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		1 Member	2 Members	3 Members	4 Members	5 or More Members
Total	111.1	30.0	34.8	18.4	15.9	12.0
Census Region and Division						
Northeast.....	20.6	5.5	6.5	3.4	3.0	2.1
New England.....	5.5	1.7	1.7	1.1	0.7	0.3
Middle Atlantic.....	15.1	3.8	4.8	2.4	2.4	1.7
Midwest.....	25.6	7.3	8.4	4.1	3.2	2.5
East North Central.....	17.7	5.0	5.7	3.0	2.2	1.9
West North Central.....	7.9	2.3	2.7	1.1	1.0	0.7
South.....	40.7	11.5	12.5	7.0	5.6	4.1
South Atlantic.....	21.7	6.2	6.5	4.0	2.9	2.0
East South Central.....	6.9	2.1	2.1	1.1	1.2	0.5
West South Central.....	12.1	3.2	3.9	1.8	1.5	1.6
West.....	24.2	5.7	7.4	3.9	4.0	3.2
Mountain.....	7.6	1.5	2.9	1.2	1.1	0.9
Pacific.....	16.6	4.2	4.5	2.7	2.9	2.3
Urban/Rural Location (as Self-Reported)						
City.....	47.1	14.7	12.8	7.6	6.8	5.2
Town.....	19.0	5.1	6.1	3.0	2.6	2.2
Suburbs.....	22.7	5.1	7.5	3.8	3.3	2.9
Rural.....	22.3	5.1	8.5	3.9	3.1	1.8
Climate Zone¹						
Less than 2,000 CDD and--						
Greater than 7,000 HDD.....	10.9	2.6	4.3	1.8	1.2	1.0
5,500 to 7,000 HDD.....	26.1	7.9	7.7	4.2	3.7	2.6
4,000 to 5,499 HDD.....	27.3	7.3	8.2	4.8	4.0	3.0
Less than 4,000 HDD.....	24.0	6.5	7.1	3.9	3.9	2.5
2000 CDD or More and--						
Less than 4,000 HDD.....	22.8	5.8	7.5	3.7	2.9	2.8
Type of Housing Unit						
Single-Family Detached.....	72.1	14.8	24.8	12.3	11.1	9.2
Single-Family Attached.....	7.6	2.4	2.1	1.2	1.2	0.6
Apartments in 2-4 Unit Buildings.....	7.8	2.6	2.0	1.6	0.9	0.7
Apartments in 5 or More Unit Buildings.....	16.7	7.9	4.2	2.2	1.6	0.8
Mobile Homes.....	6.9	2.4	1.7	1.2	1.0	0.7
Ownership of Housing Unit						
Owned	78.1	18.6	26.8	12.8	11.5	8.3
Single-Family Detached.....	64.1	13.2	22.9	10.7	9.8	7.4
Single-Family Attached.....	4.2	1.4	1.3	0.5	0.6	0.3
Apartments in 2-4 Unit Buildings.....	1.8	0.7	0.5	0.4	Q	Q
Apartments in 5 or More Unit Buildings.....	2.3	1.3	0.7	Q	Q	Q
Mobile Homes.....	5.7	2.1	1.4	1.0	0.9	0.4
Rented	33.0	11.4	8.0	5.6	4.3	3.7
Single-Family Detached.....	8.0	1.6	1.9	1.5	1.3	1.7
Single-Family Attached.....	3.4	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.3
Apartments in 2-4 Unit Buildings.....	5.9	1.9	1.5	1.2	0.7	0.6
Apartments in 5 or More Unit Buildings.....	14.4	6.6	3.5	1.9	1.6	0.8
Mobile Homes.....	1.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	Q	Q

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Year of Construction						
Before 1940.....	14.7	4.6	4.3	2.5	1.9	1.3
1940 to 1949.....	7.4	2.5	1.9	1.3	0.8	0.8
1950 to 1959.....	12.5	3.7	4.4	1.7	1.5	1.2
1960 to 1969.....	12.5	3.2	4.1	1.9	1.6	1.7
1970 to 1979.....	18.9	5.4	5.9	2.9	3.0	1.7
1980 to 1989.....	18.6	5.5	5.3	3.5	2.5	1.8
1990 to 1999.....	17.3	3.7	5.5	2.8	3.1	2.3
2000 to 2005.....	9.2	1.6	3.4	1.6	1.4	1.2
Number of Stories in Single-Family Homes						
1 Story.....	46.7	11.7	17.3	7.0	5.9	4.9
2 Stories.....	28.0	5.0	8.0	5.5	5.4	4.2
3 or More Stories.....	2.5	0.2	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.5
Split-level.....	1.9	Q	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.3
Other.....	0.5	Q	Q	Q	Q	N
Not Asked.....	31.4	12.9	8.0	4.9	3.6	2.2
Number of Floors in Apartment Buildings with 5 or More Units						
1 or 2 Floors.....	8.2	3.8	2.0	1.1	0.9	0.3
3 or 4 Floors.....	6.0	2.6	1.6	0.8	0.6	0.4
5 to 10 Floors.....	1.6	0.9	0.5	Q	Q	Q
11 to 20 Floors.....	0.6	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
More than 20 Floors.....	Q	Q	Q	N	N	N
Not Asked.....	94.4	22.2	30.6	16.2	14.2	11.2
Major Outside Wall Construction						
Siding (Aluminum, Vinyl, Steel).....	35.3	9.2	10.7	5.7	5.6	4.0
Brick.....	31.3	9.4	9.9	4.8	4.1	3.1
Wood.....	20.0	5.5	6.3	3.6	2.4	2.2
Stucco.....	14.8	3.4	4.7	2.4	2.5	1.9
Concrete/Concrete Block.....	5.3	1.5	1.8	1.0	0.7	0.4
Composition (Shingle).....	1.9	0.5	0.5	0.5	Q	0.2
Stone.....	1.0	Q	0.4	Q	Q	Q
Other.....	1.5	0.4	0.6	0.3	Q	Q
Foundation/Basement of Single-Family Units and Apartments in 2 to 4 Unit Buildings						
(more than one may apply)						
Basement.....	35.5	7.5	11.9	6.2	5.8	4.0
Crawlspace.....	25.1	6.1	8.5	4.5	3.6	2.4
Concrete Slab.....	40.2	8.1	13.1	6.9	6.3	5.7
Not Asked (Mobile Homes and Apartments in Buildings With 5 or More Units).....	23.7	10.3	5.9	3.3	2.7	1.5
Fuels Used for Any Use						
(more than one may apply)						
Electricity.....	111.1	30.0	34.8	18.4	15.9	12.0
Natural Gas.....	69.5	18.3	21.1	11.5	10.3	8.3
Wood.....	14.4	2.6	5.3	2.9	2.5	1.2
Fuel Oil.....	8.4	2.1	2.8	1.6	1.1	0.8
LPG.....	12.6	2.7	4.7	2.0	2.0	1.3
Kerosene.....	1.7	0.6	0.4	0.3	Q	Q
Solar.....	0.2	N	Q	Q	Q	N

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Main Heating Fuel						
Natural Gas.....	58.2	15.6	18.0	9.5	8.4	6.7
Electricity.....	33.7	9.9	10.1	5.4	4.7	3.5
Fuel Oil.....	7.7	2.0	2.5	1.6	1.0	0.7
LPG.....	6.0	1.3	2.5	0.9	0.9	0.5
Wood.....	2.9	0.4	1.1	0.6	0.5	0.2
Kerosene.....	0.7	0.4	Q	Q	Q	Q
Solar.....	Q	N	Q	N	N	N
Other.....	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	N
None.....	1.3	0.3	0.3	Q	0.3	0.2
Natural Gas Available in Neighborhood						
Yes.....	80.5	21.9	24.6	13.3	11.2	9.5
Actually Use Natural Gas.....	69.5	18.3	21.1	11.5	10.3	8.3
Do Not Use Natural Gas.....	11.1	3.7	3.5	1.8	1.0	1.1
No.....	30.6	8.1	10.2	5.1	4.6	2.5

1. One of five climatically distinct areas, determined according to the 30-year average (1971-2000) of the annual heating and cooling degree-days. For this report, the heating or cooling degree-days are a measure of how cold or how hot a location is over a period of one year, relative to a base temperature of 65 degrees Fahrenheit. 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.