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AR	50	71	3,550	817	51	1,811
CA	400	60	24,000	6,480	51	12,240
CO	45	76	3,420	1,813	56	1,915
FL	230	84	19,320	2,898	47	9,080
GA	80	63	5,040	958	57	2,873
HI	11	100	1,100	429	48	528
ID	127	59	7,493	1,274	52	3,896
IL	13	80	1,040	468	104	1,082
IN	13	54	702	204	71	498
IA	55	66	3,630	1,089	65	2,360
KS	19	47	893	214	72	643
KY	3	54	162	57	98	159
LA	35	98	3,430	515	46	1,578
ME	8	55	440	172	60	264
MD	7	36	252	83	108	272
MI	90	86	7,740	3,870	55	4,257
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PA	27	47	1,269	622	60	761
SC	10	100	1,000	150	82	820
SD	260	100	26,000	8,580	52	13,520
TN	6	51	306	107	98	300
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UT	43	59	2,537	1,218	53	1,345
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FL	230	86	19,780	1,780	63	12,461
GA	70	62	4,340	260	69	2,995
HI	8	129	1,032	103	55	568
ID	125	48	6,000	1,020	65	3,900
IL	11	74	814	212	102	830
IN	12	63	756	166	68	514
IA	50	68	3,400	612	72	2,448
KS	17	67	1,139	182	71	809
KY	3	44	132	30	103	136
LA	33	119	3,927	275	61	2,395
ME	11	45	495	223	100	495
MD	7	35	245	81	114	279
MI	97	92	8,924	3,570	72	6,425
MN	165	82	13,530	1,218	66	8,930
MS	16	70	1,120	146	64	717
MO	23	67	1,541	308	65	1,002
MT	106	80	8,480	1,781	66	5,597
NE	60	73	4,380	1,402	68	2,978
NV	9	29	261	34	96	251
NJ	8	34	272	57	71	193
NM	19	65	1,235	247	68	840
NY	70	75	5,250	2,100	66	3,465
NC	12	52	624	162	81	505
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TN	4	53	212	70	114	242
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