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1	4	Austin	51.05	38,602	24.24	15.58%	19.52%	1,652,602
2	45	Baton Rouge, La.	37.19	17,527	22.78	9.95%	7.72%	774,327
3	1	Raleigh	32.89	28,649	27.44	9.99%	22.46%	1,088,765
4	18	Charleston, S.C.	32.49	16,896	26.80	5.95%	11.77%	644,506
5	10	Portland, Maine	30.10	17,747	34.64	-2.00%	1.61%	514,065
6	14	McAllen-Edinburg, Texas	28.69	10,312	14.62	17.65%	15.69%	726,604
7	12	Miami-Fort Lauderdale	28.50	175,917	32.62	-0.30%	3.26%	5,414,772
8	22	Des Moines, Iowa	27.62	14,733	27.00	4.87%	10.28%	556,230
9	6	Salt Lake City	27.08	32,195	29.39	8.04%	9.73%	1,115,692
10	3	Seattle	26.51	98,486	29.86	6.45%	6.63%	3,344,813
11	30	Little Rock, Ark.	24.05	17,589	26.42	2.97%	7.26%	675,069
12	59	Columbia, S.C.	23.32	17,303	24.18	4.02%	8.24%	728,063
13	25	Jacksonville	21.96	35,477	27.34	1.06%	9.96%	1,313,228
14	26	Omaha	19.45	21,770	26.30	3.20%	6.03%	837,925
15	8	Oklahoma City	19.34	32,110	27.00	3.29%	6.64%	1,206,142
16	28	Greenville, S.C.	17.78	15,365	25.08	3.72%	8.39%	624,715
17	7	Orlando	16.41	57,525	28.36	2.81%	14.06%	2,054,574
18	32	Madison, Wis.	16.12	15,211	27.44	1.27%	6.70%	561,505
19	16	Washington	15.92	139,218	26.26	2.08%	5.38%	5,358,130
20	56	Poughkeepsie, N.Y.	13.72	16,905	25.28	-2.42%	3.17%	672,525
21	19	Virginia Beach-Norfolk	13.53	38,674	23.30	0.43%	2.03%	1,658,292
22	39	Tulsa	13.49	24,063	26.61	7.58%	4.51%	916,079
23	9	Denver	13.07	74,020	30.17	1.16%	9.02%	2,506,626
24	67	Jackson, Miss.	13.05	12,829	24.03	-1.39%	5.56%	537,285
25	21	Dallas-Fort Worth	12.40	136,460	22.18	7.63%	12.85%	6,300,006
26	11	Portland, Ore.	12.40	63,143	29.15	0.71%	8.45%	2,207,462
27	35	New York City	12.38	529,928	28.01	0.90%	1.77%	19,006,798
28	33	Nashville	11.52	37,589	24.73	-0.21%	11.84%	1,550,733
29	13	Bridgeport-Stamford, Conn.	11.19	27,795	31.21	-2.01%	0.25%	895,030
30	24	San Antonio	10.83	39,507	19.90	11.48%	12.32%	2,031,445
31	2	Charlotte	9.69	44,562	27.07	2.06%	18.52%	1,701,799
32	5	Boise, Idaho	9.54	18,026	30.73	0.87%	17.43%	599,753
33	36	Boston	9.44	122,741	27.32	0.64%	1.49%	4,522,858
34	27	Richmond	9.29	31,700	26.17	0.75%	7.63%	1,225,626
35	91	Oxnard-Thousand Oaks, Calif.	7.26	20,085	25.35	-4.87%	1.59%	797,740
36	17	Houston	6.34	116,865	20.88	9.99%	12.63%	5,728,143
37	41	Baltimore	5.38	66,786	25.07	0.36%	1.78%	2,667,117
38	65	Kansas City	5.14	51,293	25.89	1.65%	5.23%	2,002,047
39	40	Minneapolis-St. Paul	3.61	91,168	28.51	-2.00%	4.95%	3,229,878

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40	54	Knoxville, Tenn.	2.55	16,500	24.24	-0.18%	7.83%	691,152
41	74	Chattanooga, Tenn.	1.60	11,520	22.40	-0.39%	5.36%	518,441
42	93	Worcester, Mass.	1.58	18,202	23.27	-1.57%	1.46%	783,806
43	61	Albany	0.50	20,763	24.38	-1.06%	1.71%	853,919
44	72	New Haven, Conn.	0.31	20,257	23.99	0.25%	1.03%	846,101
45	48	San Francisco-Oakland	0.28	119,048	28.24	-2.05%	2.81%	4,274,531
46	57	Birmingham	-0.11	26,627	24.02	-1.41%	4.21%	1,117,608
47	64	Los Angeles	-0.32	335,776	26.26	-3.41%	0.97%	12,872,808
48	34	Indianapolis	-0.77	42,944	25.37	-1.88%	7.28%	1,715,459
49	23	Colorado Springs	-0.82	16,779	27.60	-4.28%	7.89%	617,714
50	71	El Paso, Texas	-2.15	12,907	17.68	4.24%	6.71%	742,062
51	53	Tampa-St. Petersburg	-2.29	72,124	26.56	-4.86%	8.39%	2,733,761
52	58	Columbus	-2.35	39,736	22.67	0.18%	5.68%	1,773,120
53	37	Ogden, Utah	-2.42	11,517	22.25	3.28%	12.80%	531,488
54	62	Honolulu	-2.93	21,739	24.14	0.62%	1.97%	905,034
55	43	Palm Bay-Melbourne, Fla.	-3.22	13,808	25.81	-4.43%	6.67%	536,521
56	42	Hartford	-3.75	29,666	25.00	-0.35%	1.44%	1,190,512
57	76	St. Louis	-3.81	70,752	25.22	-1.56%	2.66%	2,816,710
58	96	Rochester, N.Y.	-3.84	23,130	22.40	-0.76%	-0.59%	1,034,090
59	51	Daytona Beach, Fla.	-3.87	12,957	25.93	-4.26%	6.92%	498,036
60	31	Atlanta	-3.99	134,096	25.49	-1.60%	15.07%	5,376,285
61	75	Syracuse, N.Y.	-4.18	15,300	23.76	-1.50%	-0.91%	643,794
62	49	Albuquerque	-4.44	19,404	23.29	0.81%	10.52%	845,913
63	44	Bradenton-Sarasota, Fla.	-4.85	21,150	30.88	-10.26%	9.00%	687,823
64	68	Allentown-Bethlehem, Pa.	-5.01	18,639	23.23	-0.17%	5.61%	808,210
65	52	Harrisburg, Pa.	-5.12	13,270	25.14	-1.04%	2.98%	531,108
66	55	Bakersfield, Calif.	-5.38	12,334	15.67	7.96%	13.11%	800,458
67	47	San Diego	-5.72	77,314	26.12	-3.02%	2.52%	3,001,072
68	15	Las Vegas	-6.07	40,408	22.11	1.37%	18.81%	1,865,746
69	70	Wichita, Kans.	-6.87	14,608	24.54	2.74%	4.13%	603,716
70	63	Philadelphia	-7.39	145,752	25.03	-1.84%	1.56%	5,838,471
71	66	Pittsburgh	-7.83	59,398	25.23	-1.29%	-2.04%	2,351,192
72	60	Chicago	-8.83	237,990	25.06	-3.13%	2.91%	9,569,624
73	38	New Orleans	-9.88	28,755	25.92	-13.56%	-13.52%	1,134,029
74	73	Scranton-Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	-10.01	13,455	24.51	-1.72%	-0.21%	549,150
75	50	San Jose	-11.63	45,320	25.37	0.54%	5.38%	1,819,198
76	69	Louisville	-12.01	29,742	24.14	-2.11%	4.73%	1,244,696
77	89	Providence	-12.25	42,900	26.84	-7.25%	-1.30%	1,596,611
78	20	Cape Coral-Fort Myers, Fla.	-12.55	16,847	28.65	-8.55%	21.04%	593,136

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79	46	Phoenix	-13.20	91,382	21.94	0.16%	19.09%	4,281,899
80	84	Buffalo	-13.28	26,396	23.43	-2.18%	-2.62%	1,124,309
81	79	Akron, Ohio	-13.82	17,146	24.53	-2.91%	-0.22%	698,553
82	92	Memphis	-15.09	26,033	20.35	-0.19%	4.25%	1,285,732
83	82	Cincinnati	-15.30	47,508	22.16	-3.46%	4.34%	2,155,137
84	90	Tucson	-15.31	21,244	21.32	-0.57%	12.10%	1,012,018
85	87	Augusta, Ga.	-16.04	10,722	20.29	-3.53%	4.90%	534,218
86	81	Lakeland, Fla.	-16.77	11,565	20.18	0.18%	14.36%	580,594
87	98	Modesto, Calif.	-18.38	9,037	17.75	-2.85%	4.84%	510,694
88	94	Springfield, Mass.	-21.00	15,281	22.24	-4.69%	0.28%	687,558
89	29	Greensboro	-21.20	18,125	26.05	-5.66%	6.80%	705,684
90	88	Fresno, Calif.	-21.64	16,287	18.20	-0.49%	7.44%	909,153
91	95	Riverside-San Bernardino, Calif.	-22.41	67,712	16.65	-4.18%	13.79%	4,115,871
92	85	Stockton, Calif.	-24.89	11,377	17.03	-2.44%	7.41%	672,388
93	80	Grand Rapids	-25.10	18,493	23.86	-6.11%	2.18%	776,833
94	83	Cleveland	-27.42	54,313	25.93	-7.94%	-2.17%	2,088,291
95	78	Sacramento	-28.38	46,411	22.29	-7.34%	7.16%	2,109,832
96	77	Milwaukee	-29.74	38,970	25.25	-4.72%	1.50%	1,549,308
97	99	Toledo, Ohio	-32.80	15,262	23.45	-10.34%	-1.32%	649,104
98	97	Dayton	-33.43	18,148	21.63	-9.19%	-1.04%	836,544
99	86	Youngstown, Ohio	-38.79	13,490	23.65	-10.66%	-4.06%	565,947
100	100	Detroit	-53.96	102,018	22.89	-16.31%	-1.50%	4,425,110

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