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	11	12	13	14	15
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Halle	1,562	1,553	1,480	1,517	1,528
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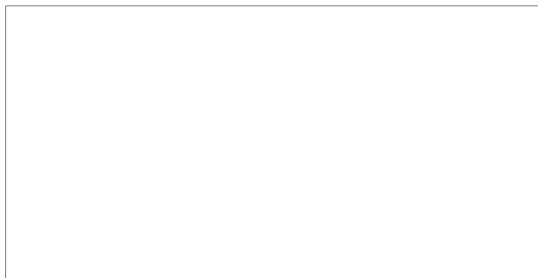
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