

#### **Dividend Value**

March 2019

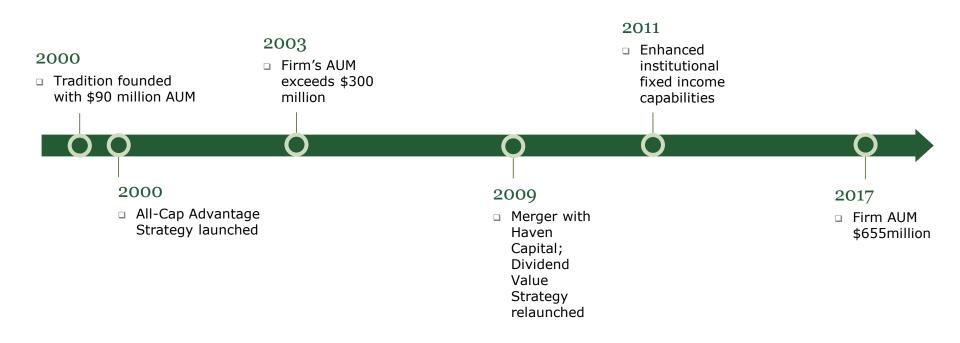
### About Tradition Asset Management

- □ Summit, NJ based boutique asset manager founded in 2000
- 22 employees; 7 investment committee professionals averaging
   31 years of experience
- Rich history of traditional research-driven investing
- A proven track record of success (GIPS® verification)
- Personal assets invested with clients
- □ Firm-wide client-centric culture
- \$680 million in Assets Under Management (AUM)

### Tradition Investment Strategies

- U.S. Equity Strategies
  - All-Cap Advantage
  - Dividend Value
- Tax-Efficient Portfolios
- Customized Portfolios
- Balanced Portfolios
- Fixed Income Portfolios

### **Tradition Timeline**



# **Investment Committee**

Name	Role	Education	Tenure
Benjamin C. Halliburton, CFA Managing Director	Chief Investment Officer	Vanderbilt University, BS Duke University (Fuqua), MBA	2000
Alan J. Reef Managing Director	Portfolio Manager	U. of Pennsylvania (Wharton), BS New York University (Stern), MBA	2012
Denis M. Turko Managing Director	Portfolio Manager	Yale University, BS Columbia University, MBA	2009
Christopher J. Trompeter, CFA Managing Director	Portfolio Manager	St. Lawrence University, BA	2000
Stephen Ely Managing Director	Portfolio Manager	Princeton University, BA New York University (Stern)	2009
John W. Feaster Managing Director	Portfolio Manager	Fordham University, BS Rutgers University, MBA	2019
Marc L. Davis, CFA Senior Vice President	Senior Analyst	Columbia College, BA New York University (Law School), JD	2002

# Strategy Offerings\*



### All-Cap Advantage

The All-Cap Advantage Strategy (ACA) is a long-term, fundamentallydriven investment approach whose goals are to generate an attractive risk-adjusted rate of return and to outperform the S&P 500 index over time. The strategy's primary tenet is that a stock represents an ownership interest in a business. Our goal is to identify quality businesses and to buy their stock at a discount to our estimate of its intrinsic worth, ACA portfolios typically hold 40-60 positions. The strategy's long-term orientation results in low portfolio turnover and tax efficiency, making the strategy particularly attractive for taxable investors.

### Dividend Value

The Dividend Value investment process is based on the belief that a portfolio of stocks with aboveaverage dividend growth plus an above-average dividend yield should outperform the broader market and experience less downside volatility over a full market cycle. An increased dividend is the most meaningful evidence of management's confidence that a company has reached a higher sustainable level of future cash earnings and operating cash flow. Our research suggests this is a highly reliable indicator that management's optimism is well-founded. As a group, companies with a commitment to pay out a meaningful portion of cash earnings as dividends typically impose more financial discipline on management and are indicative of successful businesses that build shareholder value.

#### Fixed Income

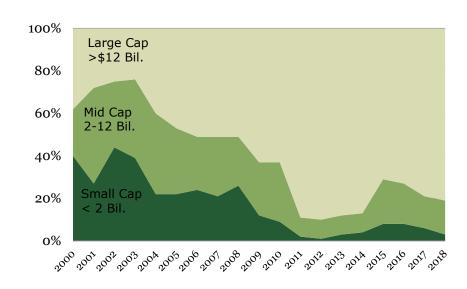
Tradition's Fixed Income portfolios are actively managed to outperform a benchmark index over the longterm while mitigating risk. We accomplish this through interest rate anticipation, sector allocation and security selection. This strategy is appealing to investors who require higher yields and can accept moderate price volatility. All maturities and sectors are utilized in this strategy as is duration management. Typical duration for a core portfolio ranges between 3 and 7 years depending upon our outlook for the direction of interest rates. Yield curve management is utilized as well. The overall portfolio quality is typically AA-. Fixed income portfolios are constructed to meet specific client needs and mandates.

<sup>\*</sup>Tradition also offers balanced portfolios and other fixed income portfolios that can be customized for specific client objectives.

# Tradition Dividend Value Strategy

- A total return portfolio that offers potential growth and above-market income
- Strategy seeks alpha across the entire capitalization spectrum
  - Bottom-up stock selection from focus research list
  - Capitalization exposure will vary over time depending on valuations
  - Primary benchmark: S&P 500 Index
- Research-driven insights
- Consistent long-term track record of alpha and income generation
- Consistently high risk-adjusted returns

### Historical Market Cap Distribution



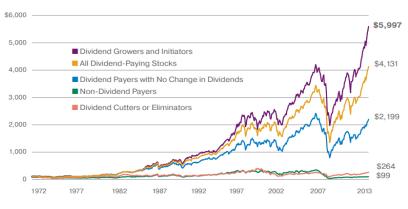
As of December 31, 2018

### Dividend Value: An Approach Supported by Academic Research

### Why Invest in a Dividend Strategy?

- Dividends have accounted for approx. 40% of stock market returns
- Growing dividends and high sustainable payout ratios lead to better profits and greater shareholder value
- Increased dividends reflect management's confidence in sustaining future cash flow
- Higher dividends impose financial discipline on management
- Dividend strategies offer an improved risk/reward tradeoff
- Dividend Value provides investors with a growing income stream

### S&P 500 Index: Dividend Growers Have Outperformed Over Time Hypothetical performance of \$100 invested in each of the five strategies (1972–2013)



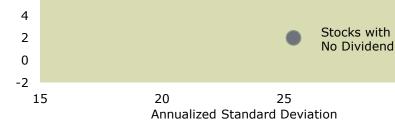
Risk/Return in the S&P 500 Index\*\*

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Source: Ned Davis Research, 12/31/13.

# 12 10 Dividend Paying Stocks

Annualized Total Return



Source: Monthly Data 1/31/1972 - 12/31/2013 Ned Davis Research, Inc.

### Tradition's Investment Philosophy

### A Proven Approach

- Markets are inefficient in the short term; fear and greed create opportunities for the long-term investor
- Share prices often fluctuate above/below their intrinsic value (our estimate of a company's economic worth)
- Fundamental research uncovers the greatest opportunities to capitalize and to manage risk
- We invest only if our proprietary research suggests a stock is undervalued
- Higher-yielding stock portfolios can provide attractive total returns with downside protection
- This approach offers a higher probability of success



### Research Process: Identifying Solid Alpha and Income Generators



### Purchase Candidates

#### Quantitative Screening

- current dividend yield
- dividend growth rate
- dividend growth + yield
- relative Price/Earnings ratio
- Price/Earnings ratio/(DG + Yield)
- total debt to capital

#### Qualitative Factors

 substantial competitive advantages

Ideas sourced from an experienced investment team



### Bottom-Up Business Analysis

#### Income statement

- revenue drivers
- margins
- business economics
- growing revenues, EPS and dividends

Free cash-flow generation

Attractive return on capital

Solid balance sheets (quality)

Industry-specific factors

Investment thesis that differs from consensus



# Anticipated Change

#### Company Factors

- brand strength
- intellectual property
- distribution capabilities
- management change
- business restructuring
- new product launch
- potential negatives

#### **Industry Factors:**

- macro-environment
- consolidation
- demand growth
- capacity constraints
- product developmentVisualize change(s)



### Business Prospects

#### **Fundamentals**

- future cash earnings power
- incorporate impact of change into valuation model
- management's ability to deliver
- time-horizon
- competitive advantage
- calculation of intrinsic value (estimated economic value)
- risk/reward assessment

Differentiated perspective from consensus

# Dividend Value's Keys to Success

### **Key Drivers**



### A Repeatable and Sustainable Investment Process

#### Translating Research Insights Into Consistent Alpha and Income



# Research Prioritization 250 stocks

(2)

# Fundamental Research 100 - 120 stocks

Portfolio

Portfolio Construction 40-60 stocks

#### Opportunity recognition

- dividend increases
- payout ratio increases
- dividend initiation
- valuation opportunity
- catalyst recognition
- growth sustainability
- earnings surprise
- industry dynamics
- product cycle

Benchmark constituent awareness

#### Independent research conclusions

#### Company evaluation

- fundamentals/catalysts
- financial strength
- management/competitors

Brand/intellectual property

#### Proprietary financial modeling

- 2-year time horizon
- ample margin for error
- identify risk factors

#### Differentiated insights

Active sector weight positions

#### Attractive valuations

- risk/reward framework of portfolio

### Quality businesses

#### Risk management

- margin of safety for every position
- upside/downside price targets
- specific position and sector limits to manage downside risk
- a rigorous sell discipline

# A Rigorous Sell Discipline



### Representative Portfolio

#### **Consumer Goods**

- Colgate-Palmolive
- Diageo
- □ Kimberly-Clark
- Nestle
- Toyota
- Unilever
- Whirlpool

#### **Consumer Services**

#### **Health Care**

- Abbott Labs
- □ AbbVie
- Bristol-Myers Squibb
- □ Johnson & Johnson
- Medtronic
- Merck
- Novartis

#### **Utilities**

#### **Financials**

- □ Ares Management
- Citigroup
- Citizens Financial Group
- Dream Global REIT
- □ Everest Re Group
- Horizon Bancorp
- □ Huntington Bancshares
- JPMorgan Chase
- Lincoln National
- Marsh & McLennan
- PNC Financials
- Prudential Financial
- U.S. Bancorp
- □ WhiteHorse Finance
- Willis Towers Watson

#### **Industrials**

- □ 3M Company
- Boeing Company
- Packaging Corp of America
- □ United Parcel Service

#### **Telecommunication**

Verizon

### **Technology**

- Apple
- Cisco Systems
- □ IBM
- Intel
- Microsoft

#### Oil & Gas

- Halliburton Company
- □ Phillips 66
- Royal Dutch Shell
- Schlumberger
- Suncor Energy

#### **Basic Materials**

Avery Dennison

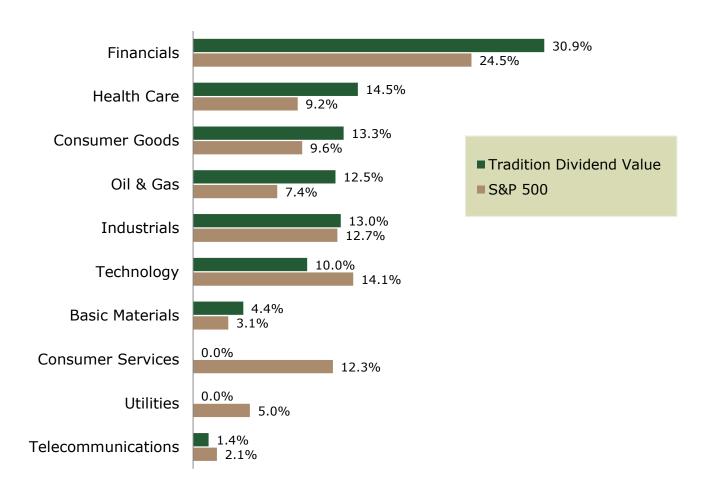
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# Top Ten Holdings

	Sector	Percent of Portfolio	
Avery Dennison	Basic Materials	4.42%	
Willis Towers Watson	Industrials	3.70%	
AbbVie	Health Care	3.57%	
Citizens Financial Group	Financials	3.52%	
Suncor Energy	Oil & Gas	3.40%	
Citigroup	Financials	3.32%	
Boeing Company	Industrials	3.26%	
Prudential Financial	Financials	3.15%	
Whirlpool	Consumer Goods	2.83%	
Packaging Corp Of America	Industrials	2.80%	

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### Sector Weightings



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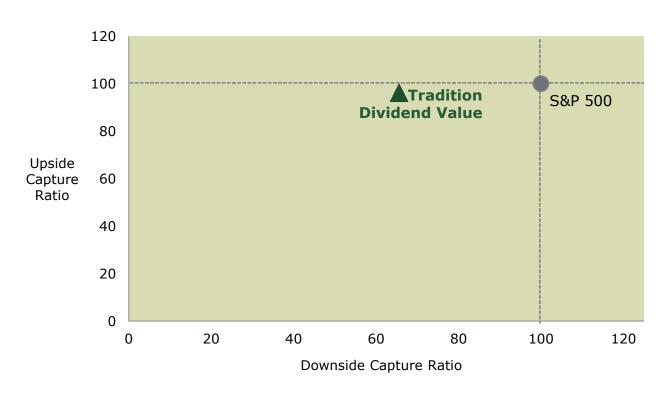
# Portfolio Characteristics

	Tradition Dividend Value	S&P 500
Dividend Yield	3.1%	1.9%
Dividend Growth (5 year estimate)	9.0%	6.0%
Return on Equity (weighted)	17.5%	15.3%
Long-Term Earnings Growth	11.0%	6.0%
Debt to Capital Ratio	43.5%	40.2%
Price/Earnings Ratio (forward 1 year estimate)	13.8	16.5
Price to Earnings Divided by Growth Rate (PEG)	1.5	2.8
Weighted Average Market Cap (\$ billion)	131.2	230.3
Number of Stocks	45	500

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# Upside/Downside Capture Analysis

12/31/2000 - 03/31/2019

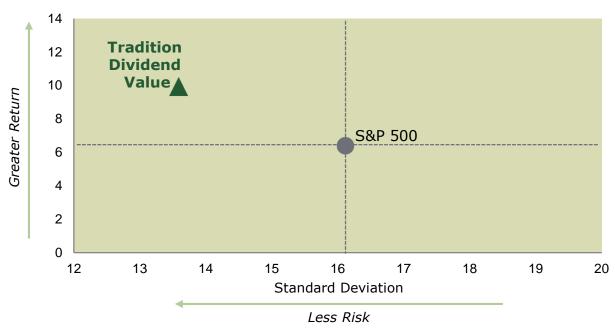


Upside capture ratio greater than 100 has outperformed the index during up-market periods; downside capture ratio of less than 100 has outperformed the index in down market periods. Please read the firm's full performance disclosure on the last page of this presentation. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

Source:PSN

### Long-Term Risk and Reward Metrics

12/31/2000 - 03/31/2019

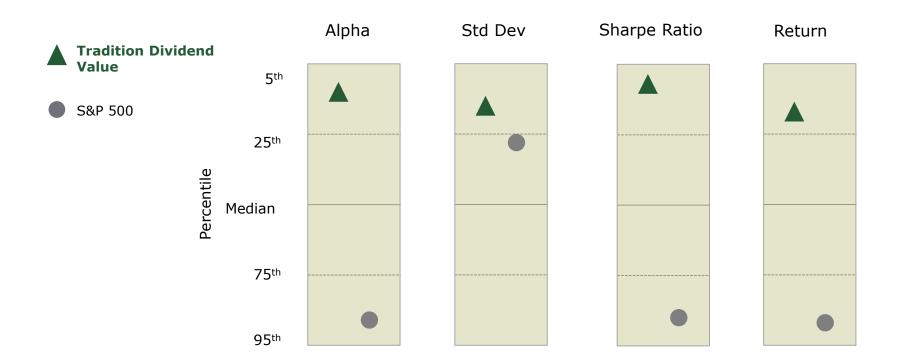


	Return	Std Dev	Alpha
Dividend Value Strategy	9.95%	13.59	4.61
S&P 500	6.36%	16.12	0.00

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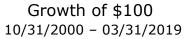
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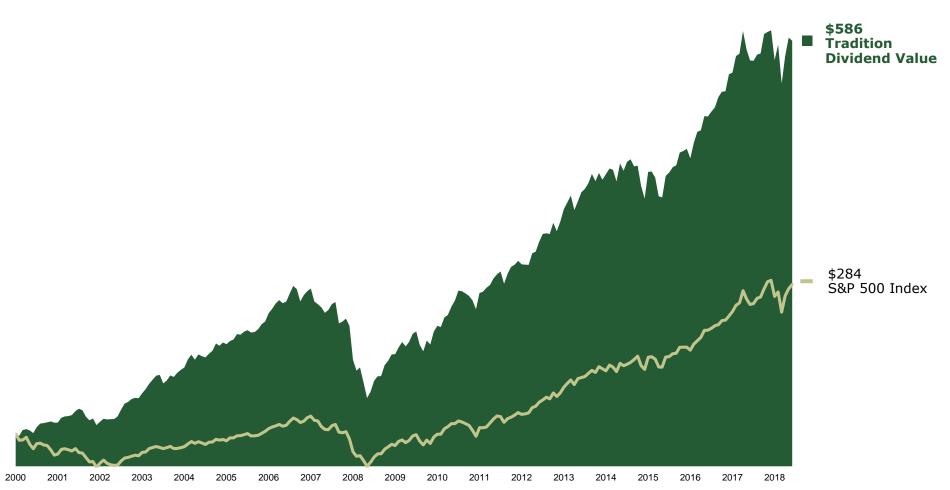
### 12/31/2000 - 03/31/2019



 $Source: PSN \ All \ Cap \ Value \ peer \ group \ as \ of \ 03/31/2019. \ Past \ performance \ is \ no \ guarantee \ of \ future \ returns.$ 

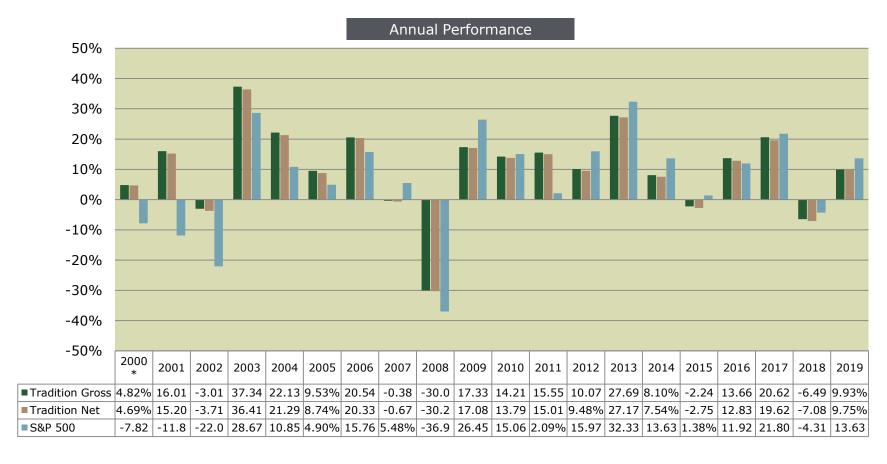
### Dividend Value Performance





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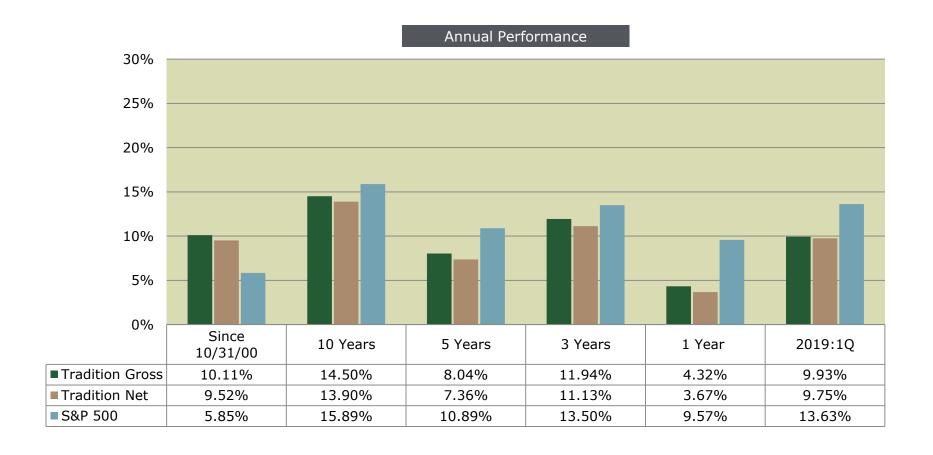
### Dividend Value Strategy Performance



<sup>\*</sup>Since 10/31/2000.

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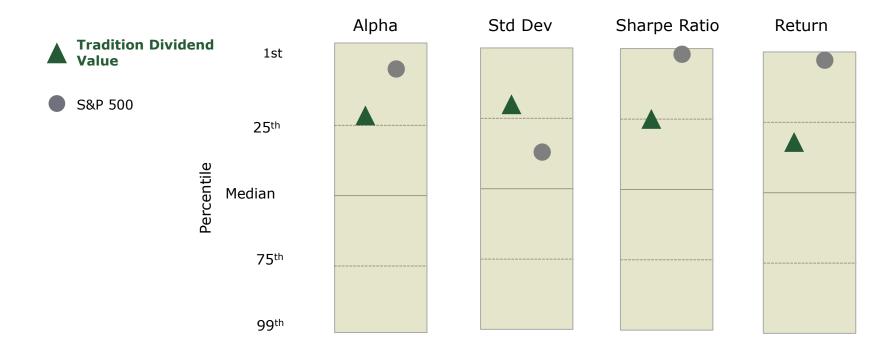
# The Pursuit of Alpha: Key Drivers of Success

Success Drivers	Tradition
Investment team structured for accountability	✓
Disciplined decision-making process	✓
Repeatable and transparent	✓
Disciplined analytical skills	✓
Proactive sell discipline	✓
Agility of a "boutique" manager	✓
Co-investments with clients	✓
Focus	✓
Experience	✓
Strong performance over full market cycles	✓
Risk controls	<b>√</b>



# Risk-Return Statistics: Peer Group Comparison

### 5 Years Ending 03/31/2019



Source: PSN All Cap Value peer group as of 03/31/2019. Past performance is no guarantee of future returns.

### Tradition's Core Values

- □ Our clients' best interests always come first
- □ The highest ethical standards must be adhered to at all times
- Exceeding client expectations is an ongoing process that builds greater trust in our firm
- □ Achieving excellence is our firm's most important business objective

# Client Service Approach: Resourced to be Responsive

- Understanding of client information needs
  - ☐ Useful and timely written reports
  - ☐ Useful formal and informal review meetings
- Experienced and capable relationship managers
  - Deep industry experience / lengthy firm tenure
  - ☐ Frequency of personal contact
  - Strong relationships with consultants, custodian banks and broker dealers
  - □ Team based
- Direct access to investment professionals

# Fee Schedule

Assets Under Management	<u>Annual Fee</u>
First \$5,000,000	1.00%
Over \$5,000,000	0.80%

This is the firm's discretionary investment advisory only fee schedule Please see form ADV-2A for additional information on fee schedule

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### Dividend Value Performance Disclosure

					Composito		Annual Performance Results			
Period	Total Firm Assets (mm)	Strategy Assets (mm)	Composite Assets (mm)	# of Accounts	Composite  Gross	Net	S&P 500	Composite Dispersion	Composite 3-Yr Std Deviation	S&P 500 3-Yr Std Deviation
1Q 2019	680	144	94	115	9.9%	9.8%	13.6%	N/A	N/A	N/A
2018	616	139	88	111	(6.5%)	(7.0%)	(4.3%)	1.6%	10.7%	10.8%
2017	655	125	85	97	20.5%	19.8%	21.8%	1.6%	10.6%	9.9%
2016	535	105	71	84	13.6%	12.8%	11.9%	2.2%	11.1%	10.6%
2015	526	108	61	75	(2.4%)	(2.8%)	1.4%	0.6%	10.5%	10.5%
2014	465	91	61	61	8.1%	7.5%	13.7%	0.7%	8.1%	9.0%
2013	462	80	52	54	27.7%	27.1%	32.4%	1.4%	9.1%	11.9%
2012	423	N/A	31	40	10.1%	9.5%	16.0%	1.3%	11.8%	15.1%
2011	400	N/A	7.0	10	15.6%	15.0%	2.1%	N/A	16.4%	18.7%
2010	456	N/A	2.1	5 or fewer	14.2%	13.8%	15.1%	N/A	-	-
2009	514	N/A	2.4	5 or fewer	17.3%	17.1%	26.5%	N/A	-	-
2008	414		2.0	5 or fewer	(30.1%)	(30.3%)	(37.0%)	N/A	-	-
2007	542		2.9	5 or fewer	(0.4%)	(0.7%)	5.5%	N/A	-	-
2006	463		3.8	5 or fewer	20.6%	20.3%	15.8%	N/A	-	-
2005	410		1.1	5 or fewer	9.5%	8.7%	4.9%	N/A	-	-
2004	352		0.9	5 or fewer	22.1%	21.3%	10.9%	N/A	-	-
2003	308		0.5	5 or fewer	37.4%	36.4%	28.7%	N/A	-	-
2002	226		0.4	5 or fewer	(3.0%)	(3.7%)	(22.1%)	N/A	-	-
2001	254		0.4	5 or fewer	16.0%	15.2%	(11.9%)	N/A	-	-
2000	89		0.4	5 or fewer	19.2%	18.4%	(9.1%)	N/A	-	-

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