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Table: Best Cities For Jobs In 2008

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1	Salt Lake City, UT	33	2	8	41	8	92
2	Wichita, KS	65	23	5	7	7	107
3	Austin, TX	56	13	1	51	2	123
4	Atlanta, GA	18	43	18	42	13	134
5	Fort Worth, TX	50	39	4	45	9	147
6	Indianapolis, IN	41	37	36	12	23	149
7	Houston, TX	63	36	3	48	4	154
8	Omaha, NE	57	10	41	11	38	157
9	Raleigh, NC	54	22	23	46	19	164
10	Seattle, WA	14	19	34	79	20	166
11	San Antonio, TX	85	32	15	29	5	166
12	Birmingham, AL	93	11	9	40	14	167
13	Albuquerque, NM	80	17	16	30	25	168
14	Nashville, TN	64	14	20	39	32	169
15	Little Rock, AR	67	56	14	20	12	169
16	Denver, CO	27	26	19	47	50	169
17	Wilmington, DE	32	15	28	67	34	176
18	Dallas, TX	43	41	17	61	17	179
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21	Bethesda, MD	2	3	42	92	45	184
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23	Tacoma, WA	28	71	11	57	36	203
24	Baton Rouge, LA	95	12	48	38	11	204
25	Washington, DC	4	5	45	85	65	204
26	Jacksonville, FL	53	21	21	56	55	206
27	Orlando, FL	61	31	27	72	15	206
28	Fort Lauderdale, FL	47	18	31	87	24	207
29	Kansas City, MO	42	75	35	25	31	208
30	Allentown, PA	35	40	55	54	33	217
31	Columbia, SC	82	62	13	34	26	217
32	Portland, OR	39	64	29	58	27	217

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34	West Palm Beach, FL	34	49	22	89	28	222
35	Baltimore, MD	24	29	54	65	57	229
36	Edison, NJ	1	28	39	88	74	230
37	Greenville, SC	98	66	12	32	22	230
38	Minneapolis, MN	20	46	65	49	51	231
39	Gary, IN	59	68	46	21	41	235
40	Bridgeport, CT	7	24	57	95	52	235
41	Camden, NJ	10	48	67	64	46	235
42	Riverside, CA	37	90	10	83	18	238
43	Sarasota, FL	62	44	7	86	39	238
44	Richmond, VA	45	4	53	44	93	239
45	Virginia Beach, VA	60	6	70	37	67	240
46	Lake County, IL	15	80	37	71	40	243
47	Poughkeepsie, NY	22	33	59	60	70	244
48	Tampa, FL	79	45	24	63	35	246
49	El Paso, TX	99	88	30	26	3	246
50	Charlotte, NC	73	67	40	36	30	246
51	Chicago, IL	49	87	6	53	53	248
52	Columbus, OH	58	60	56	17	59	250
53	Tucson, AZ	83	9	33	52	73	250
54	Albany, NY	51	30	83	31	58	253
55	Newark, NJ	6	47	49	90	61	253
56	San Francisco, CA	8	34	66	98	48	254
57	St. Louis, MO	71	79	47	23	37	257
58	New York, NY	36	78	25	77	43	259
59	Miami, FL	89	20	44	78	29	260
60	Memphis, TN	90	58	50	24	44	266
61	Philadelphia, PA	29	51	73	59	60	272
62	New Orleans, LA	97	25	94	50	6	272
63	Cambridge, MA	13	16	77	82	92	280
64	Milwaukee, WI	38	85	72	33	54	282
65	Boston, MA	25	52	63	80	64	284
66	Greensboro, NC	96	69	32	27	62	286
67	Oxnard, CA	9	59	60	94	71	293
68	Akron, OH	76	84	87	8	42	297
69	Peabody, MA	31	61	62	75	69	298
70	San Diego, CA	17	57	75	91	63	303
71	Worcester, MA	23	77	68	62	75	305
72	Louisville, KY	72	82	52	16	84	306
73	Sacramento, CA	30	81	38	76	81	306
74	Pittsburgh, PA	77	53	80	9	88	307
75	Oakland, CA	11	63	61	97	76	308
76	Knoxville, TN	88	8	100	28	85	309
77	Rochester, NY	69	54	93	3	91	310

78	Cincinnati, OH	52	72	97	14	79	314
79	Nassau, NY	5	27	92	96	95	315
80	San Jose, CA	3	65	69	100	78	315
81	New Haven, CT	21	70	74	69	82	316
82	Grand Rapids, MI	70	94	82	18	56	320
83	Syracuse, NY	87	50	99	6	80	322
84	Santa Ana, CA	12	38	78	99	96	323
85	Hartford, CT	19	55	95	74	86	329
86	Phoenix, AZ	55	7	96	73	100	331
87	Los Angeles, CA	48	74	58	84	68	332
88	Springfield, MA	66	83	84	35	66	334
89	Dayton, OH	78	89	81	4	87	339
90	Cleveland, OH	68	91	90	13	83	345
91	Toledo, OH	74	93	79	5	94	345
92	Providence, RI	40	86	88	55	77	346
93	Buffalo, NY	86	73	98	1	90	348
94	Warren, MI	26	96	86	43	98	349
95	Bakersfield, CA	75	98	71	66	47	357
96	Youngstown, OH	92	92	89	2	89	364
97	Stockton, CA	44	97	76	81	72	370
98	Las Vegas, NV	46	76	85	70	97	374
99	Fresno, CA	94	99	64	68	49	374
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13	Albuquerque, NM	80	17	16	30	25	168
30	Allentown, PA	35	40	55	54	33	217
4	Atlanta, GA	18	43	18	42	13	134
3	Austin, TX	56	13	1	51	2	123
95	Bakersfield, CA	75	98	71	66	47	357
35	Baltimore, MD	24	29	54	65	57	229
24	Baton Rouge, LA	95	12	48	38	11	204
21	Bethesda, MD	2	3	42	92	45	184
12	Birmingham, AL	93	11	9	40	14	167
65	Boston, MA	25	52	63	80	64	284
40	Bridgeport, CT	7	24	57	95	52	235
93	Buffalo, NY	86	73	98	1	90	348
63	Cambridge, MA	13	16	77	82	92	280

41	Camden, NJ	10	48	67	64	46	235
50	Charlotte, NC	73	67	40	36	30	246
51	Chicago, IL	49	87	6	53	53	248
78	Cincinnati, OH	52	72	97	14	79	314
90	Cleveland, OH	68	91	90	13	83	345
31	Columbia, SC	82	62	13	34	26	217
52	Columbus, OH	58	60	56	17	59	250
18	Dallas, TX	43	41	17	61	17	179
89	Dayton, OH	78	89	81	4	87	339
16	Denver, CO	27	26	19	47	50	169
100	Detroit, MI	91	100	91	10	99	391
36	Edison, NJ	1	28	39	88	74	230
49	El Paso, TX	99	88	30	26	3	246
28	Fort Lauderdale, FL	47	18	31	87	24	207
5	Fort Worth, TX	50	39	4	45	9	147
99	Fresno, CA	94	99	64	68	49	374
39	Gary, IN	59	68	46	21	41	235
82	Grand Rapids, MI	70	94	82	18	56	320
66	Greensboro, NC	96	69	32	27	62	286
37	Greenville, SC	98	66	12	32	22	230
85	Hartford, CT	19	55	95	74	86	329
20	Honolulu, HI	16	1	51	93	21	182
7	Houston, TX	63	36	3	48	4	154
6	Indianapolis, IN	41	37	36	12	23	149
26	Jacksonville, FL	53	21	21	56	55	206
29	Kansas City, MO	42	75	35	25	31	208
76	Knoxville, TN	88	8	100	28	85	309
46	Lake County, IL	15	80	37	71	40	243
98	Las Vegas, NV	46	76	85	70	97	374
15	Little Rock, AR	67	56	14	20	12	169
87	Los Angeles, CA	48	74	58	84	68	332
72	Louisville, KY	72	82	52	16	84	306
33	McAllen, TX	100	95	2	22	1	220
60	Memphis, TN	90	58	50	24	44	266
59	Miami, FL	89	20	44	78	29	260
64	Milwaukee, WI	38	85	72	33	54	282
38	Minneapolis, MN	20	46	65	49	51	231
14	Nashville, TN	64	14	20	39	32	169
79	Nassau, NY	5	27	92	96	95	315
81	New Haven, CT	21	70	74	69	82	316
62	New Orleans, LA	97	25	94	50	6	272
58	New York, NY	36	78	25	77	43	259
55	Newark, NJ	6	47	49	90	61	253
75	Oakland, CA	11	63	61	97	76	308
19	Oklahoma City, OK	81	42	26	15	16	180

8	Omaha, NE	57	10	41	11	38	157
27	Orlando, FL	61	31	27	72	15	206
67	Oxnard, CA	9	59	60	94	71	293
69	Peabody, MA	31	61	62	75	69	298
61	Philadelphia, PA	29	51	73	59	60	272
86	Phoenix, AZ	55	7	96	73	100	331
74	Pittsburgh, PA	77	53	80	9	88	307
32	Portland, OR	39	64	29	58	27	217
47	Poughkeepsie, NY	22	33	59	60	70	244
92	Providence, RI	40	86	88	55	77	346
9	Raleigh, NC	54	22	23	46	19	164
44	Richmond, VA	45	4	53	44	93	239
42	Riverside, CA	37	90	10	83	18	238
77	Rochester, NY	69	54	93	3	91	310
73	Sacramento, CA	30	81	38	76	81	306
1	Salt Lake City, UT	33	2	8	41	8	92
11	San Antonio, TX	85	32	15	29	5	166
70	San Diego, CA	17	57	75	91	63	303
56	San Francisco, CA	8	34	66	98	48	254
80	San Jose, CA	3	65	69	100	78	315
84	Santa Ana, CA	12	38	78	99	96	323
43	Sarasota, FL	62	44	7	86	39	238
10	Seattle, WA	14	19	34	79	20	166
88	Springfield, MA	66	83	84	35	66	334
57	St. Louis, MO	71	79	47	23	37	257
97	Stockton, CA	44	97	76	81	72	370
83	Syracuse, NY	87	50	99	6	80	322
23	Tacoma, WA	28	71	11	57	36	203
48	Tampa, FL	79	45	24	63	35	246
91	Toledo, OH	74	93	79	5	94	345
53	Tucson, AZ	83	9	33	52	73	250
22	Tulsa, OK	84	35	43	19	10	191
45	Virginia Beach, VA	60	6	70	37	67	240
94	Warren, MI	26	96	86	43	98	349
25	Washington, DC	4	5	45	85	65	204
34	West Palm Beach, FL	34	49	22	89	28	222
2	Wichita, KS	65	23	5	7	7	107
17	Wilmington, DE	32	15	28	67	34	176
71	Worcester, MA	23	77	68	62	75	305
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90	Cleveland, OH	68	91	90	13	83	345
96	Youngstown, OH	92	92	89	2	89	364
91	Toledo, OH	74	93	79	5	94	345
82	Grand Rapids, MI	70	94	82	18	56	320
33	McAllen, TX	100	95	2	22	1	220
94	Warren, MI	26	96	86	43	98	349
97	Stockton, CA	44	97	76	81	72	370
95	Bakersfield, CA	75	98	71	66	47	357
99	Fresno, CA	94	99	64	68	49	374
100	Detroit, MI	91	100	91	10	99	391

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3	Austin, TX	56	13	1	51	2	123
33	McAllen, TX	100	95	2	22	1	220
7	Houston, TX	63	36	3	48	4	154
5	Fort Worth, TX	50	39	4	45	9	147
2	Wichita, KS	65	23	5	7	7	107
51	Chicago, IL	49	87	6	53	53	248
43	Sarasota, FL	62	44	7	86	39	238
1	Salt Lake City, UT	33	2	8	41	8	92
12	Birmingham, AL	93	11	9	40	14	167

42	Riverside, CA	37	90	10	83	18	238
23	Tacoma, WA	28	71	11	57	36	203
37	Greenville, SC	98	66	12	32	22	230
31	Columbia, SC	82	62	13	34	26	217
15	Little Rock, AR	67	56	14	20	12	169
11	San Antonio, TX	85	32	15	29	5	166
13	Albuquerque, NM	80	17	16	30	25	168
18	Dallas, TX	43	41	17	61	17	179
4	Atlanta, GA	18	43	18	42	13	134
16	Denver, CO	27	26	19	47	50	169
14	Nashville, TN	64	14	20	39	32	169
26	Jacksonville, FL	53	21	21	56	55	206
34	West Palm Beach, FL	34	49	22	89	28	222
9	Raleigh, NC	54	22	23	46	19	164
48	Tampa, FL	79	45	24	63	35	246
58	New York, NY	36	78	25	77	43	259
19	Oklahoma City, OK	81	42	26	15	16	180
27	Orlando, FL	61	31	27	72	15	206
17	Wilmington, DE	32	15	28	67	34	176
32	Portland, OR	39	64	29	58	27	217
49	El Paso, TX	99	88	30	26	3	246
28	Fort Lauderdale, FL	47	18	31	87	24	207
66	Greensboro, NC	96	69	32	27	62	286
53	Tucson, AZ	83	9	33	52	73	250
10	Seattle, WA	14	19	34	79	20	166
29	Kansas City, MO	42	75	35	25	31	208
6	Indianapolis, IN	41	37	36	12	23	149
46	Lake County, IL	15	80	37	71	40	243
73	Sacramento, CA	30	81	38	76	81	306
36	Edison, NJ	1	28	39	88	74	230
50	Charlotte, NC	73	67	40	36	30	246
8	Omaha, NE	57	10	41	11	38	157
21	Bethesda, MD	2	3	42	92	45	184
22	Tulsa, OK	84	35	43	19	10	191
59	Miami, FL	89	20	44	78	29	260
25	Washington, DC	4	5	45	85	65	204
39	Gary, IN	59	68	46	21	41	235
57	St. Louis, MO	71	79	47	23	37	257
24	Baton Rouge, LA	95	12	48	38	11	204
55	Newark, NJ	6	47	49	90	61	253
60	Memphis, TN	90	58	50	24	44	266
20	Honolulu, HI	16	1	51	93	21	182
72	Louisville, KY	72	82	52	16	84	306
44	Richmond, VA	45	4	53	44	93	239
35	Baltimore, MD	24	29	54	65	57	229

30	Allentown, PA	35	40	55	54	33	217
52	Columbus, OH	58	60	56	17	59	250
40	Bridgeport, CT	7	24	57	95	52	235
87	Los Angeles, CA	48	74	58	84	68	332
47	Poughkeepsie, NY	22	33	59	60	70	244
67	Oxnard, CA	9	59	60	94	71	293
75	Oakland, CA	11	63	61	97	76	308
69	Peabody, MA	31	61	62	75	69	298
65	Boston, MA	25	52	63	80	64	284
99	Fresno, CA	94	99	64	68	49	374
38	Minneapolis, MN	20	46	65	49	51	231
56	San Francisco, CA	8	34	66	98	48	254
41	Camden, NJ	10	48	67	64	46	235
71	Worcester, MA	23	77	68	62	75	305
80	San Jose, CA	3	65	69	100	78	315
45	Virginia Beach, VA	60	6	70	37	67	240
95	Bakersfield, CA	75	98	71	66	47	357
64	Milwaukee, WI	38	85	72	33	54	282
61	Philadelphia, PA	29	51	73	59	60	272
81	New Haven, CT	21	70	74	69	82	316
70	San Diego, CA	17	57	75	91	63	303
97	Stockton, CA	44	97	76	81	72	370
63	Cambridge, MA	13	16	77	82	92	280
84	Santa Ana, CA	12	38	78	99	96	323
91	Toledo, OH	74	93	79	5	94	345
74	Pittsburgh, PA	77	53	80	9	88	307
89	Dayton, OH	78	89	81	4	87	339
82	Grand Rapids, MI	70	94	82	18	56	320
54	Albany, NY	51	30	83	31	58	253
88	Springfield, MA	66	83	84	35	66	334
98	Las Vegas, NV	46	76	85	70	97	374
94	Warren, MI	26	96	86	43	98	349
68	Akron, OH	76	84	87	8	42	297
92	Providence, RI	40	86	88	55	77	346
96	Youngstown, OH	92	92	89	2	89	364
90	Cleveland, OH	68	91	90	13	83	345
100	Detroit, MI	91	100	91	10	99	391
79	Nassau, NY	5	27	92	96	95	315
77	Rochester, NY	69	54	93	3	91	310
62	New Orleans, LA	97	25	94	50	6	272
85	Hartford, CT	19	55	95	74	86	329
86	Phoenix, AZ	55	7	96	73	100	331
78	Cincinnati, OH	52	72	97	14	79	314
93	Buffalo, NY	86	73	98	1	90	348
83	Syracuse, NY	87	50	99	6	80	322

76	Knoxville, TN	88	8	100	28	85	309
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93	Buffalo, NY	86	73	98	1	90	348
96	Youngstown, OH	92	92	89	2	89	364
77	Rochester, NY	69	54	93	3	91	310
89	Dayton, OH	78	89	81	4	87	339
91	Toledo, OH	74	93	79	5	94	345
83	Syracuse, NY	87	50	99	6	80	322
2	Wichita, KS	65	23	5	7	7	107
68	Akron, OH	76	84	87	8	42	297
74	Pittsburgh, PA	77	53	80	9	88	307
100	Detroit, MI	91	100	91	10	99	391
8	Omaha, NE	57	10	41	11	38	157
6	Indianapolis, IN	41	37	36	12	23	149
90	Cleveland, OH	68	91	90	13	83	345
78	Cincinnati, OH	52	72	97	14	79	314
19	Oklahoma City, OK	81	42	26	15	16	180
72	Louisville, KY	72	82	52	16	84	306
52	Columbus, OH	58	60	56	17	59	250
82	Grand Rapids, MI	70	94	82	18	56	320
22	Tulsa, OK	84	35	43	19	10	191
15	Little Rock, AR	67	56	14	20	12	169
39	Gary, IN	59	68	46	21	41	235
33	McAllen, TX	100	95	2	22	1	220
57	St. Louis, MO	71	79	47	23	37	257
60	Memphis, TN	90	58	50	24	44	266
29	Kansas City, MO	42	75	35	25	31	208
49	El Paso, TX	99	88	30	26	3	246
66	Greensboro, NC	96	69	32	27	62	286
76	Knoxville, TN	88	8	100	28	85	309
11	San Antonio, TX	85	32	15	29	5	166
13	Albuquerque, NM	80	17	16	30	25	168
54	Albany, NY	51	30	83	31	58	253
37	Greenville, SC	98	66	12	32	22	230
64	Milwaukee, WI	38	85	72	33	54	282
31	Columbia, SC	82	62	13	34	26	217
88	Springfield, MA	66	83	84	35	66	334
50	Charlotte, NC	73	67	40	36	30	246
45	Virginia Beach, VA	60	6	70	37	67	240

24	Baton Rouge, LA	95	12	48	38	11	204
14	Nashville, TN	64	14	20	39	32	169
12	Birmingham, AL	93	11	9	40	14	167
1	Salt Lake City, UT	33	2	8	41	8	92
4	Atlanta, GA	18	43	18	42	13	134
94	Warren, MI	26	96	86	43	98	349
44	Richmond, VA	45	4	53	44	93	239
5	Fort Worth, TX	50	39	4	45	9	147
9	Raleigh, NC	54	22	23	46	19	164
16	Denver, CO	27	26	19	47	50	169
7	Houston, TX	63	36	3	48	4	154
38	Minneapolis, MN	20	46	65	49	51	231
62	New Orleans, LA	97	25	94	50	6	272
3	Austin, TX	56	13	1	51	2	123
53	Tucson, AZ	83	9	33	52	73	250
51	Chicago, IL	49	87	6	53	53	248
30	Allentown, PA	35	40	55	54	33	217
92	Providence, RI	40	86	88	55	77	346
26	Jacksonville, FL	53	21	21	56	55	206
23	Tacoma, WA	28	71	11	57	36	203
32	Portland, OR	39	64	29	58	27	217
61	Philadelphia, PA	29	51	73	59	60	272
47	Poughkeepsie, NY	22	33	59	60	70	244
18	Dallas, TX	43	41	17	61	17	179
71	Worcester, MA	23	77	68	62	75	305
48	Tampa, FL	79	45	24	63	35	246
41	Camden, NJ	10	48	67	64	46	235
35	Baltimore, MD	24	29	54	65	57	229
95	Bakersfield, CA	75	98	71	66	47	357
17	Wilmington, DE	32	15	28	67	34	176
99	Fresno, CA	94	99	64	68	49	374
81	New Haven, CT	21	70	74	69	82	316
98	Las Vegas, NV	46	76	85	70	97	374
46	Lake County, IL	15	80	37	71	40	243
27	Orlando, FL	61	31	27	72	15	206
86	Phoenix, AZ	55	7	96	73	100	331
85	Hartford, CT	19	55	95	74	86	329
69	Peabody, MA	31	61	62	75	69	298
73	Sacramento, CA	30	81	38	76	81	306
58	New York, NY	36	78	25	77	43	259
59	Miami, FL	89	20	44	78	29	260
10	Seattle, WA	14	19	34	79	20	166
65	Boston, MA	25	52	63	80	64	284
97	Stockton, CA	44	97	76	81	72	370
63	Cambridge, MA	13	16	77	82	92	280

42	Riverside, CA	37	90	10	83	18	238
87	Los Angeles, CA	48	74	58	84	68	332
25	Washington, DC	4	5	45	85	65	204
43	Sarasota, FL	62	44	7	86	39	238
28	Fort Lauderdale, FL	47	18	31	87	24	207
36	Edison, NJ	1	28	39	88	74	230
34	West Palm Beach, FL	34	49	22	89	28	222
55	Newark, NJ	6	47	49	90	61	253
70	San Diego, CA	17	57	75	91	63	303
21	Bethesda, MD	2	3	42	92	45	184
20	Honolulu, HI	16	1	51	93	21	182
67	Oxnard, CA	9	59	60	94	71	293
40	Bridgeport, CT	7	24	57	95	52	235
79	Nassau, NY	5	27	92	96	95	315
75	Oakland, CA	11	63	61	97	76	308
56	San Francisco, CA	8	34	66	98	48	254
84	Santa Ana, CA	12	38	78	99	96	323
80	San Jose, CA	3	65	69	100	78	315

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33	McAllen, TX	100	95	2	22	22	1	220
3	Austin, TX	56	13	1	51	51	2	123
49	El Paso, TX	99	88	30	26	26	3	246
7	Houston, TX	63	36	3	48	48	4	154
11	San Antonio, TX	85	32	15	29	29	5	166
62	New Orleans, LA	97	25	94	50	50	6	272
2	Wichita, KS	65	23	5	7	7	7	107
1	Salt Lake City, UT	33	2	8	41	41	8	92
5	Fort Worth, TX	50	39	4	45	45	9	147
22	Tulsa, OK	84	35	43	19	19	10	191
24	Baton Rouge, LA	95	12	48	38	38	11	204
15	Little Rock, AR	67	56	14	20	20	12	169
4	Atlanta, GA	18	43	18	42	42	13	134
12	Birmingham, AL	93	11	9	40	40	14	167
27	Orlando, FL	61	31	27	72	72	15	206
19	Oklahoma City, OK	81	42	26	15	15	16	180
18	Dallas, TX	43	41	17	61	61	17	179
42	Riverside, CA	37	90	10	83	83	18	238
9	Raleigh, NC	54	22	23	46	46	19	164
10	Seattle, WA	14	19	34	79	79	20	166

20	Honolulu, HI	16	1	51	93	21	182
37	Greenville, SC	98	66	12	32	22	230
6	Indianapolis, IN	41	37	36	12	23	149
28	Fort Lauderdale, FL	47	18	31	87	24	207
13	Albuquerque, NM	80	17	16	30	25	168
31	Columbia, SC	82	62	13	34	26	217
32	Portland, OR	39	64	29	58	27	217
34	West Palm Beach, FL	34	49	22	89	28	222
59	Miami, FL	89	20	44	78	29	260
50	Charlotte, NC	73	67	40	36	30	246
29	Kansas City, MO	42	75	35	25	31	208
14	Nashville, TN	64	14	20	39	32	169
30	Allentown, PA	35	40	55	54	33	217
17	Wilmington, DE	32	15	28	67	34	176
48	Tampa, FL	79	45	24	63	35	246
23	Tacoma, WA	28	71	11	57	36	203
57	St. Louis, MO	71	79	47	23	37	257
8	Omaha, NE	57	10	41	11	38	157
43	Sarasota, FL	62	44	7	86	39	238
46	Lake County, IL	15	80	37	71	40	243
39	Gary, IN	59	68	46	21	41	235
68	Akron, OH	76	84	87	8	42	297
58	New York, NY	36	78	25	77	43	259
60	Memphis, TN	90	58	50	24	44	266
21	Bethesda, MD	2	3	42	92	45	184
41	Camden, NJ	10	48	67	64	46	235
95	Bakersfield, CA	75	98	71	66	47	357
56	San Francisco, CA	8	34	66	98	48	254
99	Fresno, CA	94	99	64	68	49	374
16	Denver, CO	27	26	19	47	50	169
38	Minneapolis, MN	20	46	65	49	51	231
40	Bridgeport, CT	7	24	57	95	52	235
51	Chicago, IL	49	87	6	53	53	248
64	Milwaukee, WI	38	85	72	33	54	282
26	Jacksonville, FL	53	21	21	56	55	206
82	Grand Rapids, MI	70	94	82	18	56	320
35	Baltimore, MD	24	29	54	65	57	229
54	Albany, NY	51	30	83	31	58	253
52	Columbus, OH	58	60	56	17	59	250
61	Philadelphia, PA	29	51	73	59	60	272
55	Newark, NJ	6	47	49	90	61	253
66	Greensboro, NC	96	69	32	27	62	286
70	San Diego, CA	17	57	75	91	63	303
65	Boston, MA	25	52	63	80	64	284
25	Washington, DC	4	5	45	85	65	204

88	Springfield, MA	66	83	84	35	66	334
45	Virginia Beach, VA	60	6	70	37	67	240
87	Los Angeles, CA	48	74	58	84	68	332
69	Peabody, MA	31	61	62	75	69	298
47	Poughkeepsie, NY	22	33	59	60	70	244
67	Oxnard, CA	9	59	60	94	71	293
97	Stockton, CA	44	97	76	81	72	370
53	Tucson, AZ	83	9	33	52	73	250
36	Edison, NJ	1	28	39	88	74	230
71	Worcester, MA	23	77	68	62	75	305
75	Oakland, CA	11	63	61	97	76	308
92	Providence, RI	40	86	88	55	77	346
80	San Jose, CA	3	65	69	100	78	315
78	Cincinnati, OH	52	72	97	14	79	314
83	Syracuse, NY	87	50	99	6	80	322
73	Sacramento, CA	30	81	38	76	81	306
81	New Haven, CT	21	70	74	69	82	316
90	Cleveland, OH	68	91	90	13	83	345
72	Louisville, KY	72	82	52	16	84	306
76	Knoxville, TN	88	8	100	28	85	309
85	Hartford, CT	19	55	95	74	86	329
89	Dayton, OH	78	89	81	4	87	339
74	Pittsburgh, PA	77	53	80	9	88	307
96	Youngstown, OH	92	92	89	2	89	364
93	Buffalo, NY	86	73	98	1	90	348
77	Rochester, NY	69	54	93	3	91	310
63	Cambridge, MA	13	16	77	82	92	280
44	Richmond, VA	45	4	53	44	93	239
91	Toledo, OH	74	93	79	5	94	345
79	Nassau, NY	5	27	92	96	95	315
84	Santa Ana, CA	12	38	78	99	96	323
98	Las Vegas, NV	46	76	85	70	97	374
94	Warren, MI	26	96	86	43	98	349
100	Detroit, MI	91	100	91	10	99	391
86	Phoenix, AZ	55	7	96	73	100	331

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1	Salt Lake City, UT	33	2	8	41	8	92
2	Wichita, KS	65	23	5	7	7	107
3	Austin, TX	56	13	1	51	2	123

4	Atlanta, GA	18	43	18	42	13	134
5	Fort Worth, TX	50	39	4	45	9	147
6	Indianapolis, IN	41	37	36	12	23	149
7	Houston, TX	63	36	3	48	4	154
8	Omaha, NE	57	10	41	11	38	157
9	Raleigh, NC	54	22	23	46	19	164
11	San Antonio, TX	85	32	15	29	5	166
10	Seattle, WA	14	19	34	79	20	166
12	Birmingham, AL	93	11	9	40	14	167
13	Albuquerque, NM	80	17	16	30	25	168
15	Little Rock, AR	67	56	14	20	12	169
14	Nashville, TN	64	14	20	39	32	169
16	Denver, CO	27	26	19	47	50	169
17	Wilmington, DE	32	15	28	67	34	176
18	Dallas, TX	43	41	17	61	17	179
19	Oklahoma City, OK	81	42	26	15	16	180
20	Honolulu, HI	16	1	51	93	21	182
21	Bethesda, MD	2	3	42	92	45	184
22	Tulsa, OK	84	35	43	19	10	191
23	Tacoma, WA	28	71	11	57	36	203
24	Baton Rouge, LA	95	12	48	38	11	204
25	Washington, DC	4	5	45	85	65	204
27	Orlando, FL	61	31	27	72	15	206
26	Jacksonville, FL	53	21	21	56	55	206
28	Fort Lauderdale, FL	47	18	31	87	24	207
29	Kansas City, MO	42	75	35	25	31	208
31	Columbia, SC	82	62	13	34	26	217
32	Portland, OR	39	64	29	58	27	217
30	Allentown, PA	35	40	55	54	33	217
33	McAllen, TX	100	95	2	22	1	220
34	West Palm Beach, FL	34	49	22	89	28	222
35	Baltimore, MD	24	29	54	65	57	229
37	Greenville, SC	98	66	12	32	22	230
36	Edison, NJ	1	28	39	88	74	230
38	Minneapolis, MN	20	46	65	49	51	231
39	Gary, IN	59	68	46	21	41	235
41	Camden, NJ	10	48	67	64	46	235
40	Bridgeport, CT	7	24	57	95	52	235
42	Riverside, CA	37	90	10	83	18	238
43	Sarasota, FL	62	44	7	86	39	238
44	Richmond, VA	45	4	53	44	93	239
45	Virginia Beach, VA	60	6	70	37	67	240
46	Lake County, IL	15	80	37	71	40	243
47	Poughkeepsie, NY	22	33	59	60	70	244
49	El Paso, TX	99	88	30	26	3	246

50	Charlotte, NC	73	67	40	36	30	246
48	Tampa, FL	79	45	24	63	35	246
51	Chicago, IL	49	87	6	53	53	248
52	Columbus, OH	58	60	56	17	59	250
53	Tucson, AZ	83	9	33	52	73	250
54	Albany, NY	51	30	83	31	58	253
55	Newark, NJ	6	47	49	90	61	253
56	San Francisco, CA	8	34	66	98	48	254
57	St. Louis, MO	71	79	47	23	37	257
58	New York, NY	36	78	25	77	43	259
59	Miami, FL	89	20	44	78	29	260
60	Memphis, TN	90	58	50	24	44	266
62	New Orleans, LA	97	25	94	50	6	272
61	Philadelphia, PA	29	51	73	59	60	272
63	Cambridge, MA	13	16	77	82	92	280
64	Milwaukee, WI	38	85	72	33	54	282
65	Boston, MA	25	52	63	80	64	284
66	Greensboro, NC	96	69	32	27	62	286
67	Oxnard, CA	9	59	60	94	71	293
68	Akron, OH	76	84	87	8	42	297
69	Peabody, MA	31	61	62	75	69	298
70	San Diego, CA	17	57	75	91	63	303
71	Worcester, MA	23	77	68	62	75	305
73	Sacramento, CA	30	81	38	76	81	306
72	Louisville, KY	72	82	52	16	84	306
74	Pittsburgh, PA	77	53	80	9	88	307
75	Oakland, CA	11	63	61	97	76	308
76	Knoxville, TN	88	8	100	28	85	309
77	Rochester, NY	69	54	93	3	91	310
78	Cincinnati, OH	52	72	97	14	79	314
80	San Jose, CA	3	65	69	100	78	315
79	Nassau, NY	5	27	92	96	95	315
81	New Haven, CT	21	70	74	69	82	316
82	Grand Rapids, MI	70	94	82	18	56	320
83	Syracuse, NY	87	50	99	6	80	322
84	Santa Ana, CA	12	38	78	99	96	323
85	Hartford, CT	19	55	95	74	86	329
86	Phoenix, AZ	55	7	96	73	100	331
87	Los Angeles, CA	48	74	58	84	68	332
88	Springfield, MA	66	83	84	35	66	334
89	Dayton, OH	78	89	81	4	87	339
90	Cleveland, OH	68	91	90	13	83	345
91	Toledo, OH	74	93	79	5	94	345
92	Providence, RI	40	86	88	55	77	346
93	Buffalo, NY	86	73	98	1	90	348

94	Warren, MI	26	96	86	43	98	349
95	Bakersfield, CA	75	98	71	66	47	357
96	Youngstown, OH	92	92	89	2	89	364
97	Stockton, CA	44	97	76	81	72	370
99	Fresno, CA	94	99	64	68	49	374
98	Las Vegas, NV	46	76	85	70	97	374
100	Detroit, MI	91	100	91	10	99	391

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