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Very Large Average (15 areas)	2.13		1.55		1.44	
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim CA	2.87	1	1.93	2	1.80	1
San Francisco-Oakland CA	2.69	2	1.97	1	1.67	2
San Diego CA	2.28	7	1.54	9	1.47	9
Seattle WA	2.28	7	1.62	6	1.48	7
Washington DC-VA-MD	2.27	9	1.54	9	1.45	10
Atlanta GA	2.10	12	1.46	17	1.37	14
New York-Newark NY-NJ-CT	2.05	14	1.49	14	1.40	12
Miami FL	2.02	15	1.47	16	1.34	18
Phoenix-Mesa AZ	1.97	17	1.54	9	1.37	14
Houston TX	1.92	19	1.44	18	1.35	16
Boston MA-NH-RI	1.89	20	1.37	22	1.28	24
Chicago IL-IN	1.85	21	1.37	22	1.34	18
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington TX	1.79	26	1.35	24	1.28	24
Detroit MI	1.72	30	1.39	20	1.29	22
Philadelphia PA-NJ-DE-MD	1.65	34	1.27	36	1.21	38

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Large Average (32 areas)	1.71		1.31		1.21	
San Jose CA	2.60	3	1.90	3	1.59	4
San Juan PR	2.50	4	1.87	4	1.65	3
Portland OR-WA	2.37	5	1.62	6	1.53	6
Austin TX	2.15	11	1.50	13	1.40	12
Riverside-San Bernardino CA	2.10	12	1.51	12	1.44	11
Sacramento CA	1.97	17	1.48	15	1.35	16
Denver-Aurora CO	1.83	23	1.34	25	1.33	20
Tampa-St. Petersburg FL	1.83	23	1.33	28	1.24	31
San Antonio TX	1.74	28	1.32	30	1.23	34
Baltimore MD	1.73	29	1.28	35	1.26	27
Nashville-Davidson TN	1.70	31	1.34	25	1.22	36
Jacksonville FL	1.68	32	1.27	36	1.20	40
Charlotte NC-SC	1.66	33	1.24	41	1.21	38
Las Vegas-Henderson NV	1.63	36	1.31	32	1.25	29
Minneapolis-St. Paul MN-WI	1.61	37	1.31	32	1.24	31
Orlando FL	1.61	37	1.25	40	1.20	40
Columbus OH	1.59	40	1.22	45	1.12	61
Raleigh NC	1.58	41	1.18	54	1.15	49
Salt Lake City-West Valley City UT	1.57	42	1.26	38	1.19	43
Cincinnati OH-KY-IN	1.53	43	1.20	48	1.12	61
Milwaukee WI	1.52	45	1.26	38	1.20	40
Virginia Beach VA	1.46	47	1.20	48	1.15	49
Oklahoma City OK	1.45	49	1.21	46	1.17	46
Pittsburgh PA	1.44	50	1.19	51	1.12	61
St. Louis MO-IL	1.40	54	1.15	61	1.15	49
Kansas City MO-KS	1.37	59	1.18	54	1.14	52
Providence RI-MA	1.37	59	1.16	59	1.14	52
Louisville-Jefferson County KY-IN	1.36	63	1.14	65	1.12	61
Cleveland OH	1.35	64	1.16	59	1.09	75
Indianapolis IN	1.30	70	1.12	73	1.11	71
Memphis TN-MS-AR	1.27	78	1.10	83	1.09	75
Richmond VA	1.20	92	1.12	73	1.07	87

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Medium Average (32 areas)	1.45		1.20		1.15	
Honolulu HI	2.29	6	1.55	8	1.48	7
New Orleans LA	2.18	10	1.69	5	1.56	5
Bridgeport-Stamford CT-NY	1.99	16	1.39	20	1.31	21
Baton Rouge LA	1.84	22	1.40	19	1.29	22
Charleston-North Charleston SC	1.75	27	1.32	30	1.25	29
Sarasota-Bradenton FL	1.53	43	1.20	48	1.14	52
Hartford CT	1.48	46	1.18	54	1.14	52
Albuquerque NM	1.46	47	1.23	44	1.18	44
Buffalo NY	1.44	50	1.21	46	1.17	46
Fresno CA	1.39	55	1.19	51	1.16	48
Birmingham AL	1.38	57	1.14	65	1.10	72
Knoxville TN	1.38	57	1.13	70	1.13	58
Bakersfield CA	1.37	59	1.15	61	1.13	58
Colorado Springs CO	1.37	59	1.19	51	1.18	44
El Paso TX-NM	1.35	64	1.15	61	1.12	61
Cape Coral FL	1.33	66	1.13	70	1.09	75
Columbia SC	1.33	66	1.10	83	1.08	79
McAllen TX	1.33	66	1.18	54	1.12	61
New Haven CT	1.30	70	1.11	77	1.10	72
Omaha NE-IA	1.29	72	1.13	69	1.12	61
Albany-Schenectady NY	1.28	75	1.11	77	1.08	79
Tulsa OK	1.28	75	1.14	65	1.12	61
Akron OH	1.27	78	1.11	77	1.06	90
Allentown PA-NJ	1.27	78	1.10	83	1.08	79
Provo-Orem UT	1.27	78	1.11	77	1.08	79
Rochester NY	1.26	82	1.10	83	1.07	87
Wichita KS	1.26	82	1.15	61	1.14	52
Grand Rapids MI	1.25	84	1.09	87	1.08	79
Tucson AZ	1.25	84	1.13	70	1.12	61
Springfield MA-CT	1.21	90	1.09	87	1.09	75
Toledo OH-MI	1.21	90	1.09	87	1.05	94
Dayton OH	1.19	93	1.08	90	1.05	94

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Boulder CO	1.81	25	1.33	28	1.26	27
Anchorage AK	1.64	35	1.34	25	1.28	24
Oxnard CA	1.60	39	1.29	34	1.24	31
Laredo TX	1.43	52	1.24	41	1.23	34
Stockton CA	1.41	53	1.24	41	1.22	36
Madison WI	1.39	55	1.17	58	1.13	58
Eugene OR	1.31	69	1.14	65	1.14	52
Little Rock AR	1.29	72	1.11	77	1.08	79
Spokane WA	1.29	72	1.11	77	1.10	72
Boise ID	1.28	75	1.12	73	1.08	79
Beaumont TX	1.25	84	1.08	90	1.06	90
Salem OR	1.24	87	1.12	73	1.12	61
Winston-Salem NC	1.24	87	1.08	90	1.08	79
Worcester MA-CT	1.24	87	1.08	90	1.07	87
Jackson MS	1.17	94	1.06	97	1.04	97
Corpus Christi TX	1.16	95	1.07	94	1.05	94
Brownsville TX	1.12	96	1.07	94	1.06	90
Greensboro NC	1.12	96	1.04	99	1.04	97
Indio-Cathedral City CA	1.12	96	1.07	94	1.06	90
Pensacola FL-AL	1.12	96	1.05	98	1.04	97
Poughkeepsie-Newburgh NY-NJ	1.10	100	1.04	99	1.03	100
Lancaster-Palmdale CA	1.06	101	1.02	101	1.02	101
101 Area Average	1.86		1.41		1.30	
Remaining Area Average	1.19		1.13		1.11	
All 494 Area Average	1.67		1.35		1.28	

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