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	Nov 15	Nov 22	Nov 29	Dec 6	Dec 13	Dec 20
	1,000					
AL	25,609	25,791	25,840	25,464	25,457	25,260
AR	*29,550	29,306	29,888	29,753	29,256	29,561
DE	4,271	4,536	4,542	4,429	4,141	4,614
FL	2,917	2,930	2,992	2,915	2,404	2,558
GA	28,770	29,451	29,936	29,754	*30,196	29,818
MD	8,299	8,749	8,785	8,587	8,661	8,628
MS	17,499	16,584	17,490	17,233	17,145	17,385
NC	16,696	16,795	*17,097	16,455	16,796	17,078
PA	3,494	3,685	3,502	3,583	4,381	3,481
SC	4,391	4,405	4,365	4,310	4,356	4,319
TX	12,485	12,395	12,313	12,327	12,316	12,247
VA	6,523	6,492	6,427	6,259	6,383	6,377
CA, TN, & WV	11,100	10,664	11,029	10,632	*10,087	9,894
1997 Total	*171,604	171,783	*174,206	171,701	*171,579	171,220
1996 Total	166,941	168,089	169,854	168,466	169,406	170,115
% of Prev Yr	103	102	103	102	101	101

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AL	15,899	17,041	18,673	18,788	18,424	18,386
AR	20,861	23,177	23,658	*23,496	*23,251	25,501
DE	5,019	4,864	5,084	4,856	4,510	5,147
FL	2,701	2,115	2,371	2,798	2,249	2,746
GA	21,567	22,986	22,577	23,133	*23,874	24,070
MD	5,042	5,640	5,604	5,776	6,534	5,564
MS	13,619	13,366	13,980	14,578	13,936	14,793
NC	12,568	12,610	13,558	13,029	13,167	13,800
PA	2,582	2,761	2,725	2,705	2,770	2,708
SC	3,672	3,129	3,531	3,580	3,210	3,489
TX	8,403	8,818	9,494	9,592	9,629	9,610
VA	4,593	4,548	5,648	5,035	5,436	5,666
CA, TN, & WV	8,978	8,981	8,818	9,253	9,539	10,179
1997 Total	125,504	130,036	135,721	*136,619	*136,529	141,659
1996 Total	120,536	127,422	134,832	134,774	134,570	136,536
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