

**Table HC4-3a. Air Conditioning by Household Income,
Million U.S. Households, 2001**

Air Conditioning Characteristics	Total	2001 Household Income				Below Poverty Line	Eligible for Federal Assistance ¹	RSE Row Factors
		Less than \$14,999	\$15,000 to \$29,999	\$30,000 to \$49,999	\$50,000 or More			
RSE Column Factor:	0.5	1.4	1.1	1.0	0.9	1.5	0.9	
Households With Electric Air-Conditioning Equipment								
Air-Conditioning Equipment	82.9	12.3	17.4	21.5	31.7	9.6	23.4	3.9
Air Conditioners Not Used	2.1	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.9	20.8
Households Using Electric Air-Conditioning²								
Air-Conditioning ²	80.8	11.9	16.7	21.0	31.2	9.1	22.6	3.9
Type of Electric Air-Conditioning Used								
Central Air-Conditioning ³	57.5	6.2	10.7	15.2	25.3	4.5	12.4	5.3
Without a Heat Pump	46.2	4.9	9.1	12.1	20.1	3.6	10.4	6.1
With a Heat Pump	11.3	1.3	1.6	3.2	5.2	0.8	2.0	17.0
Room Air-Conditioning	23.3	5.7	6.0	5.8	5.9	4.7	10.1	6.1
1 Unit	12.8	4.0	3.4	2.9	2.5	3.3	6.3	8.1
2 Units	7.5	1.4	1.9	2.2	2.0	1.1	3.1	10.2
3 or More Units	3.0	0.3	0.7	0.7	1.3	0.3	0.8	20.0
Number of Rooms Air-Conditioned in Summer 2001								
One or Two	12.3	3.1	3.4	2.7	3.1	2.4	5.4	8.2
Three	9.2	2.7	2.7	2.1	1.7	1.9	4.1	11.4
Four	12.0	2.4	2.8	4.3	2.5	1.6	3.8	9.4
Five or More	47.3	3.7	7.9	11.9	23.8	3.2	9.3	5.7
Percentage of Rooms Air-Conditioned								
100%	58.8	8.0	11.6	15.0	24.2	6.2	15.2	4.8
50% to 99%	12.1	1.7	3.0	3.5	3.8	1.3	3.5	8.9
25% to 49%	6.4	1.5	1.4	1.7	1.8	1.2	2.7	10.6
1% to 24%	3.5	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.3	0.5	1.2	16.1
Large Tree(s) that Shade the Home								
Yes	41.5	5.0	8.5	11.2	16.8	3.9	10.4	5.9
No	39.3	6.9	8.2	9.8	14.3	5.2	12.2	5.5
Central Air-Conditioner Age (excludes systems for more than one housing unit)								
Less than 2 Years	6.1	0.7	1.1	1.0	3.2	0.7	1.3	13.7
2 to 4 Years	10.1	1.0	2.0	2.6	4.6	0.7	2.2	11.2
5 to 9 Years	15.4	1.2	2.5	3.9	7.8	0.9	2.9	10.4
10 to 19 Years	15.0	1.5	2.3	4.5	6.8	0.8	2.7	11.7
20 Years or More	5.7	0.8	1.4	1.5	2.0	0.6	1.5	15.0
Don't Know	3.7	0.5	1.3	1.2	0.8	0.3	1.3	16.7
Central Air-Conditioning Use								
Only a Few Times	16.8	1.7	3.6	4.5	6.8	1.2	3.8	9.1
Quite a Bit	12.1	1.2	2.1	3.1	5.7	0.7	2.6	10.6
All Summer	28.4	3.1	5.0	7.5	12.8	2.5	5.9	8.0

See footnotes at end of table.

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RSE Column Factor:	0.5	1.4	1.1	1.0	0.9	1.5	0.9	
Pays for Electricity for Central Air-Conditioning								
Yes	55.5	5.5	10.3	14.6	25.1	4.0	11.5	5.5
No	2.0	0.6	0.5	0.6	Q	0.5	0.9	20.0
Age of Most-Used Room Air Conditioner								
Less than 2 Years	3.1	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.6	1.1	16.0
2 to 4 Years	5.3	1.2	1.5	1.2	1.5	0.9	2.5	11.6
5 to 9 Years	6.4	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.9	1.1	2.4	12.1
10 or 19 Years	4.3	1.0	1.1	1.2	0.9	0.7	1.8	12.5
20 or More Years	2.0	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.6	1.0	19.3
Don't Know	2.2	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.8	1.3	21.5
Room Air-Conditioning Use								
Only a Few Times	13.6	3.2	3.5	3.3	3.5	2.6	5.8	7.4
Quite a Bit	5.0	1.0	1.3	1.6	1.1	0.7	1.8	13.6
All Summer	4.7	1.5	1.2	0.8	1.2	1.3	2.5	13.4
Pays for Electricity for Room Air-Conditioning								
Yes	21.9	5.0	5.6	5.4	5.8	4.0	9.1	6.1
No	1.5	0.7	0.3	0.3	Q	0.6	1.0	25.3

¹ Below 150 percent of poverty line or 60 percent of median State income.

² The number of households, where the end use is electric air-conditioning, does **not** include households that did not use their equipment (2.1 million). It does include the small number of households where the fuel for central air-conditioning equipment was something other than electricity; those households were treated as if the fuel was electricity.

³ The 2001 RECS reported 800,000 households having both central air-conditioning and room/wall air-conditioners, with 600,000 households using both central air-conditioning and 200,000 households using only room/wall air-conditioners. These room/wall air-conditioners are not included in the count of 23.3 million households using room/wall air-conditioners. Note: This applies to all occurrences of central air-conditioning.

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

Notes: • To obtain the RSE percentage for any table cell, multiply the corresponding column and row factors. • Because of rounding, data may not sum to totals. • See "Glossary" for definition of terms used in this report.

Source: Energy Information Administration, Office of Energy Markets and End Use, Forms EIA-457 A, B, C of the 2001 Residential Energy Consumption Survey.