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|              | 1,000       |          |          |          |          |         |
| AL           | 25,791      | 25,840   | 25,464   | 25,457   | 25,260   | 25,552  |
| AR           | 29,306      | 29,888   | 29,753   | 29,256   | 29,561   | 29,605  |
| DE           | 4,536       | 4,542    | 4,429    | 4,141    | *4,623   | 4,339   |
| FL           | 2,930       | 2,992    | 2,915    | 2,404    | 2,558    | 2,743   |
| GA           | 29,451      | 29,936   | *29,527  | 30,196   | *29,787  | 30,363  |
| MD           | 8,749       | 8,785    | 8,587    | 8,661    | *8,688   | 8,014   |
| MS           | 16,584      | 17,490   | 17,233   | 17,145   | 17,385   | 17,358  |
| NC           | 16,795      | 17,097   | *16,420  | 16,796   | 17,078   | 16,182  |
| PA           | 3,685       | 3,502    | 3,583    | 4,381    | 3,481    | 3,525   |
| SC           | 4,405       | 4,365    | 4,310    | 4,356    | *4,353   | 4,244   |
| TX           | 12,395      | 12,313   | *12,391  | 12,316   | 12,247   | 12,412  |
| VA           | 6,492       | 6,427    | 6,259    | 6,383    | *6,405   | 6,403   |
| CA, TN, & WV | *10,688     | *11,048  | *10,657  | *10,071  | *9,876   | 9,912   |
| 1997 Total   | *171,807    | *174,225 | *171,528 | *171,563 | *171,302 | 170,652 |
| 1996 Total   | 168,089     | 169,854  | 168,466  | 169,406  | 170,115  | 171,220 |
| % of Prev Yr | 102         | 103      | 102      | 101      | 101      | 100     |

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| AR           | 23,177      | 23,658   | *23,794  | 23,251   | 25,501   | 24,709  |
| DE           | 4,864       | 5,084    | 4,856    | 4,510    | *5,572   | 5,936   |
| FL           | 2,115       | 2,371    | 2,798    | 2,249    | 2,746    | 2,863   |
| GA           | 22,986      | 22,577   | *23,232  | 23,874   | *24,044  | 23,470  |
| MD           | 5,640       | 5,604    | 5,776    | 6,534    | *5,557   | 5,310   |
| MS           | 13,366      | 13,980   | 14,578   | 13,936   | 14,793   | 14,479  |
| NC           | 12,610      | 13,558   | 13,029   | 13,167   | 13,800   | 12,200  |
| PA           | 2,761       | 2,725    | 2,705    | 2,770    | 2,708    | 2,616   |
| SC           | 3,129       | 3,531    | 3,580    | 3,210    | 3,489    | 4,156   |
| TX           | 8,818       | 9,494    | 9,592    | 9,629    | 9,610    | 9,670   |
| VA           | 4,548       | 5,648    | 5,035    | 5,436    | *5,508   | 4,986   |
| CA, TN, & WV | 8,981       | *8,820   | 9,253    | *9,607   | *10,207  | 9,657   |
| 1997 Total   | 130,036     | *135,723 | *137,016 | *136,597 | *141,921 | 138,092 |
| 1996 Total   | 127,422     | 134,832  | 134,774  | 134,570  | 136,536  | 135,177 |
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