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Home Electronics Usage Indicators	Housing Units (millions)	2005 Household Income					Below Poverty Line	Eligible for Federal Assistance ¹
		Less than \$20,000	\$20,000 to \$39,999	\$40,000 to \$59,999	\$60,000 to \$79,999	\$80,000 or More		
Total.....	111.1	26.7	28.8	20.6	13.1	22.0	16.6	38.6
Personal Computers								
Do Not Use a Personal Computer.....	35.5	17.1	10.8	4.2	1.8	1.6	10.3	20.6
Use a Personal Computer.....	75.6	9.6	18.0	16.4	11.3	20.3	6.4	17.9
Most-Used Personal Computer								
Type of PC								
Desk-top Model.....	58.6	7.6	14.2	13.1	9.2	14.6	5.0	14.5
Laptop Model.....	16.9	2.0	3.8	3.3	2.1	5.7	1.3	3.5
Hours Turned on Per Week								
Less than 2 Hours.....	13.6	3.1	3.9	3.4	1.7	1.6	1.8	4.8
2 to 15 Hours.....	29.1	3.4	7.0	6.6	4.5	7.6	2.3	7.1
16 to 40 Hours.....	13.5	1.3	3.2	2.2	2.3	4.5	0.9	2.8
41 to 167 Hours.....	6.3	0.8	1.1	1.3	0.9	2.3	0.5	1.2
On All the Time.....	13.0	1.1	2.7	2.9	2.0	4.4	0.8	2.1
Status of PC When Not Being Used								
Left On.....	12.5	1.3	2.6	2.4	1.9	4.3	0.9	2.4
Completely Turned Off.....	43.6	6.3	11.7	9.6	6.5	9.5	4.3	11.9
Manually Put into Sleep Mode.....	19.4	1.9	3.6	4.4	2.9	6.6	1.2	3.7
CPU Goes to Sleep When PC is Left On								
Yes.....	9.1	1.0	1.8	1.7	1.2	3.3	0.7	1.8
No.....	3.4	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.2	0.6
Type of Monitor Used								
Desk-top								
CRT (Standard Monitor).....	45.0	6.6	11.6	10.2	6.5	10.1	4.4	12.1
Flat-Panel LCD.....	13.6	1.0	2.6	2.8	2.7	4.5	0.6	2.4
Laptop (Flat-panel LCD).....	16.9	2.0	3.8	3.3	2.1	5.7	1.3	3.5
Status of Monitor When Not in Use								
Screen-Saver.....	6.1	0.6	1.3	1.4	1.0	1.9	0.4	1.2
Automatic Sleep Mode.....	4.4	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.6	1.6	0.4	0.9
Monitor is Turned Off.....	2.0	Q	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.7	Q	0.3
Second Most-Used Personal Computer								
Use a Second Personal Computer.....	25.3	1.3	3.8	4.9	4.1	11.1	1.1	3.7
Type of PC								
Desk-top Model.....	15.8	0.8	2.6	3.2	2.8	6.5	0.7	2.4
Lap-top Model.....	9.4	0.5	1.2	1.7	1.3	4.7	0.4	1.3
Hours Turned on Per Week								
Less than 2 Hours.....	8.2	0.4	1.4	2.0	1.5	2.9	0.4	1.4
2 to 15 Hours.....	9.9	0.5	1.4	1.8	1.5	4.6	0.4	1.5
16 to 40 Hours.....	3.2	Q	0.4	0.5	0.6	1.6	Q	0.4
41 to 167 Hours.....	1.2	Q	Q	Q	Q	0.8	N	Q
On All the Time.....	2.8	Q	0.5	0.4	0.4	1.4	Q	0.3

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Status of PC When Not in Use								
Left On.....	3.2	Q	0.6	0.6	0.5	1.5	Q	0.4
Completely Turned Off.....	17.8	1.0	2.8	3.7	3.0	7.3	0.9	2.8
Manually Put into Sleep Mode.....	4.2	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.6	2.4	Q	0.5
CPU Goes to Sleep When PC is Left On								
Yes.....	2.2	Q	0.3	0.4	0.3	1.0	Q	0.3
No.....	1.0	N	Q	Q	Q	0.4	N	Q
Type of Monitor Used								
Desk-top								
CRT (Standard Monitor).....	11.6	0.6	2.2	2.4	2.2	4.2	0.6	2.0
Flat-Panel LCD.....	4.2	Q	0.4	0.8	0.6	2.3	Q	0.4
Laptop (Flat-panel LCD).....	9.4	0.5	1.2	1.7	1.3	4.7	0.4	1.3
Monitor Goes to Sleep When Not in Use								
Screen-Saver.....	1.7	Q	Q	Q	0.4	0.8	Q	0.2
Automatic Sleep Mode.....	1.0	Q	Q	0.3	Q	0.5	Q	Q
Monitor is Turned Off.....	0.5	N	Q	Q	Q	Q	N	Q
Use of Internet								
Have Access to Internet								
Yes.....	66.9	7.2	15.1	14.6	10.4	19.6	4.9	14.0
Dial-up (phone).....	26.8	3.9	7.0	6.9	4.1	4.9	2.4	7.1
DSL.....	19.1	1.6	3.8	3.7	3.2	6.9	1.2	3.5
Cable Modem.....	20.8	1.6	4.1	4.0	3.0	8.0	1.2	3.3
No.....	8.7	2.5	2.9	1.8	0.9	0.8	1.5	3.9
Status of DSL Connection When Not in Use								
Turned Off.....	5.0	0.6	1.3	0.7	0.9	1.4	0.4	1.1
Left On.....	14.2	1.0	2.5	2.9	2.2	5.5	0.8	2.4
Status of Cable Modem When Not in Use								
Turned Off.....	4.1	0.5	0.9	1.0	0.6	1.1	0.4	0.8
Left On.....	16.7	1.2	3.2	3.0	2.4	6.9	0.8	2.5
Have a Wireless Router								
Yes.....	2.4	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.3	0.6
No.....	12.7	0.6	1.7	1.8	1.7	6.9	0.5	1.2
No DSL or Modem Connection.....	27.0	4.0	7.1	7.0	4.2	4.7	2.5	7.2
Primary Use of PC(s)								
Personal Use.....	39.8	4.4	9.7	8.8	6.0	11.0	2.7	8.5
Recreation.....	14.4	2.2	3.7	3.4	2.4	2.7	1.3	3.9
Education/School.....	10.3	1.9	2.6	2.4	1.4	2.0	1.6	3.7
Home Business.....	7.6	0.7	1.1	1.2	1.1	3.3	0.5	1.3
Telecommuting.....	3.5	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.4	1.4	0.2	0.6
Telecommuting by Personal Computer								
1 or 2 Days per Week.....	0.8	Q	Q	0.3	Q	0.3	Q	Q
3 to 5 Days per Week.....	1.3	Q	0.4	Q	Q	0.6	Q	Q
More than 5 Days per Week.....	1.4	0.2	0.3	Q	Q	0.5	Q	0.4

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PC Printer	65.4	7.1	15.0	14.0	10.4	19.1	4.6	13.7
With Built-in Fax/Copier.....	27.7	2.4	5.5	5.6	4.7	9.5	1.7	4.7
Without Built-in Fax/Copier.....	37.8	4.7	9.5	8.4	5.7	9.6	3.0	9.1
Use a Color Television Set	109.7	26.1	28.5	20.4	12.9	21.9	16.3	37.8
Weekday Hours Turned on per Day								
Less than 1 Hour.....	6.2	1.5	1.6	1.1	0.5	1.5	1.0	2.0
1 to 3 Hours.....	49.1	9.1	12.3	10.1	6.3	11.3	5.3	13.7
Most of the Day.....	46.0	12.3	12.0	8.1	5.2	8.4	7.9	17.4
On All the Time.....	8.4	3.2	2.6	1.2	0.8	0.7	2.1	4.6
No Television.....	1.4	0.7	0.3	Q	Q	Q	0.4	0.8
Weekend Hours Turned on per Day								
Less than 1 Hour.....	7.3	2.5	1.9	0.8	0.7	1.3	1.5	3.2
1 to 3 Hours.....	35.9	7.5	9.0	6.9	4.1	8.4	4.8	10.9
Most of the Day.....	56.4	12.5	14.9	11.0	7.0	11.0	7.7	18.6
On All the Time.....	10.1	3.5	2.6	1.8	1.0	1.1	2.3	5.0
No Television.....	1.4	0.7	0.3	Q	Q	Q	0.4	0.8
TV-Based Game System Usage per Week								
Use a TV-Based Game System.....	34.7	5.9	8.3	7.3	5.1	8.1	4.9	11.4
Less than 5 Hours.....	19.9	3.5	4.9	4.2	2.8	4.5	2.8	6.7
5 to 10 Hours.....	8.9	1.3	1.9	1.7	1.7	2.4	1.2	2.5
11 to 15 hours.....	2.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.2	0.7	0.3	0.7
16 to 20 Hours.....	1.5	0.3	0.4	0.3	Q	0.2	0.3	0.6
More than 20 Hours.....	2.1	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.9
Do Not Use a TV-Based Game System.	75.0	20.2	20.2	13.1	7.8	13.7	11.4	26.4

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.