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Culver City	CA	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	4.86
Seattle	WA	5	4	5	5	5	5	5	4.86
San Francisco	CA	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	4.71
Irwindale	CA	5	5	4		5		4	4.60
San Jose	CA	4	4	5	5	4	5	5	4.57
Los Angeles	CA	4	5	5	5	4	4	5	4.57
Inglewood	CA	5	5	5	5	3	4	4	4.43
El Segundo	CA	4	2	5	5	5	5	4	4.29
Long Beach	CA	5	4	5	4	4	4	4	4.29
Covina	CA	5	4	4		4	4	4	4.17
Bellevue	WA	5	4	3	5	4	5	3	4.14
Torrance	CA	4	4	5	5	2	5	4	4.14
Palm Springs	CA	4	4	4		5	3	4	4.00
Portland	OR	4	4	5	4	5	3	3	4.00
Cerritos	CA	4	1	5	4	4	5	4	3.86
Pomona	CA	5	5	3	3	4	3	4	3.86
Santa Fe Springs	CA	5	4	4	2	5	3	4	3.86
Redondo Beach	CA	4	3	4		3	5	4	3.83
Los Alamitos	CA	4	4	5	3	1	5	4	3.71
Monrovia	CA	5	1	4	4	3	5	4	3.71
Azusa	CA	5	3	5		2	3	4	3.67
Seal Beach	CA	3	5	4		3	3	4	3.67
Westminster	CA	3	3			4	4	4	3.60
Claremont	CA	4	4	3	3	3	4	4	3.57
La Verne	CA	5	4	2		2	4	4	3.50
Montclair	CA	4	3	2		5	3	4	3.50
Rialto	CA	2	5	3		5	2	4	3.50
Vancouver	WA	3	5	5	1	5	2	3	3.43
West Covina	CA	4	1	5	3	3	4	4	3.43
Whittier	CA	5	4	3	1	3	4	4	3.43
Needles	CA	2	2	4		5		4	3.40
Boulder	CO	3	1		4	4	5	3	3.33
San Dimas	CA	4	1	4		3	4	4	3.33

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Costa Mesa	CA	2	1	2	5	4	5	4	3.29
Denver	CO	3	1	1	5	5	3	5	3.29
Diamond Bar	CA	4	1	3	4	2	5	4	3.29
Huntington Beach	CA	2	4	3	3	2	5	4	3.29
Newport Beach	CA	2	1	4	5	2	5	4	3.29
Norwalk	CA	5	4	3	2	2	3	4	3.29
Santa Ana	CA	4	4	2	3	3	3	4	3.29
Spokane	WA	4	4	5	1	5	1	3	3.29
Big Bear Lake	CA	2	1	4		5	3	4	3.17
Glendora	CA	5	1	1		4	4	4	3.17
Indio	CA	3	4	3		3	2	4	3.17
La Palma	CA	3	4	2		2	4	4	3.17
Lomita	CA	5	1	4		1	4	4	3.17
San Bernardino	CA	3	5		1	5	1	4	3.17
Stanton	CA	3	4	4		1	3	4	3.17
Riverside	CA	3	4	3	1	4	3	4	3.14
Tustin	CA	2	1	1	5	4	5	4	3.14
Artesia	CA	4	1			2	4	4	3.00
Baldwin Park	CA	4	2	3		2	3	4	3.00
Barstow	CA	3	1	4		5	1	4	3.00
Buena Park	CA	2	2	1	4	4	4	4	3.00
Colton	CA	2	5	3	1	4	2	4	3.00
Desert Hot Springs	CA	2	5	2		4	1	4	3.00
Duarte	CA	5	1	4		1	3	4	3.00
Industry	CA	4	1	1		5		4	3.00
Irvine	CA	2	2	2	5	1	5	4	3.00
Laguna Hills	CA	2	1		5	1	5	4	3.00
Moreno Valley	CA	2	4	2		4	2	4	3.00
Norco	CA	3	1	3		3	4	4	3.00
Placentia	CA	3	3	2		2	4	4	3.00

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Brea	CA	2	1	1	4	4	4	4	2.86
San Juan Capistrano	CA	2	1	3	4	1	5	4	2.86
Austin	TX	3		1	5	5	2	1	2.83
Blythe	CA	3	1	3		5	1	4	2.83
Coachella	CA	3	4	3		2	1	4	2.83
La Mirada	CA	4	1	3		1	4	4	2.83
Laguna Beach	CA	2	1	4		1	5	4	2.83
Lake Elsinore	CA	3	1	3		4	2	4	2.83
Rancho Mirage	CA	2	1	1		5	4	4	2.83
Walnut	CA	4	1	2		1	5	4	2.83
Indian Wells	CA	2	1	3		4		4	2.80
Tempe	AZ	3	2	2	2	5	2	3	2.71
Anaheim	CA	2	1	2	3	3	4	4	2.71
Fountain Valley	CA	3	1	3	1	2	5	4	2.71
Honolulu	HI	1	1	1	5	4	5	2	2.71
San Clemente	CA	2	1	3	3	1	5	4	2.71
Upland	CA	2	1	4	1	3	4	4	2.71
Canyon Lake	CA	2	3	3		1	3	4	2.67
Fullerton	CA	2	1	2		3	4	4	2.67
Hemet	CA	3	1	2		5	1	4	2.67
Highland	CA	2	1	4		3	2	4	2.67
Perris	CA	2	1	3		4	2	4	2.67
Redlands	CA	3	1		1	4	3	4	2.67
Reno	NV	3		4	2	3	2	2	2.67
Salt Lake City	UT	2		5	1	5	2	1	2.67
San Jacinto	CA	3	1	3		4	1	4	2.67
Tucson	AZ	3	3	1		5	1	3	2.67
Twentynine Palms	CA	2	5	3		1	1	4	2.67
Villa Park	CA	2	1	3		1	5	4	2.67
Yorba Linda	CA	2	3	1		1	5	4	2.67
Loma Linda	CA	2	1			3	3	4	2.60

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Ontario	CA	2	1	3	2	3	3	4	2.57
Chino Hills	CA	2	1	2	4	1	4	4	2.57
Colorado Springs	CO	3	1	3	1	5	2	3	2.57
Corona	CA	3	1	2	3	2	3	4	2.57
Garden Grove	CA	3	1	2	1	3	4	4	2.57
Laguna Niguel	CA	2	1	1	4	1	5	4	2.57
Mission Viejo	CA	2	1	1	4	1	5	4	2.57
Orange	CA	2	1	2	4	1	4	4	2.57
Palm Desert	CA	2	1	2	2	5	2	4	2.57
Rancho Cucamonga	CA	2	1	4	2	2	3	4	2.57
Scottsdale	AZ	3	1	2	4	2	3	3	2.57
Dallas	TX	3		1	4	5	1	1	2.50
Eastvale	CA	2	1	3		1	4	4	2.50
Houston	TX	3		1	4	5	1	1	2.50
La Habra	CA	3	1	1		2	4	4	2.50
La Quinta	CA	3	1	1		3	3	4	2.50
Las Vegas	NV	3		3	2	4	1	2	2.50
Sparks	NV	3	1	4		3	2	2	2.50
Aliso Viejo	CA	2	1	1	4	1	4	4	2.43
Chandler	AZ	3	2	1	3	3	2	3	2.43
Phoenix	AZ	3	2	1	2	5	1	3	2.43
Temecula	CA	3	1	1	2	3	3	4	2.43
Calimesa	CA	2		1		4	1	4	2.40
Apple Valley	CA	2	1	4		2	1	4	2.33
Banning	CA	2	1	4		2	1	4	2.33
Beaumont	CA	2	2	2		2	2	4	2.33
Chino	CA	2	1	1		3	3	4	2.33
Dana Point	CA	2	1	1		1	5	4	2.33
Eugene	OR	1	1	2		5	2	3	2.33
Fontana	CA	2	1	2		2	3	4	2.33
Jurupa Valley	CA	2	1	1		3	3	4	2.33

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Prescott	AZ	4	2	1		2	2	3	2.33
Victorville	CA	3	1	3		3	1	3	2.33
Wildomar	CA	3	1	2		2	2	4	2.33
Cypress	CA	2	1	1	3	1	4	4	2.29
Murrieta	CA	3	1	2	2	1	3	4	2.29
North Las Vegas	NV	3	1	4	1	4	1	2	2.29
Rancho Santa Margarita	CA	2	1	1	3	1	4	4	2.29
Bend	OR	1	1	3		2	3	3	2.17
Cathedral City	CA	3	2	1		1	2	4	2.17
Grand Terrace	CA	2	1	2		2	2	4	2.17
Hesperia	CA	2	1	3		2	1	4	2.17
Yucca Valley	CA	3	1	2		2	1	4	2.17
Beaverton	OR	1	1	4	1	2	3	3	2.14
Lake Forest	CA	2	1	1	2	1	4	4	2.14
Minneapolis	MN	1	1	1	3	5	1	3	2.14
Adelanto	CA	2	1	2		2	1	4	2.00
Gardnerville	NV	1	1	4			2	2	2.00
Gilbert	AZ	3	2	1	2	1	2	3	2.00
Grants Pass	OR	1	1	2		4	1	3	2.00
Henderson	NV	1	1	4	2	2	2	2	2.00
Mesa	AZ	3	2	1	1	3	1	3	2.00
San Antonio	TX	3	1	1	2	5	1	1	2.00
Santa Fe	NM	3	1	1	2		2	3	2.00
Yucaipa	CA	2	1	2		1	2	4	2.00
Carson City	NV	1	1	4	1		2	2	1.83
Laguna Woods	CA	2	1	1		1	2	4	1.83
Irving	TX	3	1	1	2	3	1	1	1.71
Fort Worth	TX	3	1	1	1	4	1	1	1.71
Lake Havasu City	AZ	1	1	2		1	1	3	1.50
Boise	ID	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1.29
Albuquerque	NM	1		1	1		1	2	1.20