,041	18,673
AR	*26,494	23,154	*21,650	20,404	23,171	23,980
DE	5,841	4,440	4,868	5,019	4,864	5,084
FL	2,461	2,643	2,757	2,701	2,115	2,371
GA	23,839	23,219	21,659	21,561	*22,986	22,454
MD	4,927	6,381	4,754	5,042	5,640	5,604
MS	14,255	14,324	14,184	13,619	13,366	13,980
NC	12,711	12,401	11,676	12,568	*12,610	13,522
PA	2,713	2,605	2,512	2,582	2,761	2,908
SC	4,051	4,220	3,949	3,672	3,129	3,531
TX	9,163	9,311	8,640	8,409	8,819	9,479
VA	5,118	4,618	4,812	4,593	4,548	5,750
CA, TN, & WV	9,352	8,820	8,135	9,127	8,981	8,818
1997 Total	*139,442	132,944	*126,666	*125,196	*130,031	136,154
1996 Total	130,221	125,501	124,488	120,536	127,422	134,832
% of Prev Yr	107	106	102	104	102	101

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