

Table HC2.4 Space Heating Characteristics by Type of Housing Unit, 2005
Million U.S. Housing Units

Space Heating Characteristics	Housing Units (millions)	Type of Housing Unit					Mobile Homes
		Single-Family Units		Apartments in Buildings With--			
		Detached	Attached	2 to 4 Units	5 or More Units		
Total	111.1	72.1	7.6	7.8	16.7	6.9	
Do Not Have Space Heating Equipment	1.2	0.4	Q	Q	0.4	Q	
Have Main Space Heating Equipment	109.8	71.7	7.5	7.6	16.3	6.8	
Use Main Space Heating Equipment.....	109.1	71.5	7.4	7.4	16.0	6.7	
Have Equipment But Do Not Use It.....	0.8	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	
Main Heating Fuel and Equipment							
Natural Gas.....	58.2	39.8	4.9	4.4	7.2	1.9	
Central Warm-Air Furnace.....	44.7	33.1	3.7	2.3	3.9	1.6	
For One Housing Unit.....	42.9	32.8	3.5	2.0	3.0	1.6	
For Two Housing Units.....	1.8	0.3	Q	0.4	0.9	N	
Steam or Hot Water System.....	8.2	3.4	0.8	1.5	2.5	N	
For One Housing Unit.....	5.1	3.4	0.6	0.7	0.4	N	
For Two Housing Units.....	3.1	N	Q	0.8	2.2	N	
Floor, Wall or Pipeless Furnace.....	2.3	1.2	Q	0.3	0.4	Q	
Room Heater.....	2.0	1.4	Q	Q	0.3	Q	
Other Equipment.....	0.9	0.6	Q	Q	Q	Q	
Electricity.....	33.7	18.7	2.1	2.3	7.7	2.9	
Built-in Electric Units.....	5.0	1.8	0.5	0.3	2.3	Q	
Central Warm-Air Furnace.....	16.0	7.9	1.0	1.4	3.9	1.9	
For One Housing Unit.....	15.2	7.8	1.0	1.2	3.3	1.9	
For Two Housing Units.....	0.9	Q	N	Q	0.6	N	
Heat Pump.....	9.2	7.4	0.3	Q	0.7	0.5	
Portable Electric Heater.....	1.6	0.8	Q	Q	Q	0.3	
Other Equipment.....	1.9	0.7	Q	Q	0.7	Q	
Fuel Oil.....	7.7	5.5	0.4	0.8	0.9	0.2	
Steam or Hot Water System.....	4.7	2.9	Q	0.7	0.8	N	
For One Housing Unit.....	3.3	2.9	Q	Q	Q	N	
For Two Housing Units.....	1.4	Q	Q	0.5	0.8	N	
Central Warm-Air Furnace.....	2.8	2.4	Q	Q	Q	0.2	
Other Equipment.....	0.3	0.2	Q	N	Q	N	
Wood.....	2.9	2.5	Q	Q	Q	0.3	
Heating Stove.....	2.0	1.7	Q	Q	N	Q	
Other Equipment.....	0.9	0.8	N	Q	Q	Q	
Propane/LPG.....	6.0	4.6	Q	Q	Q	1.3	
Central Warm-Air Furnace.....	4.1	3.2	Q	N	Q	0.9	
Room Heater.....	0.9	0.7	N	Q	N	Q	
Other Equipment.....	1.0	0.7	Q	Q	Q	0.2	
Kerosene.....	0.7	0.4	Q	N	Q	0.3	
Other Fuel.....	0.6	0.3	N	Q	0.3	Q	
Housing Units Served by Main Heating Equipment							
One Housing Unit.....	101.0	71.0	7.1	5.4	10.8	6.7	
Two or More Housing Units.....	8.8	0.7	0.4	2.2	5.5	Q	
Do Not Have Heating Equipment.....	1.2	0.4	Q	Q	0.4	Q	

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Age of Main Heating Equipment						
Used by One Housing Unit						
Less than 2 Years.....	11.7	8.6	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8
2 to 4 Years.....	13.8	10.1	0.8	0.5	1.2	1.2
5 to 9 Years.....	20.6	16.0	1.1	0.7	1.2	1.7
10 to 19 Years.....	24.8	18.2	1.8	0.9	2.3	1.7
20 Years or More.....	21.5	14.7	1.7	1.1	3.1	0.9
Don't Know.....	8.6	3.5	1.0	1.5	2.2	0.6
Used by Two or More Housing Units						
Less than 2 Years.....	0.3	Q	Q	Q	Q	N
2 to 4 Years.....	0.4	Q	Q	Q	0.2	N
5 to 9 Years.....	0.6	Q	Q	Q	0.3	N
10 to 19 Years.....	1.1	Q	Q	Q	0.5	N
20 Years or More.....	2.7	Q	Q	0.7	1.7	Q
Don't Know.....	3.7	Q	Q	1.0	2.5	N
Proportion of Heat Provided by Main Heating Equipment						
All or Almost All.....	98.9	63.1	7.1	7.1	15.5	6.2
About Three-Fourths.....	5.8	5.0	Q	Q	0.2	0.4
Closer to One-Half.....	4.3	3.5	Q	Q	0.3	Q
Do Not Use Main Heating Equipment.....	2.0	0.5	Q	0.3	0.7	0.3
Secondary Heating Fuel and Equipment						
No.....	76.2	43.2	6.1	6.6	15.1	5.2
Yes (More than one may apply).....	34.9	28.8	1.5	1.2	1.6	1.8
Natural Gas.....	5.0	4.3	0.3	Q	Q	Q
Fireplace.....	2.7	2.3	0.2	Q	Q	N
Room Heater.....	0.5	0.5	Q	N	N	N
Central Warm-Air Furnace.....	1.1	1.0	N	Q	N	Q
Other Equipment.....	0.8	0.5	Q	Q	Q	Q
Electricity.....	19.7	15.5	0.9	0.8	1.4	1.1
Portable Heater.....	16.0	12.4	0.8	0.7	1.1	0.9
Built-in Electric Units.....	2.2	1.9	Q	Q	Q	Q
Heat Pump.....	0.6	0.6	N	N	Q	N
Other Equipment.....	1.3	1.0	Q	Q	Q	Q
Fuel Oil.....	0.4	0.4	N	N	N	N
Wood.....	8.9	8.1	Q	Q	Q	0.3
Fireplace.....	6.7	6.0	Q	Q	Q	Q
Heating Stove.....	2.2	2.1	Q	N	N	Q
Other Equipment.....	Q	Q	N	N	N	N
Propane/LPG.....	2.3	2.2	N	N	N	Q
Kerosene.....	0.9	0.8	Q	N	N	Q
Other Fuel.....	0.2	Q	Q	N	N	N

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.

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