

Table HC8.12 Home Electronics Usage Indicators by Urban/Rural Location, 2005
Million U.S. Housing Units

Home Electronics Usage Indicators	Housing Units (millions)	Urban/Rural Location (as Self-Reported)			
		City	Town	Suburbs	Rural
Total.....	111.1	47.1	19.0	22.7	22.3
Personal Computers					
Do Not Use a Personal Computer.....	35.5	16.9	6.5	4.6	7.6
Use a Personal Computer.....	75.6	30.3	12.5	18.1	14.7
Most-Used Personal Computer					
Type of PC					
Desk-top Model.....	58.6	22.9	9.8	14.1	11.9
Laptop Model.....	16.9	7.4	2.7	4.0	2.9
Hours Turned on Per Week					
Less than 2 Hours.....	13.6	5.7	1.8	2.9	3.2
2 to 15 Hours.....	29.1	11.9	5.1	6.5	5.7
16 to 40 Hours.....	13.5	5.5	2.5	3.3	2.2
41 to 167 Hours.....	6.3	2.5	1.1	1.6	1.1
On All the Time.....	13.0	4.7	1.9	3.8	2.5
Status of PC When Not Being Used					
Left On.....	12.5	5.2	1.7	3.4	2.2
Completely Turned Off.....	43.6	18.2	7.4	9.3	8.6
Manually Put into Sleep Mode.....	19.4	6.9	3.3	5.3	3.9
CPU Goes to Sleep When PC is Left On					
Yes.....	9.1	3.6	1.3	2.6	1.7
No.....	3.4	1.6	0.4	0.8	0.5
Type of Monitor Used					
Desk-top					
CRT (Standard Monitor).....	45.0	17.7	7.5	10.2	9.6
Flat-Panel LCD.....	13.6	5.2	2.3	3.9	2.2
Laptop (Flat-panel LCD).....	16.9	7.4	2.7	4.0	2.9
Status of Monitor When Not in Use					
Screen-Saver.....	6.1	2.6	1.1	1.3	1.2
Automatic Sleep Mode.....	4.4	1.8	0.5	1.4	0.8
Monitor is Turned Off.....	2.0	0.8	Q	0.8	Q
Second Most-Used Personal Computer					
Use a Second Personal Computer.....	25.3	9.1	4.2	7.3	4.6
Type of PC					
Desk-top Model.....	15.8	5.6	2.8	4.3	3.1
Lap-top Model.....	9.4	3.5	1.3	3.1	1.6
Hours Turned on Per Week					
Less than 2 Hours.....	8.2	3.1	1.5	2.0	1.6
2 to 15 Hours.....	9.9	3.6	1.5	3.0	1.7
16 to 40 Hours.....	3.2	1.0	0.5	1.2	0.5
41 to 167 Hours.....	1.2	0.4	Q	0.3	Q
On All the Time.....	2.8	1.0	0.5	0.8	0.5

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Status of PC When Not in Use					
Left On.....	3.2	1.1	0.6	0.9	0.6
Completely Turned Off.....	17.8	6.7	2.8	4.9	3.4
Manually Put into Sleep Mode.....	4.2	1.3	0.9	1.5	0.6
CPU Goes to Sleep When PC is Left On					
Yes.....	2.2	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.3
No.....	1.0	0.3	Q	0.3	0.3
Type of Monitor Used					
Desk-top					
CRT (Standard Monitor).....	11.6	4.4	2.0	2.8	2.3
Flat-Panel LCD.....	4.2	1.2	0.8	1.4	0.8
Laptop (Flat-panel LCD).....	9.4	3.5	1.3	3.1	1.6
Monitor Goes to Sleep When Not in Use					
Screen-Saver.....	1.7	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.3
Automatic Sleep Mode.....	1.0	0.3	Q	0.3	0.3
Monitor is Turned Off.....	0.5	Q	Q	Q	Q
Use of Internet					
Have Access to Internet					
Yes.....	66.9	26.6	11.0	16.7	12.6
Dial-up (phone).....	26.8	9.8	3.9	4.9	8.2
DSL.....	19.1	8.3	3.4	5.0	2.4
Cable Modem.....	20.8	8.4	3.5	6.8	2.1
No.....	8.7	3.7	1.5	1.4	2.1
Status of DSL Connection When Not in Use					
Turned Off.....	5.0	2.8	0.7	1.0	0.5
Left On.....	14.2	5.5	2.7	4.0	1.9
Status of Cable Modem When Not in Use					
Turned Off.....	4.1	1.8	0.4	1.4	0.4
Left On.....	16.7	6.6	3.1	5.4	1.6
Have a Wireless Router					
Yes.....	2.4	1.1	0.4	0.5	0.3
No.....	12.7	4.9	1.9	4.7	1.2
No DSL or Modem Connection.....	27.0	9.9	4.0	4.9	8.2
Primary Use of PC(s)					
Personal Use.....	39.8	16.5	5.8	10.4	7.2
Recreation.....	14.4	5.0	3.2	3.1	3.1
Education/School.....	10.3	4.9	1.8	1.7	1.9
Home Business.....	7.6	2.5	1.2	1.9	1.9
Telecommuting.....	3.5	1.4	0.4	1.0	0.6
Telecommuting by Personal Computer					
1 or 2 Days per Week.....	0.8	Q	Q	0.3	Q
3 to 5 Days per Week.....	1.3	0.7	Q	0.3	0.2
More than 5 Days per Week.....	1.4	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.2

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PC Printer	65.4	25.1	10.5	16.5	13.4
With Built-in Fax/Copier.....	27.7	10.0	4.8	7.2	5.7
Without Built-in Fax/Copier.....	37.8	15.1	5.7	9.3	7.7
Use a Color Television Set	109.7	46.4	18.8	22.5	22.0
Weekday Hours Turned on per Day					
Less than 1 Hour.....	6.2	3.0	1.1	0.9	1.2
1 to 3 Hours.....	49.1	20.5	7.9	10.8	9.9
Most of the Day.....	46.0	19.4	7.9	9.4	9.3
On All the Time.....	8.4	3.5	1.9	1.4	1.6
No Television.....	1.4	0.7	Q	Q	0.3
Weekend Hours Turned on per Day					
Less than 1 Hour.....	7.3	3.2	1.0	1.3	1.8
1 to 3 Hours.....	35.9	15.3	5.6	8.2	6.8
Most of the Day.....	56.4	23.3	10.1	11.5	11.5
On All the Time.....	10.1	4.5	2.0	1.6	1.9
No Television.....	1.4	0.7	Q	Q	0.3
TV-Based Game System Usage per Week					
Use a TV-Based Game System.....	34.7	14.9	5.9	7.6	6.4
Less than 5 Hours.....	19.9	8.4	3.4	4.5	3.5
5 to 10 Hours.....	8.9	3.6	1.5	1.8	2.0
11 to 15 hours.....	2.4	1.1	0.4	0.5	0.4
16 to 20 Hours.....	1.5	0.8	Q	0.3	0.3
More than 20 Hours.....	2.1	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.3
Do Not Use a TV-Based Game System.....	75.0	31.6	12.9	14.9	15.6

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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