

**Table HC8.1 Housing Unit Characteristics by Urban/Rural Location, 2005**  
**Million U.S. Housing Units**

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|---|--------------------------|---|------|---------|-------|
|   |                          | City                                    | Town | Suburbs | Rural |
| <b>Total</b> .....                          | 111.1                    | 47.1                                    | 19.0 | 22.7    | 22.3  |
| <b>Census Region and Division</b>           |                          |   |      |         |       |
| Northeast.....                              | 20.6                     | 6.9                                     | 6.0  | 4.4     | 3.2   |
| New England.....                            | 5.5                      | 2.2                                     | 1.9  | 0.5     | 0.9   |
| Middle Atlantic.....                        | 15.1                     | 4.7                                     | 4.2  | 4.0     | 2.3   |
| Midwest.....                                | 25.6                     | 9.7                                     | 5.0  | 5.7     | 5.2   |
| East North Central.....                     | 17.7                     | 7.3                                     | 2.9  | 4.3     | 3.3   |
| West North Central.....                     | 7.9                      | 2.4                                     | 2.1  | 1.4     | 1.9   |
| South.....                                  | 40.7                     | 17.8                                    | 4.9  | 7.6     | 10.4  |
| South Atlantic.....                         | 21.7                     | 10.5                                    | 2.2  | 4.1     | 4.9   |
| East South Central.....                     | 6.9                      | 2.2                                     | 0.7  | 1.1     | 2.9   |
| West South Central.....                     | 12.1                     | 5.1                                     | 2.0  | 2.4     | 2.6   |
| West.....                                   | 24.2                     | 12.8                                    | 3.0  | 4.9     | 3.5   |
| Mountain.....                               | 7.6                      | 3.2                                     | 1.1  | 1.6     | 1.7   |
| Pacific.....                                | 16.6                     | 9.6                                     | 1.9  | 3.3     | 1.9   |
| <b>Climate Zone</b>                         |                          |   |      |         |       |
| Less than 2,000 CDD and--                   |                          |   |      |         |       |
| Greater than 7,000 HDD.....                 | 10.9                     | 3.4                                     | 2.5  | 1.4     | 3.7   |
| 5,500 to 7,000 HDD.....                     | 26.1                     | 8.9                                     | 5.8  | 6.6     | 4.8   |
| 4,000 to 5,499 HDD.....                     | 27.3                     | 11.5                                    | 5.2  | 5.6     | 5.0   |
| Less than 4,000 HDD.....                    | 24.0                     | 11.9                                    | 2.4  | 4.7     | 5.0   |
| 2000 CDD or More and--                      |                          |   |      |         |       |
| Less than 4,000 HDD.....                    | 22.8                     | 11.4                                    | 3.1  | 4.4     | 3.9   |
| <b>Type of Housing Unit</b>                 |                          |   |      |         |       |
| Single-Family Detached.....                 | 72.1                     | 24.3                                    | 12.9 | 17.0    | 17.8  |
| Single-Family Attached.....                 | 7.6                      | 4.7                                     | 1.2  | 1.5     | Q     |
| Apartments in 2-4 Unit Buildings.....       | 7.8                      | 5.2                                     | 1.4  | 0.9     | 0.3   |
| Apartments in 5 or More Unit Buildings..... | 16.7                     | 11.1                                    | 2.7  | 2.6     | 0.3   |
| Mobile Homes.....                           | 6.9                      | 1.9                                     | 0.8  | 0.6     | 3.7   |
| <b>Ownership of Housing Unit</b>            |                          |   |      |         |       |
| <b>Owned</b> .....                          | 78.1                     | 28.0                                    | 12.7 | 18.1    | 19.3  |
| Single-Family Detached.....                 | 64.1                     | 21.1                                    | 10.9 | 16.0    | 16.0  |
| Single-Family Attached.....                 | 4.2                      | 2.6                                     | 0.5  | 0.9     | Q     |
| Apartments in 2-4 Unit Buildings.....       | 1.8                      | 1.2                                     | 0.3  | 0.3     | Q     |
| Apartments in 5 or More Unit Buildings..... | 2.3                      | 1.6                                     | 0.3  | 0.4     | Q     |
| Mobile Homes.....                           | 5.7                      | 1.6                                     | 0.6  | 0.5     | 3.1   |
| <b>Rented</b> .....                         | 33.0                     | 19.1                                    | 6.3  | 4.5     | 3.1   |
| Single-Family Detached.....                 | 8.0                      | 3.2                                     | 2.0  | 1.0     | 1.8   |
| Single-Family Attached.....                 | 3.4                      | 2.1                                     | 0.7  | 0.6     | Q     |
| Apartments in 2-4 Unit Buildings.....       | 5.9                      | 4.0                                     | 1.1  | 0.6     | Q     |
| Apartments in 5 or More Unit Buildings..... | 14.4                     | 9.5                                     | 2.4  | 2.2     | 0.3   |
| Mobile Homes.....                           | 1.2                      | 0.3                                     | Q    | Q       | 0.7   |
| <b>Year of Construction</b>                 |                          |   |      |         |       |
| 1939 or Before.....                         | 14.7                     | 7.3                                     | 3.3  | 1.4     | 2.6   |
| 1940 to 1949.....                           | 7.4                      | 4.2                                     | 1.3  | 1.1     | 0.8   |
| 1950 to 1959.....                           | 12.5                     | 5.8                                     | 2.7  | 2.3     | 1.7   |
| 1960 to 1969.....                           | 12.5                     | 5.9                                     | 2.3  | 2.3     | 2.0   |
| 1970 to 1979.....                           | 18.9                     | 8.4                                     | 2.9  | 3.6     | 4.1   |
| 1980 to 1989.....                           | 18.6                     | 7.2                                     | 2.7  | 4.7     | 4.0   |
| 1990 to 1999.....                           | 17.3                     | 5.2                                     | 2.4  | 4.7     | 5.0   |
| 2000 to 2005.....                           | 9.2                      | 3.1                                     | 1.5  | 2.5     | 2.2   |

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|---|--------------------------|---|------|---------|-------|
|   |                          | City                                    | Town | Suburbs | Rural |
| <b>Number of Stories in Single-Family Homes</b>   |                          |   |      |         |       |
| 1 Story.....  | 46.7                     | 18.4                                    | 8.4  | 8.2     | 11.8  |
| 2 Stories.....  | 28.0                     | 9.1                                     | 4.9  | 8.8     | 5.2   |
| 3 or More Stories.....  | 2.5                      | 1.1                                     | 0.4  | 0.6     | 0.5   |
| Split-level.....  | 1.9                      | 0.3                                     | 0.4  | 0.8     | 0.4   |
| Other.....  | 0.5                      | Q                                       | Q    | Q       | Q     |
| Not Asked.....  | 31.4                     | 18.1                                    | 4.8  | 4.1     | 4.4   |
| <b>Number of Floors in Apartment Buildings with 5 or More Units</b>                       |                          |   |      |         |       |
| 1 or 2 Floors.....  | 8.2                      | 5.3                                     | 1.4  | 1.3     | Q     |
| 3 or 4 Floors.....  | 6.0                      | 3.5                                     | 1.1  | 1.2     | Q     |
| 5 to 10 Floors.....   | 1.6                      | 1.4                                     | Q    | Q       | N     |
| 11 to 20 Floors.....  | 0.6                      | 0.6                                     | N    | Q       | N     |
| More than 20 Floors.....  | Q                        | Q                                       | Q    | Q       | N     |
| Not Asked.....  | 94.4                     | 36.0                                    | 16.3 | 20.0    | 22.0  |
| <b>Major Outside Wall Construction</b>  |                          |   |      |         |       |
| Siding (Aluminum, Vinyl, Steel).....  | 35.3                     | 11.1                                    | 6.8  | 7.1     | 10.4  |
| Brick.....  | 31.3                     | 15.0                                    | 4.8  | 7.6     | 3.9   |
| Wood.....   | 20.0                     | 7.1                                     | 4.5  | 3.0     | 5.4   |
| Stucco.....   | 14.8                     | 8.6                                     | 1.8  | 3.3     | 1.2   |
| Concrete/Concrete Block.....  | 5.3                      | 3.8                                     | 0.4  | 0.7     | 0.4   |
| Composition (Shingle).....  | 1.9                      | 0.7                                     | 0.4  | 0.4     | 0.4   |
| Stone.....  | 1.0                      | 0.3                                     | Q    | 0.3     | 0.3   |
| Other.....  | 1.5                      | 0.5                                     | Q    | 0.2     | 0.6   |
| <b>Foundation/Basement of Single-Family Units and Apartments in 2 to 4 Unit Buildings</b> |                          |   |      |         |       |
| (more than one may apply)   |                          |   |      |         |       |
| Basement.....   | 35.5                     | 12.0                                    | 7.4  | 8.7     | 7.3   |
| Crawlspace.....   | 25.1                     | 7.5                                     | 4.7  | 4.4     | 8.4   |
| Concrete Slab.....  | 40.2                     | 17.9                                    | 6.1  | 10.2    | 5.9   |
| Not Asked (Mobile Homes and Apartments in Buildings With 5 or More Units).....            | 23.7                     | 13.0                                    | 3.4  | 3.2     | 4.1   |
| <b>Fuels Used for Any Use</b>   |                          |   |      |         |       |
| (more than one may apply)   |                          |   |      |         |       |
| Electricity.....  | 111.1                    | 47.1                                    | 19.0 | 22.7    | 22.3  |
| Natural Gas.....  | 69.5                     | 33.3                                    | 13.3 | 16.9    | 5.9   |
| Wood.....   | 14.4                     | 3.6                                     | 1.8  | 2.5     | 6.5   |
| Fuel Oil.....   | 8.4                      | 2.6                                     | 1.7  | 1.4     | 2.8   |
| LPG.....  | 12.6                     | 1.4                                     | 1.1  | 1.6     | 8.4   |
| Kerosene.....   | 1.7                      | 0.3                                     | 0.2  | 0.2     | 0.9   |
| Solar.....  | 0.2                      | Q                                       | Q    | Q       | Q     |

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|  |                          | City                                    | Town | Suburbs | Rural |
| <b>Main Heating Fuel</b>                     |                          |   |      |         |       |
| Natural Gas.....                             | 58.2                     | 27.0                                    | 11.9 | 14.9    | 4.3   |
| Electricity.....                             | 33.7                     | 15.9                                    | 4.6  | 5.8     | 7.4   |
| Fuel Oil.....                                | 7.7                      | 2.4                                     | 1.7  | 1.2     | 2.4   |
| LPG.....                                     | 6.0                      | 0.3                                     | 0.2  | 0.3     | 5.2   |
| Wood.....                                    | 2.9                      | 0.3                                     | Q    | Q       | 2.3   |
| Kerosene.....                                | 0.7                      | Q                                       | Q    | Q       | 0.4   |
| Solar.....                                   | Q                        | N                                       | N    | N       | Q     |
| Other.....                                   | Q                        | Q                                       | Q    | Q       | N     |
| None.....                                    | 1.3                      | 0.8                                     | Q    | 0.2     | Q     |
| <b>Natural Gas Available in Neighborhood</b> |                          |   |      |         |       |
| Yes.....                                     | 80.5                     | 38.6                                    | 15.4 | 18.8    | 7.7   |
| Actually Use Natural Gas.....                | 69.5                     | 33.3                                    | 13.3 | 16.9    | 5.9   |
| Do Not Use Natural Gas.....                  | 11.1                     | 5.3                                     | 2.1  | 2.0     | 1.8   |
| No.....                                      | 30.6                     | 8.5                                     | 3.6  | 3.8     | 14.7  |

1. One of five climatically distinct areas, determined according to the 30-year average (1971-2000) of the annual heating and cooling degree-days. A household is assigned to a climate zone according to the 30-year average annual degree-days for an appropriate nearby weather station.

Q = Data withheld either because the Relative Standard Error (RSE) was greater than 50 percent or fewer than 10 households were sampled.

N = No cases in reporting sample.

Notes: • Because of rounding, data may not sum to totals. • See Glossary for definition of terms used in these tables.

Source: Energy Information Administration, Office of Energy Markets and End Use, Forms EIA-457 A, B, C of the 2005 Residential Energy Consumption Survey.