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# Introduction

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This 1998 annual report on the characteristics of new housing is published jointly by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Data are obtained from the Bureau's Survey of Construction, Survey of New Placements of HUD-Coded Manufactured Homes, and the Survey of Market Absorption. HUD sponsors all or part of these surveys.

This report provides annual estimates on selected physical and financial characteristics of new housing. The first 18 tables provide data on new housing units completed, with Tables 1 through 16 showing data by purpose of construction. Data are shown for the United States, inside or outside of metropolitan areas, and within each census region. Table 1 presents summary data for all housing units completed. Tables 2 through 16 provide specific physical or financial characteristic data for one-family houses completed. Tables 17 and 18 provide data on specific physical characteristics of multifamily buildings (more than one unit in the building) and their units.

See the Contents pages for the characteristics for which data are provided for one-family houses completed. Most, but not all, of these characteristics are shown for either the buildings or units in multifamily buildings.

Tables 19 through 25b provide financial and physical characteristics data on new one-family houses sold. This includes one-family houses sold under condominium arrangements.

Tables 26 and 27 provide financial characteristics data for contractor-built houses started. This category covers custom-built, one-family houses; that is, houses built by a general contractor on the owner's land for the owner's use.

Tables 28 through 30 provide data on HUD-coded manufactured homes placed for residential use. Data are provided for median and average sales prices as well as

certain physical characteristics. In addition to total placements, the tables display separate data for single-wide and double-wide placements. Data for the years 1994 through 1997 have been revised.

Finally, there is a supplement on the characteristics of apartment units completed in buildings with five units or more. The Census Bureau's Housing and Household Economics Statistics Division (HHES) produces these data from the Survey of Market Absorption (SOMA). This supplement shows data on the types of units completed, characteristics data about unfurnished rental apartments, and characteristics data about units sold through condominium arrangements.

Because the estimates in this report are produced from sample surveys, they are subject to sampling variability as well as to errors of response and nonreporting. They may differ from estimates of similar data published by other sources because of differences in definitions, methodologies, scope of the surveys, survey design and controls, and sampling variability.

Other principal sources of data are:

- a. The Federal Housing Administration (FHA) and Rural Housing Service (formerly Farmers Home Administration). Their publications provide more detailed information on the activities of their agencies and the characteristics of houses built under their respective programs.
- b. The Federal Housing Finance Board (FHFB) series on interest rates and other characteristics of conventional first mortgage loans. Its series on conventional first mortgage loans includes information on prices of new houses financed with conventional mortgages.

**Table 1. Purpose of Construction of New Privately Owned Housing Units Completed by Location: 1994 to 1998**

[In thousands of units. Components may not add to totals because of rounding]

Location and year		In structures with—												
		1 unit					2 units or more							
		All units	Total	For sale	For owner occupancy on owner's land		For rent	Total	For sale	For rent				
					Contractor- built	Owner- built								
<b>UNITED STATES</b>														
1994 .....	1 347	1 160	740	238	160	23	187	49	138					
1995 .....	1 313	1 066	682	204	146	33	247	51	196					
1996 .....	1 413	1 129	746	214	136	33	284	50	234					
1997 .....	1 400	1 116	757	192	138	29	284	54	230					
1998 .....	1 474	1 160	815	186	127	32	314	55	260					
<b>INSIDE MSA'S</b>														
1994 .....	1 086	929	672	155	86	15	157	(NA)	(NA)					
1995 .....	1 065	848	617	129	81	22	217	(NA)	(NA)					
1996 .....	1 163	913	678	139	75	21	250	(NA)	(NA)					
1997 .....	1 153	904	692	118	75	19	249	(NA)	(NA)					
1998 .....	1 229	951	741	119	69	22	277	(NA)	(NA)					
<b>OUTSIDE MSA'S</b>														
1994 .....	261	232	68	83	74	7	29	(NA)	(NA)					
1995 .....	248	217	65	76	65	11	31	(NA)	(NA)					
1996 .....	249	215	68	76	61	12	34	(NA)	(NA)					
1997 .....	248	212	66	74	63	10	35	(NA)	(NA)					
1998 .....	246	208	74	66	58	10	37	(NA)	(NA)					
<b>NORTHEAST</b>														
1994 .....	123	113	66	29	16	2	11	6	5					
1995 .....	127	108	64	27	15	2	19	8	11					
1996 .....	125	108	68	23	15	2	17	9	8					
1997 .....	134	115	72	22	17	4	19	8	11					
1998 .....	137	116	74	22	14	7	21	7	14					
<b>MIDWEST</b>														
1994 .....	307	255	136	67	47	5	52	12	40					
1995 .....	288	232	127	57	42	6	56	13	43					
1996 .....	304	245	135	58	42	9	60	11	49					
1997 .....	296	236	137	50	42	7	59	11	49					
1998 .....	305	244	150	50	39	4	62	11	50					
<b>SOUTH</b>														
1994 .....	581	507	326	106	66	9	74	14	60					
1995 .....	581	472	306	92	59	16	109	13	96					
1996 .....	637	507	335	105	51	16	130	15	114					
1997 .....	634	506	344	91	55	16	129	19	109					
1998 .....	672	517	365	85	50	17	154	21	134					
<b>WEST</b>														
1994 .....	336	285	212	36	31	7	50	17	33					
1995 .....	317	253	185	29	30	9	63	17	47					
1996 .....	346	269	207	28	28	6	77	15	63					
1997 .....	336	259	204	28	25	2	77	16	61					
1998 .....	360	283	226	29	23	4	78	16	62					

NA Not available.

**Table 2. Central Air-Conditioning by Category of House and Location: 1994 to 1998**

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and central air-conditioning	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>NEW HOUSES<sup>1</sup></b>										
United States	1 160	1 116	1 129	1 066	1 160	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	957	917	916	846	912	83	82	81	80	79
Not installed	203	199	213	219	248	17	18	19	20	21
Inside MSAs	951	904	913	848	929	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	804	764	767	699	761	85	85	84	83	82
Not installed	147	139	145	148	167	15	15	16	17	18
Outside MSAs	208	212	215	217	232	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	153	153	149	147	151	73	72	69	68	65
Not installed	56	60	67	71	81	27	28	31	32	35
Northeast	116	115	108	108	113	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	83	77	70	67	69	72	67	64	62	61
Not installed	33	39	38	41	44	28	33	36	38	39
Midwest	244	236	245	232	255	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	207	197	204	185	205	85	84	83	80	80
Not installed	37	39	41	47	50	15	16	17	20	20
South	517	506	507	472	507	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	510	500	498	463	497	99	99	98	98	98
Not installed	7	6	9	9	11	1	1	2	2	2
West	283	259	269	253	285	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	156	144	145	132	142	55	55	54	52	50
Not installed	127	115	124	121	143	45	45	46	48	50
<b>HOUSES BUILT FOR SALE</b>										
United States	815	757	746	682	740	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	686	637	623	566	605	84	84	84	83	82
Not installed	129	120	123	116	135	16	16	16	17	18
Inside MSAs	741	692	678	617	672	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	626	587	575	520	559	85	85	85	84	83
Not installed	114	105	104	97	113	15	15	15	16	17
Outside MSAs	74	65	68	65	68	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	60	50	49	46	46	80	77	72	71	68
Not installed	15	15	19	19	22	20	23	28	29	32
Northeast	74	72	68	64	66	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	59	56	51	47	48	80	77	74	73	73
Not installed	14	17	17	17	18	20	23	26	27	27
Midwest	150	137	135	127	136	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	132	121	117	107	116	88	88	87	84	85
Not installed	18	16	18	20	21	12	12	13	16	15
South	365	344	335	306	326	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	365	343	334	305	324	100	100	100	100	99
Not installed	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
West	226	204	207	185	212	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	130	118	120	107	117	58	58	58	55	55
Not installed	96	86	87	79	94	42	42	42	42	45
<b>CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES</b>										
United States	186	192	214	204	238	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	154	159	176	157	183	83	83	83	77	77
Not installed	32	33	38	47	55	17	17	17	23	23
Inside MSAs	119	118	139	129	155	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	104	103	118	103	125	87	87	85	81	81
Not installed	16	15	21	25	30	13	13	15	19	19
Outside MSAs	66	74	76	76	83	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	50	56	58	54	58	75	76	77	71	70
Not installed	16	18	17	22	25	25	24	23	29	30
Northeast	22	22	23	27	29	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	12	12	12	14	15	57	56	54	51	52
Not installed	9	10	11	14	14	43	44	46	49	48
Midwest	50	50	58	57	67	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	43	41	48	43	53	86	81	83	75	79
Not installed	7	9	10	14	14	14	19	17	25	21
South	85	91	105	92	106	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	83	90	102	88	102	98	98	98	96	96
Not installed	(B)	(B)	3	4	4	(B)	(B)	2	4	4
West	29	28	28	29	36	100	100	100	100	100
Installed	15	15	13	12	13	50	55	48	43	36
Not installed	14	13	15	16	23	50	45	52	57	64

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 2. Central Air-Conditioning by Category of House and Location: 1994 to 1998—Con.**

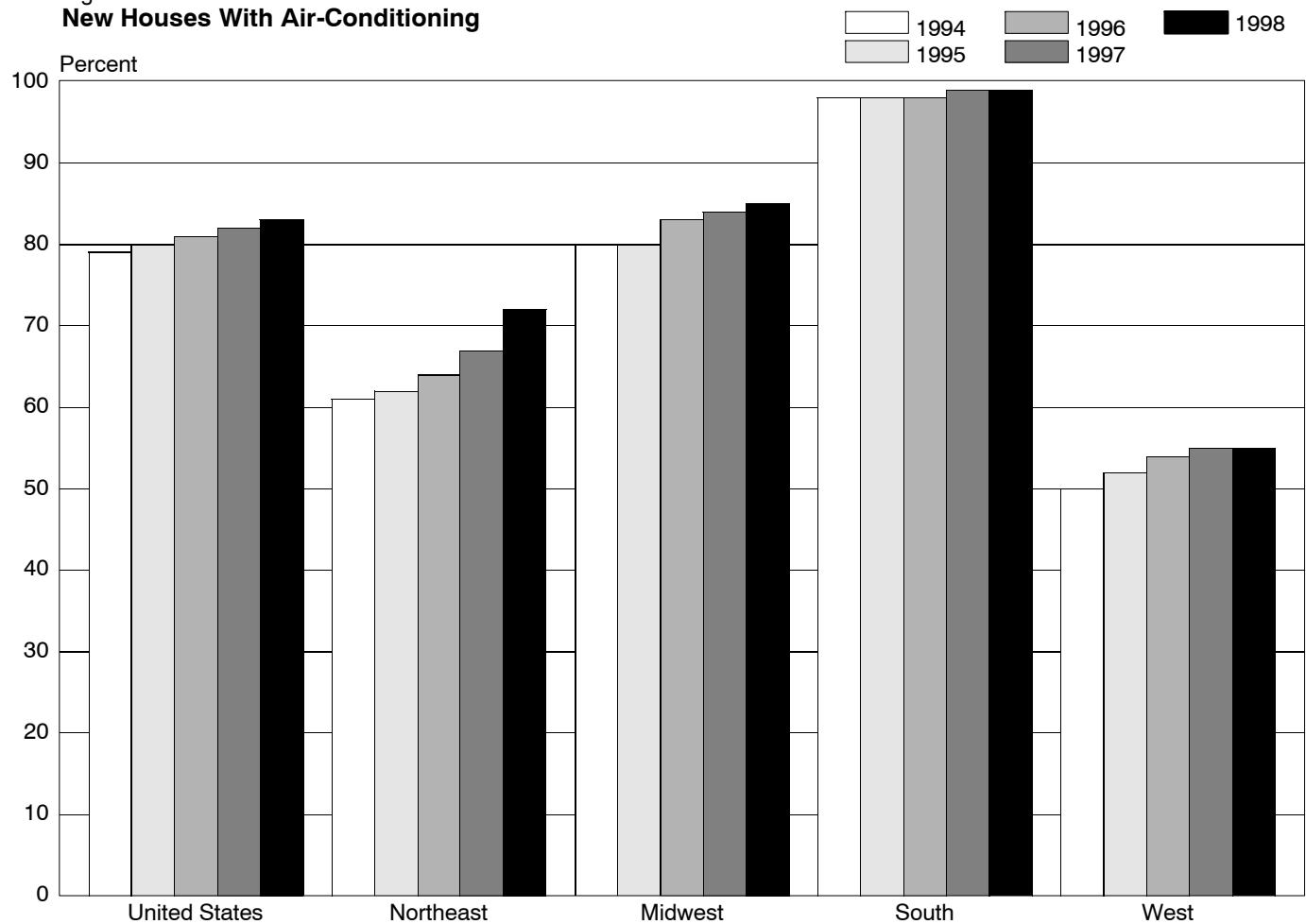
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Category of house, location, and central air-conditioning	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>OWNER-BUILT HOUSES</b>										
United States	127	137	136	146	160	100	100	100	100	100
Installed .....	90	95	91	100	109	71	69	67	69	69
Not installed .....	37	43	45	46	51	29	31	33	31	31
Inside MSAs	69	75	75	81	86	100	100	100	100	100
Installed .....	55	58	58	60	66	78	77	78	75	78
Not installed .....	15	17	16	20	19	22	23	22	25	22
Outside MSAs	58	62	61	65	74	100	100	100	100	100
Installed .....	35	37	33	40	43	61	59	54	61	58
Not installed .....	22	26	29	26	32	39	41	46	39	42
Northeast	14	17	15	15	16	100	100	100	100	100
Installed .....	6	6	6	6	6	44	36	38	37	38
Not installed .....	8	11	9	10	10	56	64	62	63	62
Midwest	39	41	42	42	47	100	100	100	100	100
Installed .....	28	28	30	29	31	71	67	71	70	67
Not installed .....	11	13	12	13	15	29	33	29	30	33
South	50	55	51	59	66	100	100	100	100	100
Installed .....	46	51	46	55	62	90	94	90	94	93
Not installed .....	5	4	5	4	4	10	6	10	6	7
West	23	25	28	30	31	100	100	100	100	100
Installed .....	10	10	9	10	10	44	40	33	34	32
Not installed .....	13	15	19	20	21	56	60	67	66	68

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<sup>1</sup>Includes houses built for rent (not shown separately).

**Figure 1.**  
**New Houses With Air-Conditioning**



**Table 3. Number of Bathrooms by Category of House and Location: 1994 to 1998**

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and number of bathrooms	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>ALL NEW HOUSES<sup>1</sup></b>										
United States .....	<b>1 160</b>	<b>1 116</b>	<b>1 129</b>	<b>1 066</b>	<b>1 160</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
1 1/2 bathrooms or less .....	88	98	107	120	128	8	9	9	11	11
2 bathrooms .....	474	461	467	434	469	41	41	41	41	40
2 1/2 bathrooms .....	391	373	374	348	392	34	33	33	33	34
3 bathrooms or more .....	207	185	181	163	171	18	17	16	15	15
Inside MSAs .....	<b>951</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
1 1/2 bathrooms or less .....	58	66	70	79	81	6	7	8	9	9
2 bathrooms .....	360	348	355	324	356	38	38	39	38	38
2 1/2 bathrooms .....	353	330	334	305	344	37	36	37	36	37
3 bathrooms or more .....	181	160	155	139	148	19	18	17	16	16
Outside MSAs .....	<b>208</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
1 1/2 bathrooms or less .....	30	32	37	41	47	15	15	17	19	20
2 bathrooms .....	114	113	112	110	113	55	53	52	51	49
2 1/2 bathrooms .....	38	43	40	43	48	18	20	19	20	21
3 bathrooms or more .....	26	25	26	24	23	12	12	12	11	10
Northeast .....	<b>116</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
1 1/2 bathrooms or less .....	19	21	20	25	27	16	18	19	23	24
2 bathrooms .....	23	22	19	19	16	20	19	18	18	14
2 1/2 bathrooms .....	61	59	54	52	57	53	51	50	48	51
3 bathrooms or more .....	13	14	15	12	12	12	12	14	11	11
Midwest .....	<b>244</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
1 1/2 bathrooms or less .....	28	35	42	42	44	12	15	17	18	17
2 bathrooms .....	85	79	80	71	83	35	34	33	31	33
2 1/2 bathrooms .....	97	90	95	89	96	40	38	39	38	38
3 bathrooms or more .....	34	32	28	30	32	14	14	11	13	13
South .....	<b>517</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
1 1/2 bathrooms or less .....	28	30	30	37	38	5	6	6	8	7
2 bathrooms .....	254	248	250	229	240	49	49	49	49	47
2 1/2 bathrooms .....	143	146	144	133	155	28	29	28	28	31
3 bathrooms or more .....	91	82	83	72	75	18	16	16	15	15
West .....	<b>283</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
1 1/2 bathrooms or less .....	13	12	15	16	20	5	4	5	6	7
2 bathrooms .....	112	112	118	114	129	40	43	44	45	45
2 1/2 bathrooms .....	90	79	81	74	84	32	30	29	29	29
3 bathrooms or more .....	68	56	54	49	52	24	22	20	19	18
<b>HOUSES BUILT FOR SALE</b>										
United States .....	<b>815</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
1 1/2 bathrooms or less .....	39	45	48	53	60	5	6	6	8	8
2 bathrooms .....	337	321	309	285	302	41	42	41	42	41
2 1/2 bathrooms .....	300	275	267	239	267	37	36	36	35	36
3 bathrooms or more .....	139	117	122	105	110	17	15	16	15	15
Inside MSAs .....	<b>741</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
1 1/2 bathrooms or less .....	33	40	40	45	50	5	6	6	7	7
2 bathrooms .....	286	277	265	244	262	39	40	39	40	39
2 1/2 bathrooms .....	288	262	255	229	255	39	38	38	37	38
3 bathrooms or more .....	134	113	118	99	105	18	16	17	16	16
Outside MSAs .....	<b>74</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
1 1/2 bathrooms or less .....	6	5	8	8	10	8	7	11	12	15
2 bathrooms .....	51	44	44	41	40	69	68	65	63	59
2 1/2 bathrooms .....	12	13	12	10	12	17	20	18	16	19
3 bathrooms or more .....	5	4	4	6	5	7	6	6	9	8
Northeast .....	<b>74</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
1 1/2 bathrooms or less .....	9	10	11	15	17	12	14	16	23	26
2 bathrooms .....	13	13	10	9	7	17	17	14	14	11
2 1/2 bathrooms .....	44	41	38	32	34	60	57	55	51	52
3 bathrooms or more .....	8	8	10	8	7	11	11	14	12	11
Midwest .....	<b>150</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
1 1/2 bathrooms or less .....	13	18	20	20	20	9	13	15	15	15
2 bathrooms .....	49	44	43	39	42	33	32	32	31	31
2 1/2 bathrooms .....	69	59	58	54	58	46	43	43	42	43
3 bathrooms or more .....	18	16	15	14	16	12	11	11	11	11
South .....	<b>365</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
1 1/2 bathrooms or less .....	11	10	9	12	14	3	3	3	4	4
2 bathrooms .....	183	174	163	150	152	50	51	49	49	47
2 1/2 bathrooms .....	112	108	106	96	110	31	31	32	31	34
3 bathrooms or more .....	60	51	57	48	50	16	15	17	16	15
West .....	<b>226</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
1 1/2 bathrooms or less .....	7	6	8	7	9	3	3	4	4	4
2 bathrooms .....	93	90	94	88	101	41	44	45	47	48
2 1/2 bathrooms .....	75	67	65	56	64	33	33	31	30	30
3 bathrooms or more .....	52	41	41	35	37	23	20	20	19	18
<b>CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES</b>										
United States .....	<b>186</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
1 1/2 bathrooms or less .....	12	17	19	24	26	7	9	9	12	11
2 bathrooms .....	74	73	86	75	91	40	38	40	37	38
2 1/2 bathrooms .....	58	61	62	60	71	31	32	29	29	30
3 bathrooms or more .....	41	41	48	45	50	22	21	22	22	21
Inside MSAs .....	<b>119</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
1 1/2 bathrooms or less .....	7	8	10	12	12	6	7	7	10	8
2 bathrooms .....	39	37	50	40	52	33	32	36	31	34
2 1/2 bathrooms .....	44	44	46	43	53	37	37	33	33	34
3 bathrooms or more .....	29	29	33	33	37	25	24	24	26	24
Outside MSAs .....	<b>66</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
1 1/2 bathrooms or less .....	5	9	9	12	14	8	13	12	15	16
2 bathrooms .....	35	36	36	35	39	53	48	47	46	47
2 1/2 bathrooms .....	14	17	16	17	18	21	23	21	23	22
3 bathrooms or more .....	12	12	15	12	13	18	17	20	16	15

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 3. Number of Bathrooms by Category of House and Location: 1994 to 1998—Con.**

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and number of bathrooms	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES—Con.</b>										
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
1 1/2 bathrooms or less	3	4	4	4	4	12	16	17	16	15
2 bathrooms	6	5	5	6	5	27	22	21	23	18
2 1/2 bathrooms	10	10	10	12	15	47	47	43	43	51
3 bathrooms or more	3	3	4	5	5	13	15	19	17	16
<b>Midwest</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
1 1/2 bathrooms or less	4	6	7	9	8	9	12	16	12	12
2 bathrooms	19	18	20	17	23	37	35	34	29	35
2 1/2 bathrooms	18	18	22	20	22	35	36	38	36	33
3 bathrooms or more	10	9	10	11	14	19	18	16	19	20
<b>South</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
1 1/2 bathrooms or less	4	6	7	9	9	4	6	6	10	9
2 bathrooms	40	40	51	42	50	48	43	49	46	48
2 1/2 bathrooms	21	26	23	20	24	25	28	22	22	22
3 bathrooms or more	19	20	25	21	22	23	22	24	23	21
<b>West</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
1 1/2 bathrooms or less	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	10
2 bathrooms	9	11	10	10	12	32	39	37	36	34
2 1/2 bathrooms	9	6	7	7	11	30	23	25	26	30
3 bathrooms or more	10	9	9	9	10	33	31	33	31	26
<b>OWNER-BUILT HOUSES</b>										
<b>United States</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
1 1/2 bathrooms or less	22	21	22	26	29	17	15	16	18	18
2 bathrooms	50	55	53	52	59	39	40	39	36	37
2 1/2 bathrooms	30	34	36	39	43	23	25	26	27	27
3 bathrooms or more	26	27	26	29	30	20	19	20	19	19
<b>Inside MSA's</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
1 1/2 bathrooms or less	7	8	8	11	11	11	11	11	14	13
2 bathrooms	26	26	25	25	29	37	34	34	31	34
2 1/2 bathrooms	19	22	25	26	28	27	30	32	32	32
3 bathrooms or more	17	18	18	19	19	25	25	23	23	22
<b>Outside MSA's</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
1 1/2 bathrooms or less	15	13	14	15	18	25	20	23	23	24
2 bathrooms	24	29	28	27	30	42	47	45	41	40
2 1/2 bathrooms	11	12	11	13	15	19	19	19	20	21
3 bathrooms or more	9	9	8	10	11	15	14	14	16	15
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
1 1/2 bathrooms or less	3	4	3	4	3	20	23	23	28	20
2 bathrooms	3	4	4	3	3	25	25	27	20	20
2 1/2 bathrooms	6	6	5	6	6	40	36	34	37	39
3 bathrooms or more	(B)	3	(B)	(B)	3	(B)	16	(B)	(B)	22
<b>Midwest</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
1 1/2 bathrooms or less	8	7	9	10	11	20	18	21	23	24
2 bathrooms	15	15	14	13	15	39	36	33	32	32
2 1/2 bathrooms	10	12	13	13	13	25	28	30	30	29
3 bathrooms or more	6	7	7	7	7	16	18	16	16	15
<b>South</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
1 1/2 bathrooms or less	8	7	7	9	9	15	12	13	15	14
2 bathrooms	23	27	24	25	29	45	49	47	42	43
2 1/2 bathrooms	9	11	10	12	16	17	20	20	21	25
3 bathrooms or more	11	10	10	13	12	23	19	20	22	19
<b>West</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
1 1/2 bathrooms or less	3	3	3	4	5	13	11	11	12	16
2 bathrooms	9	9	10	11	12	36	38	38	35	39
2 1/2 bathrooms	6	6	8	8	7	25	23	28	28	22
3 bathrooms or more	6	7	6	7	7	26	28	23	25	23

B Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of sample size.

<sup>1</sup>Includes houses built for rent (not shown separately).

Note: The few houses having less than 1 bathroom are included with those having 1 bathroom.

**Table 4. Number of Bedrooms by Category of House and Location: 1994 to 1998**

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and number of bedrooms	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>ALL NEW HOUSES<sup>1</sup></b>										
United States .....	<b>1 160</b>	<b>1 116</b>	<b>1 129</b>	<b>1 066</b>	<b>1 160</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
2 bedrooms or less .....	139	142	143	137	142	12	13	13	13	12
3 bedrooms .....	642	624	635	610	669	55	56	56	57	58
4 bedrooms or more .....	379	350	350	319	350	33	31	31	30	30
Inside MSAs .....	<b>951</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
2 bedrooms or less .....	98	99	96	92	92	10	11	11	11	10
3 bedrooms .....	502	483	497	466	517	53	53	54	55	56
4 bedrooms or more .....	352	322	319	290	320	37	36	35	34	34
Outside MSAs .....	<b>208</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
2 bedrooms or less .....	41	43	47	45	50	19	20	22	21	22
3 bedrooms .....	140	141	138	143	152	67	66	64	66	66
4 bedrooms or more .....	27	28	31	28	30	13	13	14	13	13
Northeast .....	<b>116</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
2 bedrooms or less .....	26	24	20	19	23	22	20	18	18	20
3 bedrooms .....	51	50	52	53	52	43	44	48	49	46
4 bedrooms or more .....	40	41	36	35	38	34	36	34	33	34
Midwest .....	<b>244</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
2 bedrooms or less .....	39	42	42	40	39	16	18	17	17	15
3 bedrooms .....	132	130	137	126	143	54	55	56	54	56
4 bedrooms or more .....	73	64	65	65	73	30	27	27	28	29
South .....	<b>517</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
2 bedrooms or less .....	43	46	47	43	44	8	9	9	9	9
3 bedrooms .....	315	306	309	293	316	61	61	61	62	62
4 bedrooms or more .....	160	153	152	136	147	31	30	30	29	29
West .....	<b>283</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
2 bedrooms or less .....	31	30	34	34	36	11	12	13	13	13
3 bedrooms .....	144	136	138	137	157	51	53	51	54	55
4 bedrooms or more .....	107	93	97	82	92	38	36	36	32	32
<b>HOUSES BUILT FOR SALE</b>										
United States .....	<b>815</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
2 bedrooms or less .....	76	77	74	67	71	9	10	10	10	10
3 bedrooms .....	442	417	410	385	418	54	55	55	56	57
4 bedrooms or more .....	296	263	262	230	250	36	35	35	34	34
Inside MSAs .....	<b>741</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
2 bedrooms or less .....	67	69	63	57	60	9	10	9	9	9
3 bedrooms .....	386	367	362	337	368	52	53	53	55	55
4 bedrooms or more .....	287	255	253	223	243	39	37	37	36	36
Outside MSAs .....	<b>74</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
2 bedrooms or less .....	9	8	11	10	11	13	12	16	15	16
3 bedrooms .....	56	50	48	48	50	75	76	72	74	74
4 bedrooms or more .....	9	8	9	7	7	12	12	13	11	10
Northeast .....	<b>74</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
2 bedrooms or less .....	17	15	14	13	17	22	21	20	21	25
3 bedrooms .....	29	29	30	29	27	40	40	44	45	41
4 bedrooms or more .....	28	28	24	22	22	38	39	35	34	34
Midwest .....	<b>150</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
2 bedrooms or less .....	23	24	23	20	18	15	18	17	16	13
3 bedrooms .....	76	71	69	66	73	50	52	51	52	54
4 bedrooms or more .....	51	42	43	40	45	34	31	32	32	33
South .....	<b>365</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
2 bedrooms or less .....	19	19	18	15	17	5	6	5	5	5
3 bedrooms .....	221	210	202	187	200	61	61	60	61	61
4 bedrooms or more .....	125	114	115	103	109	34	33	34	34	33
West .....	<b>226</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
2 bedrooms or less .....	18	18	19	18	19	8	9	9	10	9
3 bedrooms .....	116	107	108	103	118	51	53	52	56	56
4 bedrooms or more .....	92	78	80	65	74	41	38	39	35	35
<b>CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES</b>										
United States .....	<b>186</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
2 bedrooms or less .....	20	23	25	25	29	11	12	12	12	12
3 bedrooms .....	111	115	131	125	145	60	60	61	61	61
4 bedrooms or more .....	54	54	58	55	64	29	28	27	27	27
Inside MSAs .....	<b>119</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
2 bedrooms or less .....	10	10	12	12	13	8	9	9	9	8
3 bedrooms .....	66	65	81	74	90	55	55	58	57	58
4 bedrooms or more .....	43	43	46	44	52	36	37	33	34	33
Outside MSAs .....	<b>66</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
2 bedrooms or less .....	10	13	13	13	16	16	18	17	18	19
3 bedrooms .....	45	50	50	51	55	68	67	67	66	66
4 bedrooms or more .....	11	11	12	11	12	16	15	16	15	15
Northeast .....	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
2 bedrooms or less .....	3	3	(B)	3	3	13	15	(B)	11	10
3 bedrooms .....	12	11	13	16	15	54	49	55	58	52
4 bedrooms or more .....	7	8	8	9	11	33	36	36	32	38
Midwest .....	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
2 bedrooms or less .....	5	6	7	7	9	10	11	11	12	14
3 bedrooms .....	32	32	37	34	40	63	64	64	60	59
4 bedrooms or more .....	14	13	15	16	18	27	25	25	28	27

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 4. Number of Bedrooms by Category of House and Location: 1994 to 1998—Con.**

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and number of bedrooms	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES—</b>										
Con.										
South .....	85	91	105	92	106	100	100	100	100	100
2 bedrooms or less .....	7	9	11	10	10	8	10	11	11	10
3 bedrooms .....	54	57	69	60	71	64	62	66	66	67
4 bedrooms or more .....	24	26	25	21	24	29	28	24	23	23
West .....	29	28	28	29	36	100	100	100	100	100
2 bedrooms or less .....	6	5	6	5	7	20	18	21	18	18
3 bedrooms .....	14	15	12	15	19	48	53	45	52	53
4 bedrooms or more .....	9	8	10	9	10	32	29	35	31	29
<b>OWNER-BUILT HOUSES</b>										
United States .....	127	137	136	146	160	100	100	100	100	100
2 bedrooms or less .....	25	26	26	28	28	19	19	19	19	18
3 bedrooms .....	76	79	82	85	97	60	58	60	58	61
4 bedrooms or more .....	26	32	28	33	35	21	23	20	23	22
Inside MSAs .....	69	75	75	81	86	100	100	100	100	100
2 bedrooms or less .....	10	9	10	13	11	14	13	13	16	12
3 bedrooms .....	40	42	47	45	51	59	56	62	55	59
4 bedrooms or more .....	19	24	19	24	25	27	32	25	29	28
Outside MSAs .....	58	62	61	65	74	100	100	100	100	100
2 bedrooms or less .....	15	17	16	15	17	26	27	27	23	24
3 bedrooms .....	36	37	35	40	46	61	60	58	62	62
4 bedrooms or more .....	7	8	9	9	10	12	13	15	14	14
Northeast .....	14	17	15	15	16	100	100	100	100	100
(B)	3	3	3	(B)	(B)	20	17	18	(B)	18
2 bedrooms or less .....	8	9	8	8	9	56	52	56	51	55
3 bedrooms .....	4	5	4	5	5	28	28	27	32	32
Midwest .....	39	41	42	42	47	100	100	100	100	100
2 bedrooms or less .....	8	8	8	9	9	20	20	19	22	18
3 bedrooms .....	24	24	27	24	29	60	59	63	56	62
4 bedrooms or more .....	8	9	7	9	9	20	22	17	22	20
South .....	50	55	51	59	66	100	100	100	100	100
2 bedrooms or less .....	9	9	9	9	11	18	17	17	16	16
3 bedrooms .....	32	34	32	39	43	64	62	63	66	64
4 bedrooms or more .....	9	12	10	11	13	18	21	20	19	20
West .....	23	25	28	30	31	100	100	100	100	100
2 bedrooms or less .....	5	5	7	7	7	23	22	25	23	23
3 bedrooms .....	12	13	15	15	17	53	51	52	50	54
4 bedrooms or more .....	5	7	6	8	7	23	27	22	27	23

B Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of sample size.

<sup>1</sup>Includes houses built for rent (not shown separately).

**Table 5. Type of Construction Method by Category of House and Location: 1994 to 1998**

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and type of construction method	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>ALL NEW HOUSES<sup>1</sup></b>										
United States .....	1 160	1 116	1 129	1 066	1 160	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built .....	1 082	1 046	1 059	1 001	1 093	93	94	94	94	94
Modular .....	44	40	37	35	38	4	4	3	3	3
Other <sup>2</sup> .....	34	30	32	29	30	3	3	3	3	3
Inside MSAs .....	951	904	913	848	929	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built .....	900	858	867	807	887	95	95	95	95	95
Modular .....	21	21	19	17	18	2	2	2	2	2
Other <sup>2</sup> .....	30	25	27	24	25	3	3	3	3	3
Outside MSAs .....	208	212	215	217	232	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built .....	182	188	192	194	206	87	89	89	89	89
Modular .....	23	19	18	18	20	11	9	8	8	9
Other <sup>2</sup> .....	4	5	5	5	5	2	2	2	2	2
Northeast .....	116	115	108	108	113	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built .....	104	102	92	92	98	89	88	85	85	87
Modular .....	9	10	9	10	10	8	9	9	9	9
Other <sup>2</sup> .....	4	4	6	6	5	3	3	6	5	4
Midwest .....	244	236	245	232	255	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built .....	217	209	220	210	231	89	89	90	90	90
Modular .....	18	17	16	15	17	7	7	7	7	7
Other <sup>2</sup> .....	8	9	8	7	7	3	4	3	3	3
South .....	517	506	507	472	507	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built .....	486	481	483	449	484	94	95	95	95	95
Modular .....	13	10	8	8	8	3	2	2	2	2
Other <sup>2</sup> .....	18	14	15	15	15	3	3	3	3	3
West .....	283	259	269	253	285	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built .....	274	253	264	250	280	97	98	98	99	98
Modular .....	4	3	3	(B)	3	1	1	1	(B)	1
Other <sup>2</sup> .....	4	3	(B)	(B)	3	2	1	(B)	(B)	1
<b>BUILT FOR SALE</b>										
United States .....	815	757	746	682	739	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built .....	779	727	716	654	712	96	96	96	96	96
Modular .....	9	7	7	7	8	1	1	1	1	1
Other <sup>2</sup> .....	28	22	23	21	20	3	3	3	3	3
Inside MSAs .....	741	692	678	617	671	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built .....	707	663	651	592	648	95	96	96	96	97
Modular .....	8	6	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1
Other <sup>2</sup> .....	27	22	22	20	19	4	3	3	3	3
Outside MSAs .....	74	65	68	65	68	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built .....	72	64	65	62	64	97	97	96	95	94
Modular .....	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	4
Other <sup>2</sup> .....	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Northeast .....	74	72	68	64	65	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built .....	70	67	61	57	59	94	92	90	89	91
Modular .....	(B)	3	(B)	3	3	(B)	4	(B)	5	5
Other <sup>2</sup> .....	3	3	5	4	3	4	4	7	6	5
Midwest .....	150	137	135	127	136	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built .....	141	130	127	120	130	94	94	94	95	96
Modular .....	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	3
Other <sup>2</sup> .....	6	7	5	4	4	5	4	4	3	3
South .....	365	344	335	306	326	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built .....	347	330	321	292	313	95	96	96	96	96
Modular .....	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	1	(B)	(B)	(B)	4
Other <sup>2</sup> .....	16	12	13	12	11	4	3	4	4	4
West .....	226	204	207	185	212	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built .....	221	201	206	184	210	98	99	99	99	99
Modular .....	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	1	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other <sup>2</sup> .....	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
<b>CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES</b>										
United States .....	186	192	214	204	238	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built .....	163	171	193	183	215	88	89	90	90	90
Modular .....	19	18	18	17	18	10	9	8	8	8
Other <sup>2</sup> .....	3	4	4	4	5	2	2	2	2	2
Inside MSAs .....	119	118	139	129	155	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built .....	110	109	129	119	144	92	92	93	93	93
Modular .....	7	7	8	7	8	6	6	6	6	5
Other <sup>2</sup> .....	(B)	(B)	(B)	3	3	(B)	(B)	2	2	2
Outside MSAs .....	66	74	76	76	83	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built .....	53	62	64	64	71	80	84	85	85	86
Modular .....	12	11	10	10	10	18	14	13	13	12
Other <sup>2</sup> .....	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Northeast .....	22	22	23	27	29	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built .....	17	18	18	22	24	76	83	79	81	82
Modular .....	5	3	4	4	4	22	15	17	16	14
Other <sup>2</sup> .....	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Midwest .....	50	50	58	57	67	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built .....	41	40	49	48	56	82	80	85	84	83
Modular .....	8	9	8	8	10	15	17	13	14	14
Other <sup>2</sup> .....	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
South .....	85	91	105	92	106	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built .....	78	85	98	86	100	92	93	94	95	95
Modular .....	6	5	5	4	4	7	5	4	4	4
Other <sup>2</sup> .....	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 5. Type of Construction Method by Category of House and Location: 1994 to 1998—Con.**

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and type of construction method	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES—Con.</b>										
West.....	29	28	28	29	36	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built.....	27	27	26	27	35	95	96	94	96	97
Modular.....	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other <sup>2</sup> .....	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
<b>OWNER-BUILT HOUSES</b>										
United States.....	127	137	136	146	160	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built.....	109	121	122	132	144	86	88	90	90	90
Modular.....	15	13	10	10	12	12	9	8	7	7
Other <sup>2</sup> .....	3	4	3	4	4	2	3	2	3	3
Inside MSAs.....	69	75	75	81	87	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built.....	62	68	69	75	80	90	91	93	93	92
Modular.....	6	5	4	4	5	8	7	6	5	6
Other <sup>2</sup> .....	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Outside MSAs.....	58	62	61	65	73	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built.....	47	53	53	57	64	82	85	87	87	87
Modular.....	9	8	6	6	7	16	12	10	9	9
Other <sup>2</sup> .....	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Northeast.....	14	17	15	15	16	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built.....	11	14	12	12	13	82	82	82	79	82
Modular.....	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other <sup>2</sup> .....	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Midwest.....	39	41	42	42	47	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built.....	31	33	35	36	40	78	80	84	85	84
Modular.....	8	7	6	5	6	20	17	14	11	12
Other <sup>2</sup> .....	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
South.....	50	55	51	59	66	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built.....	45	51	48	55	62	90	93	95	94	93
Modular.....	4	3	(B)	(B)	3	8	5	(B)	(B)	5
Other <sup>2</sup> .....	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
West.....	23	25	28	30	31	100	100	100	100	100
Stick-built.....	22	23	26	29	29	93	95	95	96	95
Modular.....	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other <sup>2</sup> .....	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)

B Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of sample size.

<sup>1</sup>Includes houses built for rent (not shown separately).

<sup>2</sup>Includes panelized and precut units.

**Table 6. Principal Type of Exterior Wall Material by Category of House and Location:  
1994 to 1998**

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and exterior wall material	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>ALL NEW HOUSES<sup>1</sup></b>										
United States	1 160	1 116	1 129	1 066	1 160	100	100	100	100	100
Brick	241	231	235	217	247	21	21	21	20	21
Wood	184	211	254	264	313	16	19	23	25	27
Stucco	208	178	175	164	175	18	16	16	15	15
Vinyl siding	432	405	371	325	322	37	36	33	30	28
Aluminum siding	17	18	26	34	45	1	2	2	3	4
Other <sup>2</sup>	77	73	68	62	57	7	6	6	6	5
Inside MSAs	951	904	913	848	929	100	100	100	100	100
Brick	213	200	202	183	210	22	22	22	22	23
Wood	147	165	197	200	237	16	18	22	24	26
Stucco	195	162	159	149	163	21	18	17	18	18
Vinyl siding	317	298	273	234	228	33	33	30	28	24
Aluminum siding	15	16	23	32	43	2	2	3	4	5
Other <sup>2</sup>	64	63	59	52	47	7	7	6	6	5
Outside MSAs	208	212	215	217	232	100	100	100	100	100
Brick	28	31	33	33	37	14	15	15	15	16
Wood	37	46	57	65	76	18	22	26	30	33
Stucco	13	16	16	16	12	6	8	8	7	5
Vinyl siding	115	107	98	90	94	55	50	45	41	41
Aluminum siding	(B)	(B)	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	1	(B)	(B)
Other <sup>2</sup>	13	10	9	10	10	6	5	4	5	4
Northeast	116	115	108	108	113	100	100	100	100	100
Brick	4	5	5	7	5	3	4	5	6	5
Wood	22	26	27	30	36	19	23	25	28	32
Stucco	4	3	3	4	3	4	3	3	3	2
Vinyl siding	84	79	70	62	64	72	68	65	58	57
Aluminum siding	(B)	(B)	(B)	3	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	3	3
Other <sup>2</sup>	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Midwest	244	236	245	232	255	100	100	100	100	100
Brick	33	31	30	28	31	14	13	12	12	12
Wood	44	47	53	53	67	18	20	22	23	26
Stucco	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Vinyl siding	145	138	139	124	127	59	58	57	53	50
Aluminum siding	11	12	14	17	20	5	5	6	7	3
Other <sup>2</sup>	8	6	6	7	8	3	3	3	3	3
South	517	506	507	472	507	100	100	100	100	100
Brick	199	189	192	176	200	39	37	38	37	40
Wood	36	53	78	82	91	7	11	15	17	18
Stucco	48	34	29	32	39	9	7	6	7	8
Vinyl siding	176	168	147	125	121	34	33	29	26	24
Aluminum siding	(B)	3	6	9	12	(B)	1	1	2	2
Other <sup>2</sup>	56	58	56	48	43	11	11	11	10	8
West	283	259	269	253	285	100	100	100	100	100
Brick	5	6	8	6	10	2	2	3	2	4
Wood	83	84	96	98	120	29	32	36	39	42
Stucco	154	140	140	126	131	55	54	52	50	46
Vinyl siding	27	20	16	13	10	10	8	6	5	3
Aluminum siding	(B)	(B)	4	4	9	(B)	(B)	2	2	3
Other <sup>2</sup>	11	8	5	6	5	4	3	2	2	2
<b>HOUSES BUILT FOR SALE</b>										
United States	815	757	746	682	740	100	100	100	100	100
Brick	173	155	153	135	150	21	20	20	20	20
Wood	123	135	161	157	194	15	18	22	23	26
Stucco	178	150	148	135	146	22	20	20	20	20
Vinyl siding	274	249	220	185	174	34	33	29	27	23
Aluminum siding	14	14	21	28	36	2	2	3	4	5
Other <sup>2</sup>	53	54	43	41	38	6	7	6	6	5
Inside MSAs	741	692	678	617	672	100	100	100	100	100
Brick	163	146	143	127	140	22	21	21	21	21
Wood	113	124	145	135	170	15	18	21	22	25
Stucco	172	144	139	127	141	23	21	21	21	21
Vinyl siding	230	214	190	160	149	31	31	28	26	22
Aluminum siding	13	14	20	28	35	2	2	3	5	5
Other <sup>2</sup>	49	51	41	38	35	7	7	6	6	5
Outside MSAs	74	65	68	65	68	100	100	100	100	100
Brick	10	9	10	8	10	13	13	15	12	14
Wood	10	11	16	22	24	13	17	24	33	35
Stucco	6	6	9	8	5	8	10	13	12	8
Vinyl siding	44	35	30	25	25	59	54	45	38	37
Aluminum siding	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other <sup>2</sup>	4	3	(B)	3	3	6	5	(B)	4	5
Northeast	74	72	68	64	66	100	100	100	100	100
Brick	3	3	3	4	3	4	4	4	7	4
Wood	12	14	14	15	19	16	20	21	23	29
Stucco	3	(B)	3	3	(B)	4	(B)	4	5	(B)
Vinyl siding	54	51	47	38	38	74	71	68	60	58
Aluminum siding	(B)	(B)	(B)	3	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	5	4
Other <sup>2</sup>	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Midwest	150	137	135	127	136	100	100	100	100	100
Brick	21	17	15	15	16	14	12	11	12	12
Wood	31	30	32	30	38	21	22	24	23	28
Stucco	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Vinyl siding	82	77	73	64	62	55	56	54	50	45
Aluminum siding	9	9	11	14	16	6	7	8	11	12
Other <sup>2</sup>	4	3	3	3	4	2	2	3	3	3

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 6. Principal Type of Exterior Wall Material by Category of House and Location: 1994 to 1998—Con.**

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and exterior wall material	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>HOUSES BUILT FOR SALE—Con.</b>										
South	365	344	335	306	326	100	100	100	100	100
Brick	145	131	130	113	126	40	38	39	37	39
Wood	21	33	52	53	61	6	9	16	17	19
Stucco	38	24	19	23	28	10	7	6	8	9
Vinyl siding	117	107	90	75	68	32	31	27	25	21
Aluminum siding	(B)	(B)	5	8	12	(B)	(B)	1	3	4
Other <sup>2</sup>	43	46	38	34	31	12	13	11	11	10
West	226	204	207	185	212	100	100	100	100	100
Brick	3	3	4	3	6	1	1	2	2	3
Wood	59	58	63	60	76	26	29	30	32	36
Stucco	136	123	124	108	115	60	60	60	58	54
Vinyl siding	20	14	10	8	6	9	7	5	4	3
Aluminum siding	(B)	(B)	3	3	6	(B)	(B)	1	2	3
Other <sup>2</sup>	6	5	(B)	3	3	3	2	(B)	2	1
<b>CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES</b>										
United States	186	192	214	204	238	100	100	100	100	100
Brick	37	42	47	45	59	20	22	22	22	25
Wood	28	35	44	47	57	15	18	20	23	24
Stucco	19	17	16	16	18	10	9	8	8	8
Vinyl siding	86	84	87	79	86	46	44	41	39	36
Aluminum siding	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	3
Other <sup>2</sup>	14	11	19	14	12	7	6	9	7	5
Inside MSAs	119	118	139	129	155	100	100	100	100	100
Brick	26	30	34	31	42	22	25	24	24	28
Wood	18	20	28	30	36	15	17	20	24	23
Stucco	14	12	11	12	15	12	10	8	10	10
Vinyl siding	50	47	51	44	50	42	40	37	34	32
Aluminum siding	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	5	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	3
Other <sup>2</sup>	10	7	14	8	7	8	6	10	7	5
Outside MSAs	66	74	76	76	83	100	100	100	100	100
Brick	11	12	13	14	17	17	16	17	18	20
Wood	10	15	16	17	21	15	21	22	22	25
Stucco	5	5	5	4	3	7	7	5	5	4
Vinyl siding	36	37	36	35	36	54	50	47	46	44
Aluminum siding	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other <sup>2</sup>	4	4	5	6	5	7	5	7	8	6
Northeast	22	22	23	27	29	100	100	100	100	100
Brick	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Wood	5	6	8	10	9	23	28	33	35	30
Stucco	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Vinyl siding	15	14	14	15	17	70	63	58	56	59
Aluminum siding	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other <sup>2</sup>	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Midwest	50	50	58	57	67	100	100	100	100	100
Brick	7	7	9	7	9	14	14	16	13	14
Wood	6	7	10	11	15	13	14	17	19	22
Stucco	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Vinyl siding	33	33	35	34	38	66	65	60	60	56
Aluminum siding	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	4
Other <sup>2</sup>	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
South	85	91	105	92	106	100	100	100	100	100
Brick	29	32	35	35	45	34	35	33	39	43
Wood	6	9	12	12	14	7	10	12	13	13
Stucco	7	7	7	6	8	8	7	6	7	8
Vinyl siding	34	35	36	28	29	41	38	34	30	27
Aluminum siding	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other <sup>2</sup>	8	8	15	10	9	10	9	14	11	8
West	29	28	28	29	36	100	100	100	100	100
Brick	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	9
Wood	11	12	14	14	20	38	43	50	51	54
Stucco	11	9	9	9	9	39	33	31	30	25
Vinyl siding	3	3	(B)	3	(B)	10	9	(B)	9	(B)
Aluminum siding	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other <sup>2</sup>	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	10	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
<b>OWNER-BUILT HOUSES</b>										
United States	127	137	136	146	160	100	100	100	100	100
Brick	23	27	27	30	33	18	20	20	21	21
Wood	29	37	43	51	53	23	27	32	35	33
Stucco	9	10	8	9	9	7	7	6	6	6
Vinyl siding	56	54	50	47	56	44	40	37	33	35
Aluminum siding	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	2
Other <sup>2</sup>	9	6	5	6	6	7	4	3	4	4
Inside MSAs	69	75	75	81	86	100	100	100	100	100
Brick	17	19	19	20	23	24	25	25	24	27
Wood	14	19	20	26	26	20	25	27	32	30
Stucco	7	6	6	6	6	10	9	9	7	7
Vinyl siding	26	26	25	24	26	38	35	34	29	30
Aluminum siding	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	3
Other <sup>2</sup>	5	3	3	4	4	6	4	4	5	5
Outside MSAs	58	62	61	65	74	100	100	100	100	100
Brick	6	8	8	10	10	10	13	14	15	13
Wood	15	18	23	25	28	27	30	37	38	38
Stucco	(B)	4	(B)	3	3	(B)	6	(B)	5	4
Vinyl siding	30	28	25	24	30	51	45	41	37	41
Aluminum siding	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other <sup>2</sup>	4	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	7	5	(B)	(B)	(B)

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 6. Principal Type of Exterior Wall Material by Category of House and Location: 1994 to 1998—Con.**

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and exterior wall material	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>OWNER-BUILT HOUSES—Con.</b>										
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Brick	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Wood	4	5	5	6	7	31	32	36	38	44
Stucco	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Vinyl siding	8	10	9	7	8	60	61	58	49	47
Aluminum siding	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other <sup>2</sup>	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
<b>Midwest</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Brick	4	5	4	5	5	11	12	10	12	11
Wood	5	9	10	11	12	14	14	23	26	26
Stucco	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Vinyl siding	27	24	25	23	25	68	59	60	55	54
Aluminum siding	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other <sup>2</sup>	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
<b>South</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Brick	17	21	21	22	25	34	38	40	38	38
Wood	9	11	11	14	15	17	20	22	24	22
Stucco	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	4
Vinyl siding	18	17	14	15	21	36	32	28	26	32
Aluminum siding	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other <sup>2</sup>	4	3	(B)	3	3	8	5	(B)	6	4
<b>West</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Brick	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Wood	11	12	16	19	19	47	49	59	65	63
Stucco	6	7	6	6	6	28	30	20	21	18
Vinyl siding	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Aluminum siding	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other <sup>2</sup>	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)

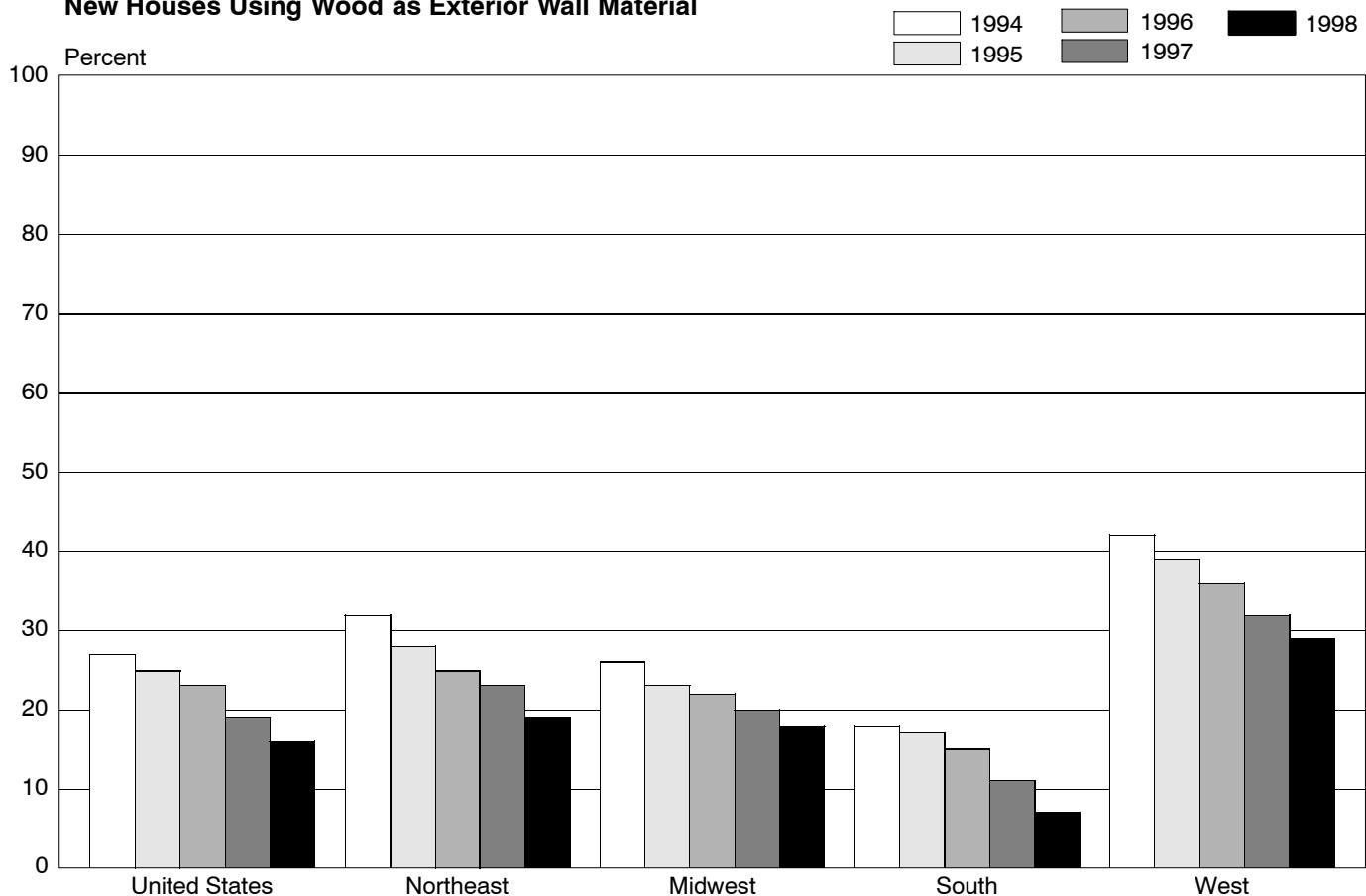
B Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of sample size.

<sup>1</sup>Includes houses built for rent (not shown separately).

<sup>2</sup>Includes cinder block, stone, and other types.

Figure 2.

**New Houses Using Wood as Exterior Wall Material**



**Table 7. Type of Financing by Category of House and Location: 1994 to 1998**

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and type of financing	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>ALL NEW HOUSES<sup>1</sup></b>										
<b>United States</b>	<b>1 160</b>	<b>1 116</b>	<b>1 129</b>	<b>1 066</b>	<b>1 160</b>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported <sup>2</sup>	1 049	981	961	893	989	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	79	83	84	70	80	8	9	9	8	8
VA guaranteed	43	41	49	44	51	4	4	5	5	5
Conventional <sup>3</sup>	821	751	714	660	735	78	77	74	74	74
Rural Housing Service	9	8	9	12	10	1	1	1	1	1
Cash	98	98	104	108	113	9	10	11	12	11
<b>Inside MSAs</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>929</b>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported <sup>2</sup>	861	795	778	714	791	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	74	78	80	65	75	9	10	10	9	10
VA guaranteed	39	38	46	41	47	5	5	6	6	6
Conventional <sup>3</sup>	683	616	586	542	597	79	77	75	76	75
Rural Housing Service	(Z)	4	7	8	5	(S)	1	1	1	1
Cash	61	58	60	59	67	7	7	8	8	8
<b>Outside MSAs</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>232</b>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported <sup>2</sup>	188	186	182	179	198	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	5	5	4	5	5	3	3	2	3	2
VA guaranteed	3	3	3	4	3	2	1	2	2	2
Conventional <sup>3</sup>	138	135	128	118	139	73	73	70	66	70
Rural Housing Service	5	3	3	4	5	3	2	1	2	2
Cash	37	40	44	48	47	20	22	24	27	23
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>113</b>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported <sup>2</sup>	104	98	82	79	87	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
VA guaranteed	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	1	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	1	(S)
Conventional <sup>3</sup>	92	86	73	71	78	88	88	88	90	90
Rural Housing Service	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Cash	11	10	8	6	10	9	7	7	7	7
<b>Midwest</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>255</b>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported <sup>2</sup>	223	210	212	201	225	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	8	9	9	8	7	3	4	4	4	3
VA guaranteed	3	2	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1
Conventional <sup>3</sup>	194	179	177	168	188	87	86	84	83	84
Rural Housing Service	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	1	1	(S)	(S)	(S)	1	1
Cash	18	18	22	22	25	8	9	10	11	11
<b>South</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>507</b>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported <sup>2</sup>	458	440	432	397	436	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	38	41	44	35	43	8	9	10	9	10
VA guaranteed	24	27	32	28	32	5	6	7	7	7
Conventional <sup>3</sup>	350	326	303	277	303	76	74	70	70	69
Rural Housing Service	6	5	5	8	8	1	1	1	2	2
Cash	39	42	48	49	51	8	10	11	12	12
<b>West</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>285</b>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported <sup>2</sup>	264	233	235	217	242	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	32	32	29	26	29	12	14	12	12	12
VA guaranteed	15	11	14	13	15	6	5	6	6	6
Conventional <sup>3</sup>	186	160	161	144	166	70	69	69	67	69
Rural Housing Service	2	2	4	2	(Z)	1	1	2	1	(S)
Cash	30	28	27	31	31	11	12	11	14	13
<b>HOUSES BUILT FOR SALE</b>										
<b>United States</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>740</b>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported <sup>2</sup>	737	665	633	564	619	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	74	78	78	66	74	10	12	12	12	12
VA guaranteed	40	39	47	43	48	5	6	7	8	8
Conventional <sup>3</sup>	575	506	468	413	453	78	76	74	73	73
Rural Housing Service	7	6	7	9	7	1	1	1	2	1
Cash	40	37	32	33	36	5	6	5	6	6
<b>Inside MSAs</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>672</b>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported <sup>2</sup>	671	611	579	515	565	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	71	74	75	62	72	11	12	13	12	13
VA guaranteed	38	37	44	40	46	6	6	8	8	8
Conventional <sup>3</sup>	526	466	430	382	414	79	76	74	74	73
Rural Housing Service	4	4	6	7	4	1	1	1	1	1
Cash	32	31	24	24	29	5	5	4	5	5
<b>Outside MSAs</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>68</b>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported <sup>2</sup>	67	55	54	49	54	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	4	4	3	4	3	6	8	6	9	5
VA guaranteed	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	4	7	5
Conventional <sup>3</sup>	49	41	39	31	38	73	74	72	63	72
Rural Housing Service	4	2	1	2	3	6	3	3	4	5
Cash	8	6	8	9	7	12	12	15	18	13
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>66</b>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported <sup>2</sup>	67	62	52	43	48	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	2	2	3
VA guaranteed	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	1	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	1	(S)
Conventional <sup>3</sup>	60	56	48	40	45	90	91	92	92	93
Rural Housing Service	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Cash	6	4	3	2	2	9	7	5	4	4
<b>Midwest</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>136</b>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported <sup>2</sup>	135	119	113	105	116	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	7	8	9	7	6	5	7	8	6	5
VA guaranteed	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Conventional <sup>3</sup>	119	102	95	89	100	88	86	84	85	87
Rural Housing Service	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Cash	6	6	6	7	6	4	5	5	6	5

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**Table 7. Type of Financing by Category of House and Location: 1994 to 1998—Con.**

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and type of financing	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>HOUSES BUILT FOR SALE—Con.</b>										
<b>South</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>326</b>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported <sup>2</sup>	324	300	285	255	276	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	35	37	40	33	39	11	12	14	13	14
VA guaranteed	23	25	30	28	31	7	8	11	11	11
Conventional <sup>3</sup>	246	219	198	175	185	76	73	70	69	67
Rural Housing Service	5	4	4	7	6	1	1	1	3	2
Cash	15	15	14	13	15	5	5	5	5	5
<b>West</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>212</b>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported <sup>2</sup>	212	184	183	160	179	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	31	31	29	26	28	14	17	16	16	15
VA guaranteed	15	11	14	12	15	7	6	7	8	8
Conventional <sup>3</sup>	151	128	127	109	123	71	70	69	68	69
Rural Housing Service	2	2	3	2	(Z)	1	1	2	1	(S)
Cash	13	12	10	12	13	6	6	6	7	7
<b>CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES</b>										
<b>United States</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>238</b>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported	172	171	187	178	212	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	3	4	5	2	4	2	3	2	1	2
VA guaranteed	2	2	2	(Z)	2	1	1	1	(S)	1
Conventional <sup>3</sup>	143	141	148	142	172	83	82	79	80	81
Rural Housing Service	(Z)	(Z)	2	2	2	(S)	(S)	1	1	1
Cash	25	24	31	31	31	14	14	16	17	15
<b>Inside MSAs</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>155</b>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported	110	104	120	112	138	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	2	4	4	2	2	2	4	3	2	2
VA guaranteed	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Conventional <sup>3</sup>	93	89	99	94	119	85	86	82	84	86
Rural Housing Service	(Z)	(Z)	1	1	(Z)	(S)	(S)	1	1	(S)
Cash	14	10	15	14	15	12	9	12	13	11
<b>Outside MSAs</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>83</b>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported	62	67	67	67	74	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	2
VA guaranteed	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	(Z)	1	(S)	1	(S)	(S)
Conventional <sup>3</sup>	49	52	49	48	54	79	77	73	72	73
Rural Housing Service	(Z)	(Z)	1	2	2	(S)	(S)	1	2	2
Cash	11	14	16	16	16	18	21	24	24	22
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported	19	19	17	22	24	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
VA guaranteed	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Conventional <sup>3</sup>	17	17	16	21	22	88	89	91	93	91
Rural Housing Service	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Cash	2	2	1	1	2	11	10	7	6	8
<b>Midwest</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>67</b>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported	48	47	55	53	63	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	(Z)	1	1	1	1	(S)	1	1	1	1
VA guaranteed	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	1
Conventional <sup>3</sup>	43	42	46	45	54	89	89	85	85	86
Rural Housing Service	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	1	1
Cash	5	5	8	7	7	10	10	14	12	11
<b>South</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>106</b>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported	78	80	90	78	93	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	2	3	3	1	3	3	3	4	2	3
VA guaranteed	2	1	2	(Z)	1	2	1	2	(S)	1
Conventional <sup>3</sup>	63	65	68	59	72	81	80	75	76	78
Rural Housing Service	(Z)	1	1	1	2	(S)	1	1	2	2
Cash	11	11	16	16	16	14	14	18	20	17
<b>West</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>36</b>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported	27	24	25	25	32	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	1	1	1	(Z)	1	3	3	2	(S)	2
VA guaranteed	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Conventional <sup>3</sup>	19	17	18	17	25	72	71	73	69	77
Rural Housing Service	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Cash	7	6	6	7	7	25	25	23	28	20
<b>OWNER-BUILT HOUSES</b>										
<b>United States</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>160</b>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported	114	123	118	126	142	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	1	1	1	(Z)	(Z)	1	1	1	1	1
VA guaranteed	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Conventional <sup>3</sup>	82	87	80	86	98	72	71	68	68	69
Rural Housing Service	1	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	1	(S)	(S)	(S)
Cash	29	34	37	39	41	26	27	31	31	29
<b>Inside MSAs</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>86</b>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported	63	66	65	70	77	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	1	1	(Z)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
VA guaranteed	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Conventional <sup>3</sup>	48	50	47	52	56	77	75	72	74	73
Rural Housing Service	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Cash	14	15	17	17	19	22	23	27	24	25
<b>Outside MSAs</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>74</b>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported	51	56	53	56	65	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
VA guaranteed	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Conventional <sup>3</sup>	34	37	33	34	42	67	66	62	60	65
Rural Housing Service	1	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	1	(S)	(S)	(S)
Cash	16	18	19	22	22	30	32	36	38	33

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 7. Type of Financing by Category of House and Location: 1994 to 1998—Con.**

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and type of financing	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>OWNER-BUILT HOUSES—Con.</b>										
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported	13	14	11	12	13	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
VA guaranteed	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Conventional <sup>3</sup>	10	11	9	10	10	81	80	81	81	80
Rural Housing Service	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Cash	2	3	2	2	2	19	20	19	19	18
<b>Midwest</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>47</b>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported	37	38	38	38	43	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
VA guaranteed	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Conventional <sup>3</sup>	29	31	30	29	31	79	80	79	78	73
Rural Housing Service	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Cash	7	7	8	8	11	20	19	21	21	26
<b>South</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>66</b>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported	43	48	45	51	60	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	(Z)	(Z)	1	(Z)	1	(S)	(S)	1	(S)	1
VA guaranteed	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Conventional <sup>3</sup>	31	32	28	33	41	72	67	62	64	68
Rural Housing Service	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Cash	11	15	17	17	18	25	30	37	34	30
<b>West</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Type of financing reported	22	22	24	25	26	100	100	100	100	100
FHA insured	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	2
VA guaranteed	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Conventional <sup>3</sup>	12	13	13	14	16	57	58	55	54	61
Rural Housing Service	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Cash	9	9	10	11	10	40	40	43	43	36

S Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of response rate, associated standard error, or a consistency review. X Not applicable. Z Less than 500 units or less than 0.5 percent.

<sup>1</sup>Includes houses built for rent (not shown separately).

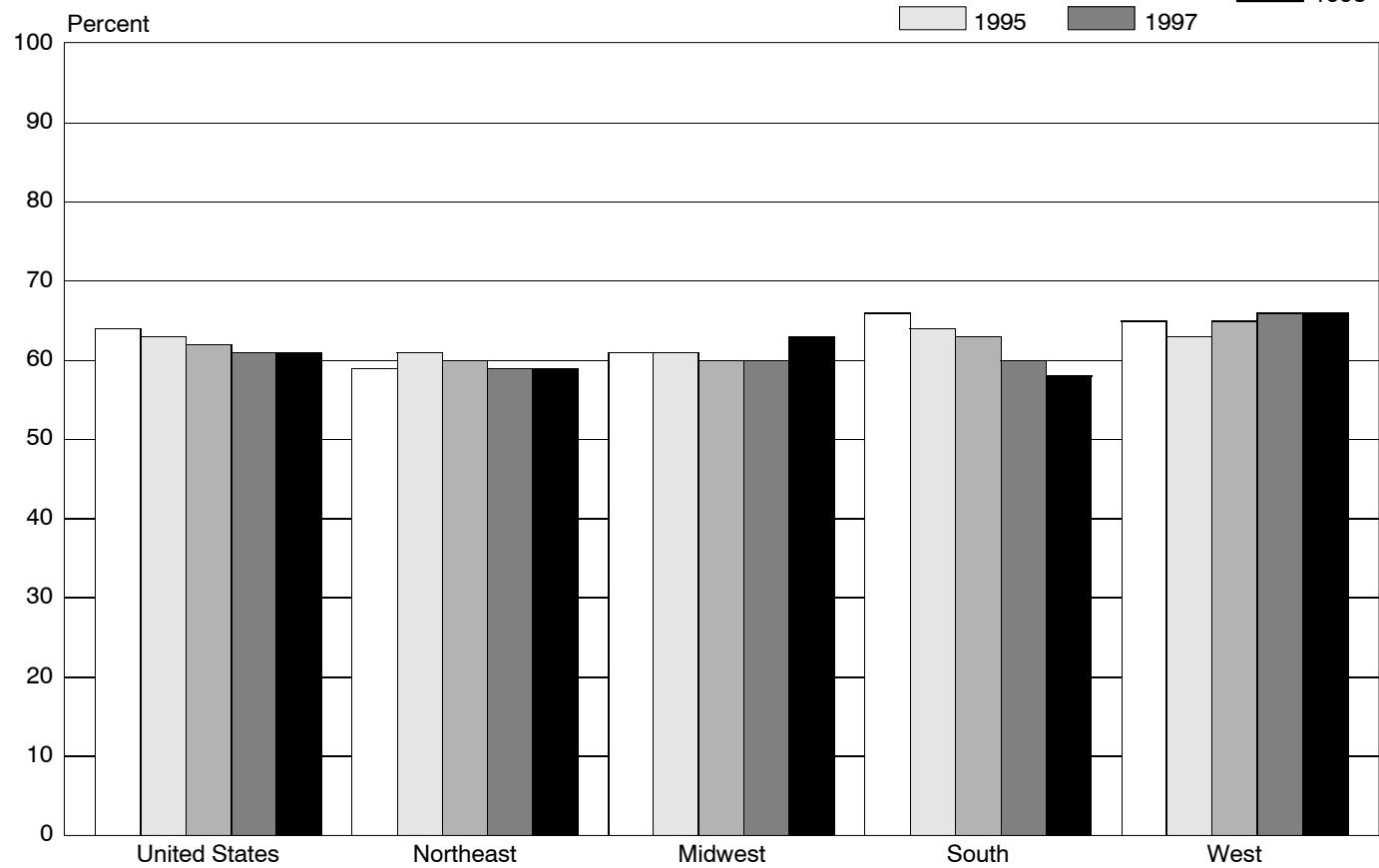
<sup>2</sup>Excludes houses not yet sold.

<sup>3</sup>Includes other types of financing (not shown separately).

Figure 3.

**New Houses With One Fireplace or More**

1994 1996 1998  
1995 1997



**Table 8. Number of Fireplaces by Category of House and Location: 1994 to 1998**

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and number of fireplaces	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>ALL NEW HOUSES<sup>1</sup></b>										
United States	<b>1 160</b>	<b>1 116</b>	<b>1 129</b>	<b>1 066</b>	<b>1 160</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
No fireplace	449	433	424	394	417	39	39	38	37	36
1 fireplace	649	634	669	615	680	56	57	59	58	59
2 fireplaces or more	62	49	36	56	63	5	4	3	5	5
Inside MSAs	<b>951</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
No fireplace	319	300	291	261	274	34	33	32	31	29
1 fireplace	577	560	591	537	599	61	62	65	63	65
2 fireplaces or more	55	44	32	50	56	6	5	3	6	6
Outside MSAs	<b>208</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
No fireplace	130	133	133	133	143	62	62	62	61	62
1 fireplace	72	74	78	78	81	34	35	36	36	35
2 fireplaces or more	7	5	4	6	7	3	2	2	3	3
Northeast	<b>116</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
No fireplace	48	48	43	42	46	41	41	40	39	41
1 fireplace	63	62	61	59	61	54	53	57	55	54
2 fireplaces or more	6	6	3	6	6	5	5	3	6	5
Midwest	<b>244</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
No fireplace	89	93	98	90	100	37	40	40	39	39
1 fireplace	142	133	139	131	141	58	56	57	56	55
2 fireplaces or more	12	9	7	11	14	5	4	3	5	5
South	<b>517</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
No fireplace	216	203	188	170	172	42	40	37	36	34
1 fireplace	283	289	307	284	313	55	57	61	60	62
2 fireplaces or more	18	14	12	19	21	3	3	2	4	4
West	<b>283</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
No fireplace	96	88	94	92	98	34	34	35	37	35
1 fireplace	161	151	161	142	164	57	58	60	56	58
2 fireplaces or more	26	20	14	19	22	9	8	5	8	8
<b>HOUSES BUILT FOR SALE</b>										
United States	<b>815</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
No fireplace	278	250	231	212	223	34	33	31	31	30
1 fireplace	501	477	496	442	485	61	63	67	65	66
2 fireplaces or more	36	30	19	28	32	4	4	3	4	4
Inside MSAs	<b>741</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
No fireplace	234	212	193	173	181	32	31	28	28	27
1 fireplace	472	451	467	417	460	64	65	69	68	69
2 fireplaces or more	35	29	18	27	31	5	4	3	4	5
Outside MSAs	<b>74</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
No fireplace	44	38	38	39	42	59	59	56	60	62
1 fireplace	29	26	29	25	25	39	40	43	39	37
2 fireplaces or more	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Northeast	<b>74</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
No fireplace	26	27	26	24	24	36	37	38	38	37
1 fireplace	44	42	41	37	38	60	58	60	58	58
2 fireplaces or more	3	4	(B)	3	3	4	5	(B)	4	4
Midwest	<b>150</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
No fireplace	46	44	43	41	44	30	32	32	32	32
1 fireplace	98	88	90	82	87	66	64	66	64	64
2 fireplaces or more	6	5	(B)	4	5	4	3	(B)	3	4
South	<b>365</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
No fireplace	135	118	100	88	94	37	34	30	29	29
1 fireplace	221	219	228	207	222	60	64	68	68	68
2 fireplaces or more	10	7	7	10	11	3	2	2	3	3
West	<b>226</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
No fireplace	71	61	63	58	61	31	30	30	29	29
1 fireplace	137	129	137	116	138	61	63	66	63	65
2 fireplaces or more	18	14	8	11	13	8	7	4	6	6
<b>CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES</b>										
United States	<b>186</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
No fireplace	80	88	94	86	98	43	46	44	42	41
1 fireplace	89	91	109	101	121	48	47	51	49	51
2 fireplaces or more	17	13	11	17	19	9	7	5	8	8
Inside MSAs	<b>119</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
No fireplace	41	44	51	43	50	34	37	36	34	32
1 fireplace	65	64	79	71	89	55	57	55	58	58
2 fireplaces or more	14	10	9	14	16	11	9	7	11	10
Outside MSAs	<b>66</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
No fireplace	39	44	43	43	48	59	59	57	56	58
1 fireplace	24	27	30	30	32	36	36	40	38	38
2 fireplaces or more	3	3	(B)	3	3	5	4	(B)	4	4
Northeast	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
No fireplace	10	9	8	10	12	44	42	35	38	42
1 fireplace	11	12	14	15	15	49	52	60	53	52
2 fireplaces or more	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 8. Number of Fireplaces by Category of House and Location: 1994 to 1998—Con.**

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and number of fireplaces	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES—Con.</b>										
Midwest.....	50	50	58	57	67	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace.....	18	21	24	23	28	36	41	42	40	41
1 fireplace.....	28	27	31	29	34	55	53	54	52	51
2 fireplaces or more.....	4	3	3	5	5	9	6	4	8	8
South.....	85	91	105	92	106	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace.....	42	45	49	42	43	49	49	47	45	41
1 fireplace.....	38	41	52	45	57	45	45	50	49	54
2 fireplaces or more.....	5	5	4	5	6	6	6	4	6	6
West.....	29	28	28	29	36	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace.....	10	13	13	11	15	35	45	46	39	42
1 fireplace.....	13	12	12	13	15	46	42	41	44	41
2 fireplaces or more.....	6	4	4	5	6	20	13	13	17	17
<b>OWNER-BUILT HOUSES</b>										
United States.....	127	137	136	146	160	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace.....	64	71	71	70	79	50	51	53	48	49
1 fireplace.....	54	61	59	66	70	42	44	43	45	43
2 fireplaces or more.....	9	6	6	10	12	7	5	4	7	7
Inside MSAs.....	69	75	75	81	86	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace.....	27	29	30	28	33	39	38	40	35	38
1 fireplace.....	36	41	41	45	45	51	54	55	56	52
2 fireplaces or more.....	7	5	4	7	8	10	7	6	9	10
Outside MSAs.....	58	62	61	65	74	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace.....	37	42	41	42	46	64	67	68	64	63
1 fireplace.....	18	20	18	21	24	32	32	29	32	33
2 fireplaces or more.....	(B)	(B)	(B)	3	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	4	4
Northeast.....	14	17	15	15	16	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace.....	6	9	7	6	7	43	52	50	41	43
1 fireplace.....	7	7	7	8	8	48	44	46	51	48
2 fireplaces or more.....	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Midwest.....	39	41	42	42	47	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace.....	21	23	23	22	25	54	55	56	51	53
1 fireplace.....	16	17	17	18	19	40	41	40	44	41
2 fireplaces or more.....	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	6
South.....	50	55	51	59	66	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace.....	25	27	26	26	28	49	49	50	44	42
1 fireplace.....	22	26	24	29	34	44	48	47	50	51
2 fireplaces or more.....	3	(B)	(B)	3	5	7	(B)	(B)	6	7
West.....	23	25	28	30	31	100	100	100	100	100
No fireplace.....	12	12	15	16	19	51	49	54	54	62
1 fireplace.....	9	10	11	11	9	38	40	39	36	30
2 fireplaces or more.....	3	3	(B)	3	3	11	10	(B)	11	9

B Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of sample size.

<sup>1</sup>Includes houses built for rent (not shown separately).

**Table 9. Type of Foundation by Category of House and Location: 1994 to 1998**

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and type of foundation	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>ALL NEW HOUSES<sup>1</sup></b>										
United States	1 160	1 116	1 129	1 066	1 160	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement	427	409	420	413	453	37	37	37	39	39
Slab <sup>2</sup>	524	500	498	449	478	45	45	44	42	41
Crawl space	209	207	211	204	229	18	19	19	19	20
Inside MSAs	951	904	913	848	929	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement	350	332	343	335	367	37	37	38	40	39
Slab <sup>2</sup>	476	450	440	394	424	50	50	48	46	46
Crawl space	126	122	129	120	138	13	14	14	14	15
Outside MSAs	208	212	215	217	232	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement	77	77	77	78	87	37	36	36	36	37
Slab <sup>2</sup>	48	50	57	55	54	23	23	27	25	23
Crawl space	83	85	81	84	91	40	40	38	39	39
Northeast	116	115	108	108	113	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement	95	99	92	93	95	82	86	85	86	84
Slab <sup>2</sup>	17	11	12	11	12	15	10	11	10	11
Crawl space	4	5	4	4	6	3	5	4	4	5
Midwest	244	236	245	232	255	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement	197	179	186	183	200	81	76	76	79	78
Slab <sup>2</sup>	25	30	28	23	26	10	13	12	10	10
Crawl space	22	28	30	25	29	9	12	12	11	11
South	517	506	507	472	507	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement	77	80	85	82	90	15	16	17	17	18
Slab <sup>2</sup>	323	312	313	280	300	62	62	62	59	59
Crawl space	117	113	110	110	117	23	22	22	23	23
West	283	259	269	253	285	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement	58	51	56	54	66	21	20	21	21	23
Slab <sup>2</sup>	159	147	146	135	142	56	57	54	53	50
Crawl space	66	61	67	64	77	23	24	25	25	27
<b>HOUSES BUILT FOR SALE</b>										
United States	815	757	746	682	740	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement	279	256	257	244	264	34	34	35	36	36
Slab <sup>2</sup>	420	396	380	340	363	52	52	51	50	49
Crawl space	116	105	109	98	113	14	14	15	14	15
Inside MSAs	741	692	678	617	672	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement	259	240	237	227	243	35	35	35	37	36
Slab <sup>2</sup>	400	378	361	320	345	54	55	53	52	51
Crawl space	81	74	80	70	84	11	11	12	11	12
Outside MSAs	74	65	68	65	68	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement	20	16	20	17	21	26	25	29	26	31
Slab <sup>2</sup>	20	18	19	20	18	27	27	28	30	26
Crawl space	35	31	29	28	29	47	47	42	43	43
Northeast	74	72	68	64	66	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement	59	62	57	54	53	80	86	83	85	80
Slab <sup>2</sup>	12	8	9	7	9	16	11	14	12	14
Crawl space	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	4	4	(B)	(B)	(B)	6
Midwest	150	137	135	127	136	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement	124	106	105	101	111	83	77	78	79	82
Slab <sup>2</sup>	17	21	19	17	17	11	15	14	14	13
Crawl space	9	10	12	9	8	6	7	9	7	6
South	365	344	335	306	326	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement	53	52	57	55	60	15	15	17	18	18
Slab <sup>2</sup>	252	237	225	199	212	69	69	67	65	65
Crawl space	60	54	54	51	54	17	16	16	17	17
West	226	204	207	185	212	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement	42	36	38	34	40	19	17	18	19	19
Slab <sup>2</sup>	140	129	127	115	124	62	63	61	62	59
Crawl space	44	39	42	36	47	19	20	19	19	22
<b>CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES</b>										
United States	186	192	214	204	238	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement	82	84	93	96	112	44	44	43	47	47
Slab <sup>2</sup>	52	54	66	55	67	28	28	31	27	28
Crawl space	52	54	56	53	59	28	28	26	26	25
Inside MSAs	119	118	139	129	155	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement	54	51	63	64	77	46	43	45	50	50
Slab <sup>2</sup>	38	39	49	39	49	31	33	35	30	31
Crawl space	27	27	28	26	29	23	24	20	20	19
Outside MSAs	66	74	76	76	83	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement	28	33	30	32	35	42	44	40	42	42
Slab <sup>2</sup>	14	15	17	16	18	21	20	23	22	22
Crawl space	25	27	28	27	29	37	36	37	36	36
Northeast	22	22	23	27	29	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement	20	19	21	25	27	93	87	91	91	92
Slab <sup>2</sup>	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Crawl space	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 9. Type of Foundation by Category of House and Location: 1994 to 1998—Con.**

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and type of foundation	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES—Con.</b>										
Midwest.....	50	50	58	57	67	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement.....	41	40	47	47	54	82	80	80	83	80
Slab <sup>2</sup> .....	3	3	4	(B)	3	5	6	6	(B)	5
Crawl space.....	7	7	8	8	10	13	15	14	13	15
South.....	85	91	105	92	106	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement.....	12	16	16	15	17	14	18	16	17	16
Slab <sup>2</sup> .....	38	41	53	43	54	45	45	51	47	51
Crawl space.....	35	34	36	34	35	41	38	34	37	33
West.....	29	28	28	29	36	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement.....	8	8	8	9	14	29	29	30	30	40
Slab <sup>2</sup> .....	10	9	8	9	8	36	32	30	31	23
Crawl space.....	10	11	11	11	13	35	39	40	40	37
<b>OWNER-BUILT HOUSES</b>										
United States.....	127	137	136	146	160	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement.....	61	63	64	69	72	48	46	47	47	45
Slab <sup>2</sup> .....	31	34	35	37	41	25	25	26	26	26
Crawl space.....	35	40	37	40	47	27	29	27	27	30
Inside MSAs.....	69	75	75	81	86	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement.....	32	36	39	41	43	47	48	52	51	49
Slab <sup>2</sup> .....	22	22	21	22	26	33	30	28	28	30
Crawl space.....	14	16	15	17	18	20	22	21	21	21
Outside MSAs.....	58	62	61	65	74	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement.....	29	27	25	28	29	50	44	41	42	40
Slab <sup>2</sup> .....	9	12	14	15	15	15	19	24	23	21
Crawl space.....	21	24	22	23	29	35	38	35	35	40
Northeast.....	14	17	15	15	16	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement.....	12	15	13	13	14	90	87	88	89	88
Slab <sup>2</sup> .....	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Crawl space.....	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Midwest.....	39	41	42	42	47	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement.....	30	30	31	33	34	76	72	74	78	72
Slab <sup>2</sup> .....	3	3	3	(B)	3	8	7	7	(B)	7
Crawl space.....	6	9	8	7	10	16	21	19	17	21
South.....	50	55	51	59	66	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement.....	11	11	11	12	13	22	20	21	20	20
Slab <sup>2</sup> .....	21	23	24	27	29	42	42	47	46	43
Crawl space.....	18	20	16	20	24	35	37	32	34	37
West.....	23	25	28	30	31	100	100	100	100	100
Full or partial basement.....	7	8	9	10	11	31	32	31	35	35
Slab <sup>2</sup> .....	6	7	7	7	8	27	29	27	25	25
Crawl space.....	10	10	12	12	13	42	40	42	41	41

B Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of sample size.

<sup>1</sup>Includes houses built for rent (not shown separately).

<sup>2</sup>Includes a small number of other foundation types.

**Table 10. Type of Heating Fuel by Category of House and Location: 1994 to 1998**

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and type of heating fuel	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>ALL NEW HOUSES<sup>1</sup></b>										
United States	<b>1 160</b>	<b>1 116</b>	<b>1 129</b>	<b>1 066</b>	<b>1 160</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Gas	809	771	781	708	772	70	69	69	67	67
Electricity	307	296	299	305	333	26	26	26	28	29
Oil	34	38	37	37	39	3	3	3	3	3
Other types or none	10	11	11	16	16	1	1	1	1	1
Inside MSAs	<b>951</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Gas	705	664	669	600	651	74	74	73	71	70
Electricity	221	211	216	217	244	23	23	24	26	26
Oil	22	25	25	25	27	2	3	3	3	3
Other types or none	3	4	3	6	6	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	1	1
Outside MSAs	<b>208</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Gas	104	107	112	109	121	50	50	52	50	52
Electricity	86	85	83	87	89	41	40	38	40	39
Oil	12	13	12	11	12	6	6	6	5	5
Other types or none	7	7	8	10	10	3	3	4	5	4
Northeast	<b>116</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Gas	75	68	61	60	62	64	59	56	55	55
Electricity	10	12	12	12	16	8	10	11	12	14
Oil	31	34	35	34	34	27	30	32	31	30
Other types or none	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Midwest	<b>244</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Gas	223	215	225	208	223	91	91	92	90	88
Electricity	19	18	17	20	27	8	7	7	9	11
Oil	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other types or none	(B)	(B)	(B)	3	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	1	1
South	<b>517</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Gas	265	262	262	233	255	51	52	52	49	50
Electricity	248	240	240	235	247	48	47	47	50	49
Oil	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other types or none	(B)	(B)	(B)	3	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	1	1
West	<b>283</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Gas	247	226	232	208	232	88	87	86	82	81
Electricity	29	27	31	37	43	10	11	11	15	15
Oil	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other types or none	5	5	6	7	9	2	2	2	3	3
<b>HOUSES BUILT FOR SALE</b>										
United States	<b>815</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Gas	611	565	560	497	535	75	75	75	73	72
Electricity	188	175	169	168	188	23	23	23	25	25
Oil	14	15	15	14	14	2	2	2	2	2
Other types or none	(B)	(B)	(B)	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(Z)	(B)
Inside MSAs	<b>741</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Gas	572	532	522	460	497	77	77	77	75	74
Electricity	156	146	143	142	161	21	21	21	23	24
Oil	11	13	12	12	12	1	2	2	2	2
Other types or none	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Outside MSAs	<b>74</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Gas	39	33	38	37	38	53	50	56	56	56
Electricity	32	29	26	26	27	43	45	39	40	40
Oil	3	(B)	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other types or none	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Northeast	<b>74</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Gas	56	51	46	43	43	76	70	68	66	66
Electricity	4	7	7	7	8	6	10	10	13	13
Oil	13	14	15	14	14	18	20	22	21	21
Other types or none	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Midwest	<b>150</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Gas	143	130	129	119	126	95	95	96	93	92
Electricity	7	7	6	8	10	4	5	4	6	8
Oil	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other types or none	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
South	<b>365</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Gas	205	197	197	172	184	56	57	59	56	56
Electricity	160	146	138	133	142	44	43	41	44	43
Oil	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other types or none	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
West	<b>226</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Gas	207	187	187	163	181	92	92	90	88	86
Electricity	17	15	18	20	28	8	7	9	11	13
Oil	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other types or none	(B)	(B)	(B)	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	1	(B)
<b>CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES</b>										
United States	<b>186</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Gas	108	110	119	108	136	58	58	56	53	57
Electricity	65	68	80	79	87	35	35	37	38	36
Oil	11	11	12	13	12	6	6	6	6	5
Other types or none	(B)	(B)	(B)	4	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	2	1
Inside MSAs	<b>119</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Gas	78	73	84	74	93	65	63	60	58	60
Electricity	34	37	46	45	53	29	31	33	34	34
Oil	6	7	8	8	8	5	6	6	6	5
Other types or none	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Outside MSAs	<b>66</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Gas	30	37	36	34	43	45	49	47	45	51
Electricity	31	32	34	34	46	43	46	45	45	41
Oil	5	4	4	5	4	7	6	6	7	5
Other types or none	(B)	(B)	(B)	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	3	(B)

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**Table 10. Type of Heating Fuel by Category of House and Location: 1994 to 1998—Con.**

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and type of heating fuel	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES—Con.</b>										
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Gas	9	9	8	10	12	41	41	36	36	42
Electricity	3	3	4	5	6	12	15	16	18	20
Oil	10	10	11	12	10	46	43	48	45	36
Other types or none	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
<b>Midwest</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Gas	44	45	53	49	58	87	90	91	87	86
Electricity	6	4	5	6	8	13	9	8	11	12
Oil	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other types or none	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
<b>South</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Gas	34	36	36	30	38	40	39	35	32	36
Electricity	50	55	67	60	66	59	60	64	66	63
Oil	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other types or none	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
<b>West</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Gas	21	20	21	19	27	73	72	76	68	75
Electricity	6	6	5	7	7	21	22	19	25	18
Oil	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other types or none	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
<b>OWNER-BUILT HOUSES</b>										
<b>United States</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Gas	72	78	82	85	90	57	57	60	58	57
Electricity	40	41	37	43	49	32	30	27	30	31
Oil	9	12	10	9	11	7	9	8	6	7
Other types or none	6	6	7	9	10	5	5	5	6	6
<b>Inside MSA</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Gas	42	46	49	52	53	61	62	66	64	62
Electricity	21	21	20	22	24	30	28	26	27	28
Oil	4	5	5	6	7	7	7	6	7	3
Other types or none	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
<b>Outside MSA</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Gas	30	32	33	33	37	51	50	54	51	50
Electricity	19	20	17	22	25	33	32	28	33	34
Oil	4	7	5	4	5	8	10	9	6	7
Other types or none	5	4	6	7	7	8	7	9	10	9
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Gas	5	6	4	5	6	34	33	30	35	35
Electricity	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Oil	8	10	9	7	8	56	59	59	48	52
Other types or none	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
<b>Midwest</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Gas	32	32	35	35	36	82	79	84	82	78
Electricity	6	6	5	5	8	14	14	11	11	16
Oil	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other types or none	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
<b>South</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Gas	18	22	22	25	30	37	41	44	42	45
Electricity	29	30	26	31	33	57	55	50	53	50
Oil	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other types or none	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
<b>West</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Gas	16	18	19	20	19	69	72	70	66	61
Electricity	5	5	6	7	7	22	21	20	22	22
Oil	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other types or none	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)

B Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of sample size.

<sup>1</sup>Includes houses built for rent (not shown separately).

**Table 11. Type of Heating System by Category of House and Location: 1994 to 1998**

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and type of heating system	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>ALL NEW HOUSES<sup>1</sup></b>										
United States	1 160	1 116	1 129	1 066	1 160	100	100	100	100	100
Warm-air furnace	835	781	789	706	778	72	70	67	67	67
Heat pump	248	257	258	264	281	21	23	25	24	24
Hot water or steam	46	52	54	55	60	4	5	5	5	5
Other <sup>2</sup>	30	26	28	39	41	3	2	2	4	4
Inside MSAs	951	904	913	848	929	100	100	100	100	100
Warm-air furnace	739	683	685	611	671	78	76	75	72	72
Heat pump	175	183	187	188	208	18	20	20	22	22
Hot water or steam	22	26	28	28	29	2	3	3	3	3
Other <sup>2</sup>	14	12	12	20	19	2	1	1	2	2
Outside MSAs	208	212	215	217	232	100	100	100	100	100
Warm-air furnace	96	98	104	96	107	46	46	48	44	46
Heat pump	73	74	71	75	73	35	35	33	35	31
Hot water or steam	24	26	26	26	30	11	12	12	12	13
Other <sup>2</sup>	16	14	16	20	22	8	6	7	9	10
Northeast	116	115	108	108	113	100	100	100	100	100
Warm-air furnace	77	70	59	59	58	66	60	55	55	52
Heat pump	9	11	11	11	14	7	9	10	10	12
Hot water or steam	30	33	36	36	38	25	28	33	33	34
Other <sup>2</sup>	(B)	3	(B)	3	(B)	2	(B)	2	2	3
Midwest	244	236	245	232	255	100	100	100	100	100
Warm-air furnace	220	212	217	201	218	90	89	89	86	85
Heat pump	14	15	17	19	23	6	6	7	8	9
Hot water or steam	5	5	4	5	6	2	2	2	2	2
Other <sup>2</sup>	5	5	6	8	8	2	2	2	3	3
South	517	506	507	472	507	100	100	100	100	100
Warm-air furnace	303	286	291	249	281	59	57	57	53	55
Heat pump	205	211	208	211	214	40	42	41	45	42
Hot water or steam	(B)	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	1	1	(B)	(B)	1
Other <sup>2</sup>	6	6	6	10	11	1	1	1	2	2
West	283	259	269	253	285	100	100	100	100	100
Warm-air furnace	235	214	221	198	222	83	83	82	78	78
Heat pump	20	21	23	24	31	7	8	8	9	11
Hot water or steam	10	12	12	13	13	3	5	4	5	5
Other <sup>2</sup>	18	12	13	19	19	6	5	5	8	7
<b>HOUSES BUILT FOR SALE</b>										
United States	815	757	746	682	740	100	100	100	100	100
Warm-air furnace	631	568	564	494	538	78	75	76	73	73
Heat pump	155	159	151	155	166	19	21	20	23	22
Hot water or steam	19	22	24	24	24	2	3	3	3	3
Other <sup>2</sup>	10	8	7	10	12	1	1	1	1	2
Inside MSAs	741	692	678	617	672	100	100	100	100	100
Warm-air furnace	596	540	532	466	506	81	78	79	76	75
Heat pump	124	130	126	130	142	17	19	18	21	21
Hot water or steam	11	15	16	14	15	2	2	2	2	2
Other <sup>2</sup>	8	6	4	8	9	1	1	1	1	1
Outside MSAs	74	65	68	65	68	100	100	100	100	100
Warm-air furnace	35	28	32	28	32	46	42	47	43	47
Heat pump	31	29	25	25	24	41	44	37	39	36
Hot water or steam	8	7	8	10	9	10	11	12	15	12
Other <sup>2</sup>	(B)	(B)	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	4
Northeast	74	72	68	64	66	100	100	100	100	100
Warm-air furnace	57	50	43	42	41	77	69	63	66	62
Heat pump	4	7	7	6	8	5	10	10	9	12
Hot water or steam	13	15	17	15	17	18	21	25	24	25
Other <sup>2</sup>	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Midwest	150	137	135	127	136	100	100	100	100	100
Warm-air furnace	142	128	124	115	122	95	93	92	90	90
Heat pump	6	8	9	10	11	4	6	7	8	8
Hot water or steam	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other <sup>2</sup>	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
South	365	344	335	306	326	100	100	100	100	100
Warm-air furnace	231	209	214	180	198	63	61	64	59	61
Heat pump	132	132	120	125	125	36	38	36	41	38
Hot water or steam	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other <sup>2</sup>	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
West	226	204	207	185	212	100	100	100	100	100
Warm-air furnace	201	181	182	157	177	89	89	88	85	83
Heat pump	12	12	15	14	22	6	6	7	8	11
Hot water or steam	5	5	5	7	6	2	3	3	4	3
Other <sup>2</sup>	7	5	5	7	7	3	3	2	4	3
<b>CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES</b>										
United States	186	192	214	204	238	100	100	100	100	100
Warm-air furnace	110	113	122	108	135	59	59	57	54	57
Heat pump	56	60	72	68	74	30	31	33	31	31
Hot water or steam	14	13	14	16	17	7	7	6	8	7
Other <sup>2</sup>	5	6	6	12	11	4	3	3	6	5
Inside MSAs	119	118	139	129	155	100	100	100	100	100
Warm-air furnace	81	77	88	78	98	68	66	64	61	63
Heat pump	30	33	42	38	46	25	27	30	29	30
Hot water or steam	6	6	6	7	7	5	5	5	6	4
Other <sup>2</sup>	(B)	(B)	3	5	4	(B)	(B)	2	4	2
Outside MSAs	66	74	76	76	83	100	100	100	100	100
Warm-air furnace	29	36	35	30	37	44	48	46	41	45
Heat pump	26	27	30	30	28	39	37	40	39	34
Hot water or steam	8	7	7	9	10	11	10	9	11	12
Other <sup>2</sup>	3	4	3	7	5	5	6	5	8	9

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 11. Type of Heating System by Category of House and Location: 1994 to 1998—Con.**

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and type of heating system	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES—Con.</b>										
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Warm-air furnace	10	10	9	10	11	45	44	40	36	39
Heat pump	(B)	3	3	4	5	(B)	13	13	16	18
Hot water or steam	9	9	10	12	12	43	40	44	45	40
Other <sup>2</sup>	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
<b>Midwest</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Warm-air furnace	43	44	51	47	57	86	87	88	83	84
Heat pump	5	3	5	5	6	10	7	8	9	9
Hot water or steam	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other <sup>2</sup>	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
<b>South</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Warm-air furnace	39	41	42	33	43	46	45	40	36	41
Heat pump	45	48	61	54	58	53	53	58	59	55
Hot water or steam	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other <sup>2</sup>	(B)	(B)	(B)	4	4	(B)	(B)	(B)	4	4
<b>West</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Warm-air furnace	19	18	20	18	25	65	64	72	63	68
Heat pump	5	5	3	4	4	16	19	12	15	12
Hot water or steam	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	8	8
Other <sup>2</sup>	3	3	3	5	5	11	10	10	16	13
<b>OWNER-BUILT HOUSES</b>										
<b>United States</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Warm-air furnace	73	81	82	84	93	58	59	60	57	58
Heat pump	30	31	27	34	35	23	22	19	23	22
Hot water or steam	12	15	15	14	17	10	11	11	10	11
Other <sup>2</sup>	12	10	12	14	15	9	8	9	10	10
<b>Inside MSAs</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Warm-air furnace	45	51	52	52	58	66	68	69	64	67
Heat pump	16	16	15	18	18	23	21	20	22	21
Hot water or steam	4	5	5	7	7	6	7	7	8	8
Other <sup>2</sup>	4	3	4	5	4	5	4	5	6	5
<b>Outside MSAs</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Warm-air furnace	28	30	30	32	35	48	48	50	48	48
Heat pump	14	15	12	16	17	24	24	19	25	23
Hot water or steam	8	10	10	7	10	14	16	16	11	14
Other <sup>2</sup>	8	7	8	9	11	14	12	14	15	15
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Warm-air furnace	6	7	6	6	6	43	44	41	39	36
Heat pump	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Hot water or steam	6	8	7	7	8	46	48	49	48	52
Other <sup>2</sup>	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
<b>Midwest</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Warm-air furnace	31	32	34	33	35	78	79	81	79	75
Heat pump	3	3	3	3	5	8	6	6	8	10
Hot water or steam	3	3	3	(B)	3	7	7	6	(B)	7
Other <sup>2</sup>	3	3	3	3	4	7	8	7	8	8
<b>South</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Warm-air furnace	23	27	27	28	35	46	49	53	48	53
Heat pump	23	25	20	27	26	46	46	39	46	39
Hot water or steam	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Other <sup>2</sup>	3	3	3	4	4	7	5	7	6	6
<b>West</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Warm-air furnace	13	14	15	16	17	56	57	54	54	54
Heat pump	3	3	3	4	4	13	13	12	12	13
Hot water or steam	(B)	4	4	4	4	(B)	18	16	14	13
Other <sup>2</sup>	5	3	5	6	6	20	12	18	20	21

B Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of sample size.

<sup>1</sup>Includes houses built for rent (not shown separately).

<sup>2</sup>Includes electric baseboard, panel, radiant heat, space heater, floor or wall furnace, solar, other types, or none.



**Table 12. Presence of Outdoor Features by Category of House and Location: 1994 to 1998—Con.**

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and feature	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>HOUSES BUILT FOR SALE—Con.</b>										
Inside MSAs—Con.										
Without:										
Patio .....	405	381	379	350	378	55	55	56	57	56
Porch .....	433	424	442	398	443	59	61	65	64	66
Deck .....	538	503	476	428	467	73	73	70	70	70
Outside MSAs .....	74	65	68	65	68	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio .....	28	23	22	25	24	38	36	32	38	35
Porch .....	47	37	29	29	32	64	56	43	45	47
Deck .....	30	26	26	25	29	40	40	38	39	43
Without:										
Patio .....	46	42	46	41	44	62	64	68	62	65
Porch .....	27	29	38	36	36	36	44	57	55	53
Deck .....	45	39	42	40	39	60	60	62	61	57
Northeast .....	74	72	68	64	65	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio .....	14	14	13	10	11	19	19	19	15	17
Porch .....	20	20	17	15	14	28	27	26	24	22
Deck .....	44	43	42	42	41	60	59	61	66	64
Without:										
Patio .....	60	59	55	54	54	81	81	81	85	83
Porch .....	53	53	51	48	51	72	73	74	76	78
Deck .....	30	30	26	22	24	40	41	39	34	36
Midwest .....	150	137	135	127	136	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio .....	46	46	41	41	44	31	34	30	32	32
Porch .....	60	59	50	48	47	40	43	37	38	34
Deck .....	53	47	46	45	50	36	34	34	35	37
Without:										
Patio .....	103	91	95	87	92	69	66	70	68	68
Porch .....	89	78	85	79	89	60	57	63	62	66
Deck .....	96	90	89	82	86	64	66	66	65	63
South .....	365	344	335	306	326	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio .....	190	174	163	148	160	52	51	49	48	49
Porch .....	179	147	132	121	125	49	43	39	40	39
Deck .....	96	90	102	91	97	26	26	30	30	30
Without:										
Patio .....	175	170	173	158	165	48	49	51	52	51
Porch .....	186	197	203	185	200	51	57	61	60	61
Deck .....	270	253	234	215	228	74	74	70	70	70
West .....	226	204	207	185	212	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio .....	114	100	104	92	103	50	49	50	50	48
Porch .....	95	78	66	64	74	42	38	32	34	35
Deck .....	39	36	38	36	44	17	17	19	19	21
Without:										
Patio .....	112	104	103	93	110	50	51	50	50	52
Porch .....	131	126	141	122	138	58	62	68	66	65
Deck .....	187	168	169	150	168	83	83	81	81	79
<b>CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES</b>										
United States .....	186	192	214	204	238	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio .....	58	59	64	54	68	32	31	30	27	29
Porch .....	108	112	116	111	129	58	58	54	54	54
Deck .....	73	78	85	83	101	39	41	40	40	42
Without:										
Patio .....	127	133	150	150	170	68	69	70	73	71
Porch .....	78	80	98	93	109	42	42	46	46	46
Deck .....	113	114	129	122	137	61	59	60	60	58
Inside MSAs .....	119	118	139	129	155	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio .....	40	38	44	38	51	34	33	32	30	33
Porch .....	73	71	76	70	84	61	61	55	55	54
Deck .....	48	45	53	51	61	40	38	38	39	39
Without:										
Patio .....	79	79	95	91	104	66	67	68	70	67
Porch .....	47	46	62	58	71	39	39	45	45	46
Deck .....	72	73	86	78	94	60	62	62	61	61
Outside MSAs .....	66	74	76	76	83	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio .....	18	21	20	16	17	27	28	27	22	20
Porch .....	35	41	40	41	45	53	55	53	54	55
Deck .....	25	33	32	32	40	38	44	43	42	48
Without:										
Patio .....	48	54	55	59	66	73	72	73	78	80
Porch .....	31	34	36	35	38	47	45	47	46	45
Deck .....	41	41	43	44	43	62	56	57	58	52

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**Table 12. Presence of Outdoor Features by Category of House and Location: 1994 to 1998—Con.**

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and feature	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES—Con.</b>										
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
With:										
Patio	(B)	3	3	4	4	(B)	14	11	15	12
Porch	10	9	10	12	12	47	42	41	43	41
Deck	12	12	12	14	15	56	52	52	52	52
Without:										
Patio	19	19	21	23	25	89	86	89	85	88
Porch	12	13	14	16	17	53	58	59	57	59
Deck	10	11	11	13	14	44	48	48	48	48
<b>Midwest</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
With:										
Patio	12	11	13	11	15	24	22	22	20	22
Porch	26	28	28	27	30	52	56	48	47	45
Deck	19	19	23	23	28	38	37	39	40	42
Without:										
Patio	38	39	45	46	52	76	78	78	80	78
Porch	24	22	30	30	37	48	44	52	53	55
Deck	31	31	35	34	39	62	63	61	60	58
<b>South</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
With:										
Patio	28	30	35	26	33	33	32	33	29	31
Porch	55	59	66	59	69	65	65	63	65	66
Deck	27	33	36	30	37	32	36	35	32	35
Without:										
Patio	57	62	70	65	73	67	68	67	71	69
Porch	29	32	39	32	36	35	35	37	35	34
Deck	57	58	69	62	68	68	64	65	68	65
<b>West</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
With:										
Patio	16	15	14	13	17	56	54	50	45	46
Porch	17	15	13	13	17	57	54	45	46	48
Deck	14	14	14	16	20	48	51	51	55	56
Without:										
Patio	13	13	14	16	19	44	46	50	55	54
Porch	12	13	15	16	19	43	46	55	54	52
Deck	15	14	14	13	16	52	49	49	45	44
<b>OWNER-BUILT HOUSES</b>										
<b>United States</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
With:										
Patio	34	37	35	35	40	26	27	26	24	25
Porch	73	81	79	83	91	57	59	59	57	57
Deck	55	60	59	68	74	44	44	44	47	46
Without:										
Patio	93	101	101	110	120	74	73	74	76	75
Porch	54	56	56	63	69	43	41	41	43	43
Deck	72	77	77	77	87	56	56	56	53	54
<b>Inside MSAs</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
With:										
Patio	23	24	22	22	25	32	32	29	28	30
Porch	41	44	44	45	49	59	59	59	57	57
Deck	28	31	31	38	39	41	41	42	48	44
Without:										
Patio	46	51	54	58	61	68	68	71	72	70
Porch	28	31	31	35	37	41	41	41	43	43
Deck	41	44	44	42	49	59	59	58	52	56
<b>Outside MSAs</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
With:										
Patio	11	13	13	13	15	20	20	22	20	20
Porch	32	37	35	38	42	55	59	58	56	56
Deck	27	29	28	30	35	47	47	46	46	48
Without:										
Patio	47	50	47	52	59	80	80	78	80	80
Porch	26	25	25	28	32	45	41	42	44	44
Deck	31	33	33	35	38	53	53	54	54	52
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
With:										
Patio	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Porch	6	7	5	6	6	45	44	37	42	36
Deck	8	9	7	8	8	54	50	50	56	51
Without:										
Patio	12	15	13	13	14	90	89	88	90	89
Porch	8	9	9	9	10	55	56	63	58	64
Deck	6	8	7	7	8	46	50	50	44	49

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 12. Presence of Outdoor Features by Category of House and Location: 1994 to 1998—Con.**

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and feature	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>OWNER-BUILT HOUSES—Con.</b>										
Midwest.....	39	41	42	42	47	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio .....	8	7	7	8	9	20	18	17	19	20
Porch .....	18	21	22	21	23	47	50	52	50	48
Deck .....	15	18	16	19	22	39	43	39	45	46
Without:										
Patio .....	32	34	35	35	38	80	82	83	81	80
Porch .....	21	21	20	21	24	53	50	48	50	52
Deck .....	24	24	26	23	25	61	57	61	55	54
South .....	50	55	51	59	66	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio .....	14	15	15	14	18	28	28	28	24	27
Porch .....	34	39	37	40	47	68	72	73	69	71
Deck .....	20	21	20	24	26	39	39	39	41	40
Without:										
Patio .....	36	39	37	44	48	72	72	72	76	73
Porch .....	16	15	14	18	19	32	28	27	31	29
Deck .....	30	34	31	35	40	61	61	61	59	60
West .....	23	25	28	30	31	100	100	100	100	100
With:										
Patio .....	10	12	12	12	11	45	50	42	40	37
Porch .....	14	14	15	16	15	60	58	54	52	49
Deck .....	13	13	15	17	17	54	52	55	57	57
Without:										
Patio .....	13	12	16	18	19	55	50	58	60	63
Porch .....	9	10	13	14	16	40	42	46	48	51
Deck .....	11	12	12	13	13	46	48	45	43	43

B Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of sample size.

<sup>1</sup>Includes houses built for rent (not shown separately).







**Table 14. Number of Stories by Category of House and Location: 1994 to 1998—Con.**

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and number of stories	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES—</b>										
Con.										
South .....	85	91	105	92	106	100	100	100	100	100
1 story .....	50	50	64	58	71	59	55	61	63	67
2 stories or more <sup>2</sup> .....	34	41	40	32	34	41	44	38	35	32
Split level .....	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
West .....	29	28	28	29	36	100	100	100	100	100
1 story .....	15	15	15	15	21	51	55	55	54	57
2 stories or more <sup>2</sup> .....	13	12	12	12	14	46	42	42	43	37
Split level .....	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
<b>OWNER-BUILT HOUSES</b>										
United States .....	127	137	136	146	160	100	100	100	100	100
1 story .....	75	76	81	81	91	59	55	60	55	57
2 stories or more <sup>2</sup> .....	51	58	52	62	64	40	42	38	42	40
Split level .....	(B)	3	3	4	4	(B)	2	2	3	3
Inside MSAs .....	69	75	75	81	86	100	100	100	100	100
1 story .....	38	37	41	40	45	55	50	54	50	52
2 stories or more <sup>2</sup> .....	31	36	33	39	38	45	48	44	47	45
Split level .....	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	3	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	3
Outside MSAs .....	58	62	61	65	74	100	100	100	100	100
1 story .....	37	39	40	41	46	64	62	67	62	63
2 stories or more <sup>2</sup> .....	20	22	19	23	26	35	36	31	36	35
Split level .....	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Northeast .....	14	17	15	15	16	100	100	100	100	100
1 story .....	4	5	4	5	4	28	27	26	31	25
2 stories or more <sup>2</sup> .....	10	12	11	10	11	70	70	72	67	71
Split level .....	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Midwest .....	39	41	42	42	47	100	100	100	100	100
1 story .....	25	23	25	24	27	63	56	60	56	58
2 stories or more <sup>2</sup> .....	14	17	16	17	18	34	42	37	40	38
Split level .....	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
South .....	50	55	51	59	66	100	100	100	100	100
1 story .....	33	34	34	36	41	65	62	67	62	62
2 stories or more <sup>2</sup> .....	17	20	16	21	25	35	36	32	37	37
Split level .....	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
West .....	23	25	28	30	31	100	100	100	100	100
1 story .....	13	14	18	16	19	56	58	64	53	62
2 stories or more <sup>2</sup> .....	10	9	9	13	11	42	38	34	43	35
Split level .....	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)

B Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of sample size.

<sup>1</sup>Includes houses built for rent (not shown separately).

<sup>2</sup>Includes a small number of houses with 1 1/2, 2 1/2, or 3 stories.





**Table 15. Square Feet of Floor Area by Category of House and Location: 1994 to 1998—Con.**

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Category of house, location, and square feet of floor area	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>OWNER-BUILT HOUSES—Con.</b>										
<b>Midwest</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Under 1,200 square feet	4	4	4	6	6	11	9	10	13	13
1,200 to 1,599 square feet	8	9	8	9	10	19	21	20	20	22
1,600 to 1,999 square feet	9	9	11	9	12	24	21	25	22	26
2,000 to 2,399 square feet	6	7	7	8	6	15	17	17	18	14
2,400 to 2,999 square feet	5	6	7	6	7	13	14	16	14	14
3,000 square feet or more	7	7	5	6	6	18	18	12	13	12
<b>South</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Under 1,200 square feet	6	6	6	7	7	11	10	11	11	10
1,200 to 1,599 square feet	9	11	9	8	11	19	20	17	14	17
1,600 to 1,999 square feet	10	10	11	14	15	21	18	21	25	22
2,000 to 2,399 square feet	7	9	10	10	12	14	16	20	17	18
2,400 to 2,999 square feet	7	8	8	10	9	14	15	16	17	14
3,000 square feet or more	10	11	8	9	12	21	21	16	16	19
<b>West</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Under 1,200 square feet	(B)	(B)	3	(B)	3	(B)	(B)	12	(B)	11
1,200 to 1,599 square feet	4	4	4	4	5	19	15	13	12	17
1,600 to 1,999 square feet	4	4	7	7	7	16	18	24	23	22
2,000 to 2,399 square feet	4	4	4	6	5	16	14	15	19	16
2,400 to 2,999 square feet	4	4	4	5	4	16	15	16	15	14
3,000 square feet or more	6	7	6	7	6	24	28	20	23	20

B Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of sample size.

<sup>1</sup>Includes houses built for rent (not shown separately).

**Table 16. Average and Median Square Feet of Floor Area by Category of House, Location, and Type of Financing: 1994 to 1998**

[Averages and medians computed from unrounded figures]

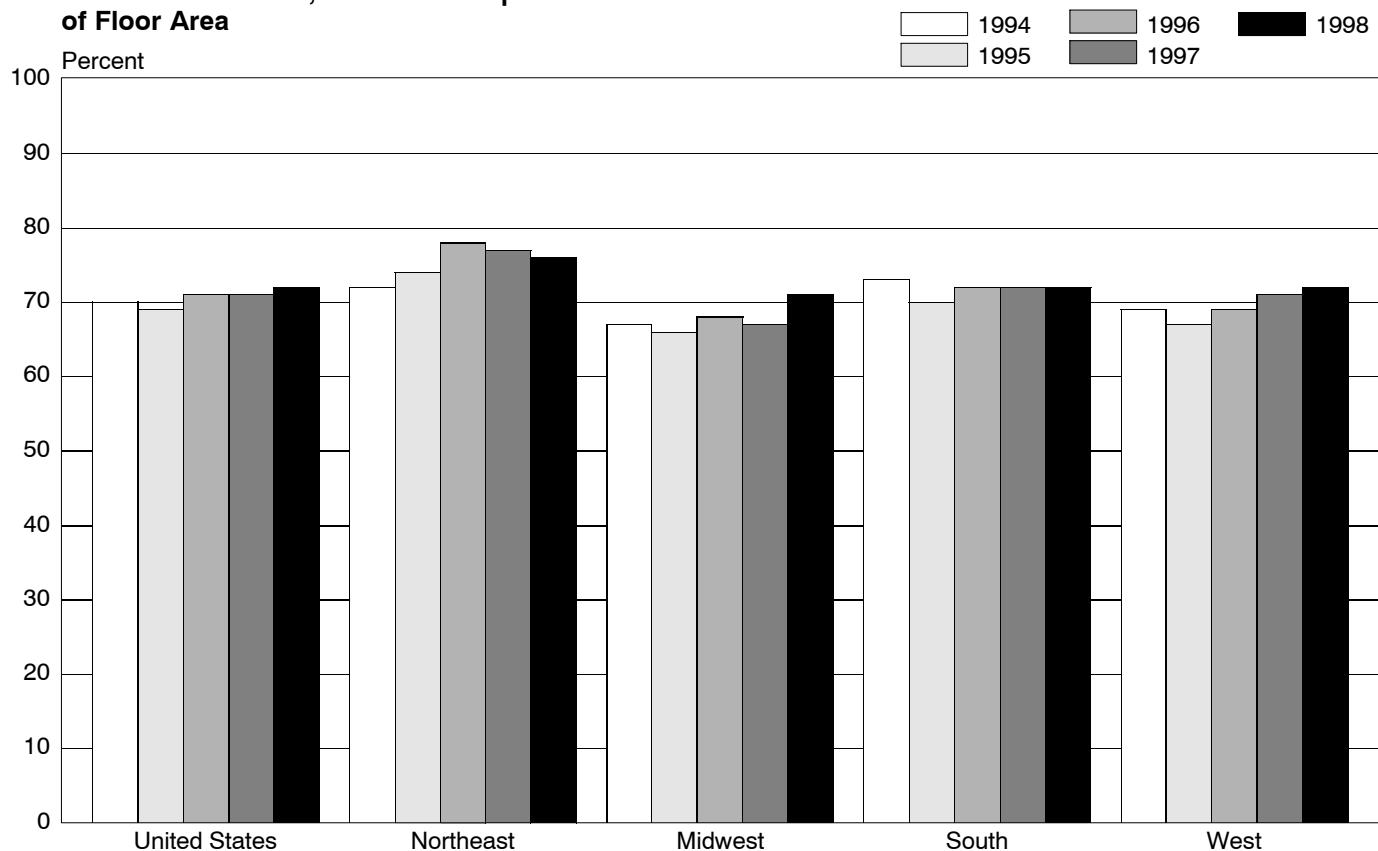
Category of house, location, and type of financing	Average square feet					Median square feet				
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>ALL NEW HOUSES<sup>1</sup></b>										
<b>Location</b>										
United States .....	<b>2 190</b>	<b>2 150</b>	<b>2 120</b>	<b>2 095</b>	<b>2 100</b>	<b>2 000</b>	<b>1 975</b>	<b>1 950</b>	<b>1 920</b>	<b>1 940</b>
Inside MSAs .....	2 250	2 200	2 170	2 150	2 160	2 050	2 015	2 000	1 975	1 995
Outside MSAs .....	1 930	1 955	1 915	1 870	1 865	1 750	1 765	1 735	1 720	1 700
Northeast .....	2 270	2 265	2 280	2 240	2 195	2 100	2 130	2 100	2 095	2 035
Midwest .....	2 125	2 065	2 025	2 020	2 025	1 945	1 900	1 900	1 850	1 850
South .....	2 200	2 175	2 160	2 125	2 165	2 000	2 000	1 995	1 945	2 000
West .....	2 200	2 135	2 070	2 045	2 025	1 985	1 930	1 890	1 835	1 835
<b>Type of Financing</b>										
FHA insured .....	1 590	1 585	1 565	1 560	1 625	1 520	1 510	1 500	1 470	1 545
VA guaranteed .....	1 885	1 825	1 795	1 770	1 815	1 765	1 720	1 680	1 640	1 745
Conventional <sup>2</sup> .....	2 285	2 255	2 220	2 195	2 200	2 100	2 100	2 055	2 020	2 050
Rural Housing Service .....	1 390	1 355	1 440	1 240	1 165	1 300	1 265	1 300	1 175	1 090
Cash .....	2 170	2 060	2 040	2 030	2 000	1 935	1 835	1 825	1 800	1 795
<b>HOUSES BUILT FOR SALE</b>										
<b>Location</b>										
United States .....	<b>2 160</b>	<b>2 100</b>	<b>2 085</b>	<b>2 045</b>	<b>2 050</b>	<b>1 990</b>	<b>1 945</b>	<b>1 945</b>	<b>1 870</b>	<b>1 900</b>
Inside MSAs .....	2 200	2 135	2 120	2 085	2 090	2 025	1 990	1 980	1 930	1 945
Outside MSAs .....	1 770	1 745	1 715	1 660	1 680	1 610	1 620	1 610	1 565	1 560
Northeast .....	2 305	2 255	2 270	2 175	2 130	2 115	2 130	2 065	2 010	1 965
Midwest .....	2 070	1 995	1 960	1 945	1 975	1 910	1 840	1 835	1 800	1 800
South .....	2 190	2 135	2 155	2 115	2 135	2 000	1 990	1 995	1 955	1 990
West .....	2 125	2 055	2 000	1 955	1 950	1 950	1 870	1 850	1 795	1 805
<b>Type of Financing</b>										
FHA insured .....	1 580	1 570	1 565	1 545	1 620	1 520	1 510	1 505	1 465	1 550
VA guaranteed .....	1 865	1 815	1 790	1 775	1 805	1 750	1 700	1 675	1 645	1 735
Conventional <sup>2</sup> .....	2 275	2 215	2 205	2 165	2 160	2 115	2 080	2 050	2 020	2 030
Rural Housing Service .....	1 330	1 305	1 425	1 280	1 155	1 270	1 220	1 300	1 220	1 090
Cash .....	2 185	2 045	2 030	1 970	1 985	1 935	1 855	1 820	1 730	1 800
<b>CONTRACTOR-BUILT HOUSES</b>										
<b>Location</b>										
United States .....	<b>2 445</b>	<b>2 410</b>	<b>2 335</b>	<b>2 325</b>	<b>2 295</b>	<b>2 160</b>	<b>2 175</b>	<b>2 100</b>	<b>2 080</b>	<b>2 080</b>
Inside MSAs .....	2 590	2 560	2 450	2 480	2 455	2 300	2 295	2 200	2 200	2 200
Outside MSAs .....	2 175	2 170	2 130	2 060	2 000	1 950	1 995	1 920	1 910	1 835
Northeast .....	2 360	2 410	2 400	2 390	2 350	2 110	2 300	2 200	2 290	2 200
Midwest .....	2 380	2 280	2 250	2 255	2 210	2 115	2 090	2 040	2 040	2 015
South .....	2 410	2 425	2 315	2 290	2 305	2 160	2 190	2 080	2 000	2 050
West .....	2 720	2 600	2 540	2 515	2 390	2 375	2 245	2 245	2 200	2 160
<b>Type of Financing</b>										
FHA insured .....	(S)	1 805	1 540	(S)	1 485	(S)	1 665	1 500	(S)	1 380
VA guaranteed .....	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Conventional <sup>2</sup> .....	2 445	2 450	2 370	2 345	2 350	2 160	2 235	2 160	2 100	2 160
Rural Housing Service .....	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	1 090
Cash .....	2 440	2 300	2 290	2 295	2 170	2 160	2 035	2 080	2 000	1 955
<b>OWNER-BUILT HOUSES</b>										
<b>Location</b>										
United States .....	<b>2 240</b>	<b>2 250</b>	<b>2 165</b>	<b>2 190</b>	<b>2 160</b>	<b>2 000</b>	<b>2 020</b>	<b>2 005</b>	<b>2 000</b>	<b>1 955</b>
Inside MSAs .....	2 465	2 455	2 320	2 375	2 345	2 240	2 270	2 160	2 180	2 160
Outside MSAs .....	1 975	2 010	1 985	1 960	1 935	1 800	1 800	1 815	1 870	1 790
Northeast .....	2 335	2 260	2 285	2 320	2 315	2 185	2 000	2 185	2 160	2 160
Midwest .....	2 120	2 160	2 060	2 050	1 985	1 920	1 950	1 900	1 920	1 800
South .....	2 225	2 245	2 175	2 170	2 215	1 985	2 050	2 030	1 980	2 000
West .....	2 410	2 405	2 245	2 380	2 230	2 175	2 140	2 015	2 160	1 995
<b>Type of Financing</b>										
FHA insured .....	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
VA guaranteed .....	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Conventional <sup>2</sup> .....	2 315	2 350	2 285	2 305	2 250	2 100	2 160	2 115	2 100	2 045
Rural Housing Service .....	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Cash .....	2 035	2 005	1 920	1 975	1 970	1 800	1 780	1 700	1 800	1 750

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<sup>1</sup>Includes houses built for rent (not shown separately).

<sup>2</sup>Includes other types of financing (not shown separately).

Figure 4.  
**New Houses With 1,600 or More Square Feet  
of Floor Area**



**New Houses With a Full or Partial Basement**

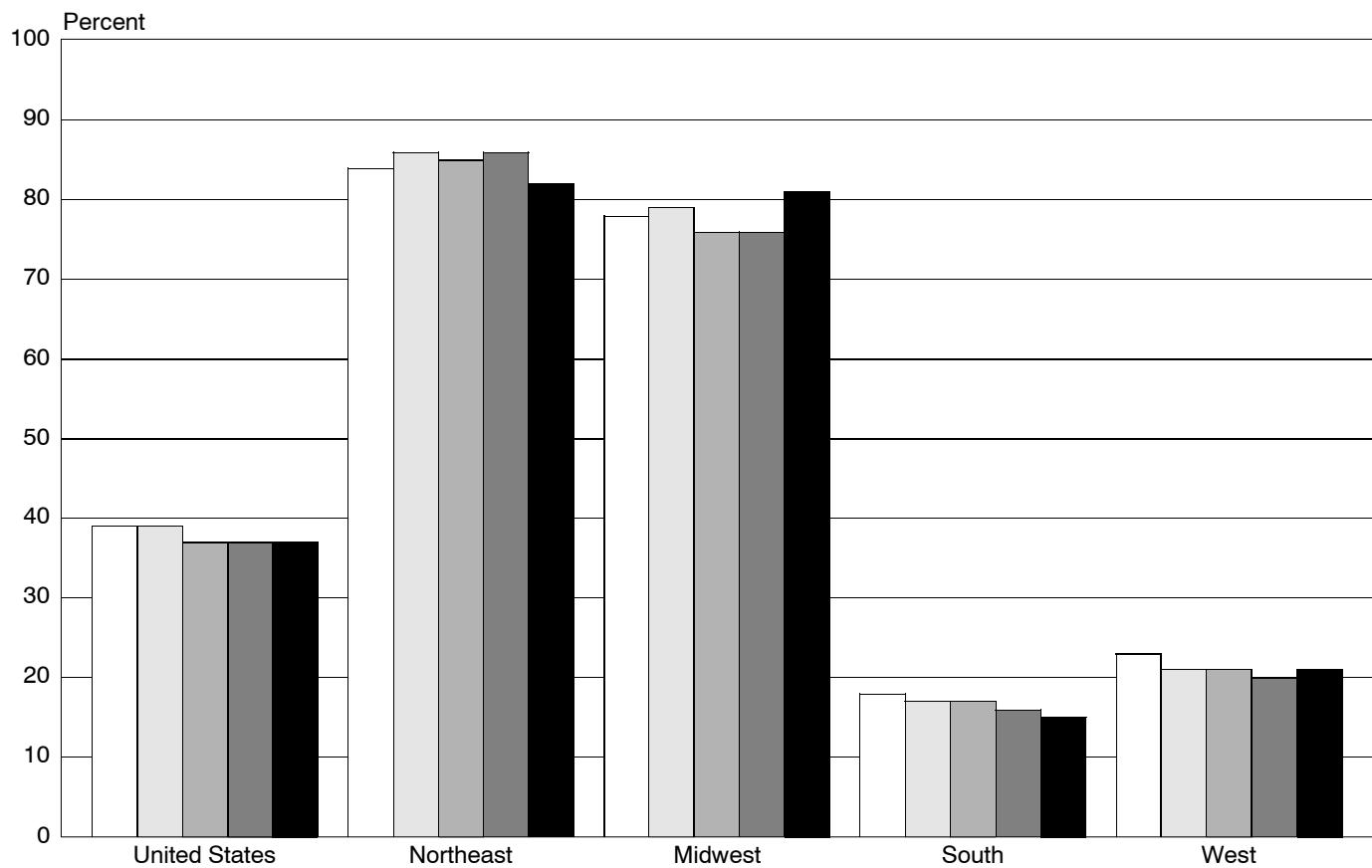
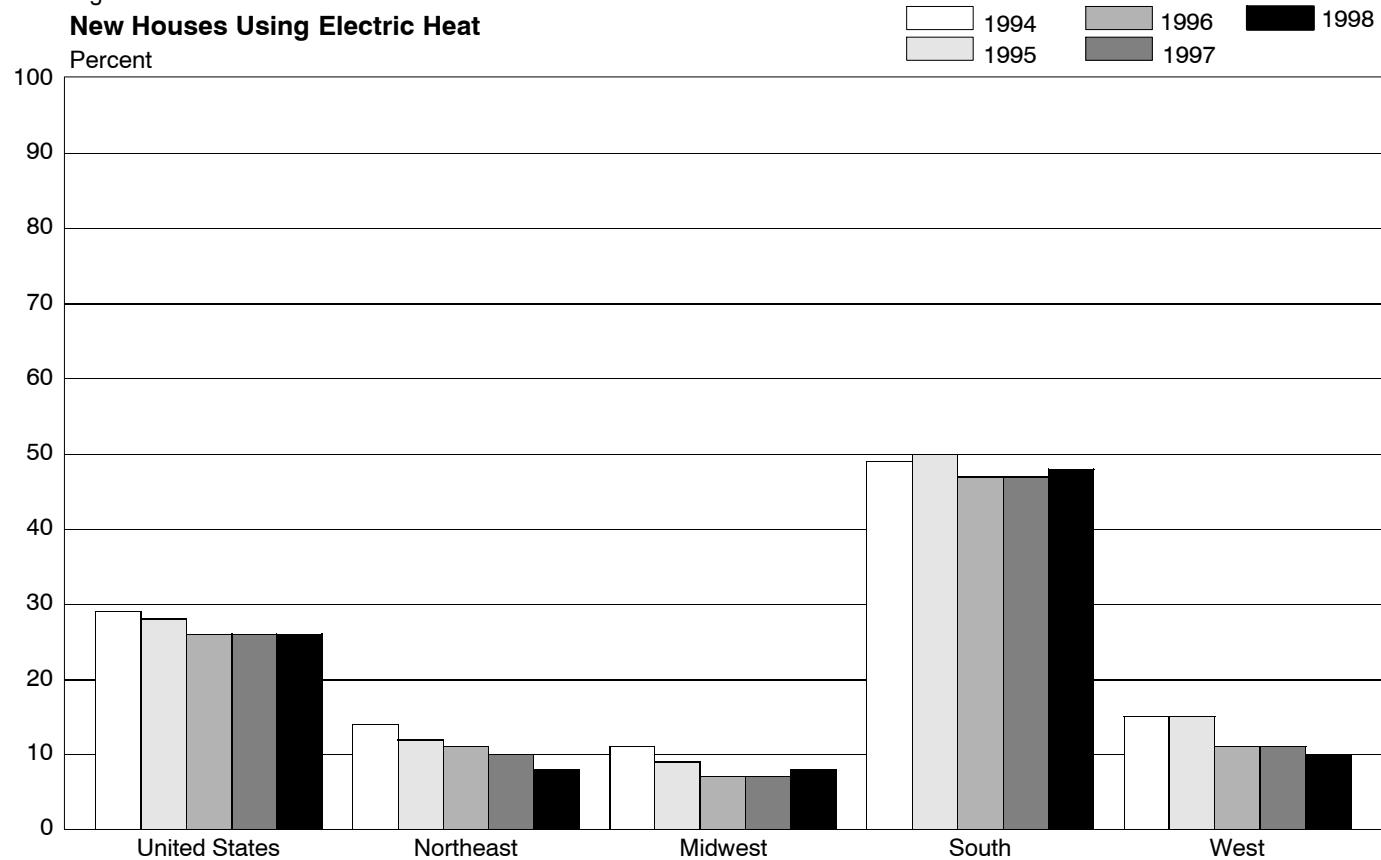
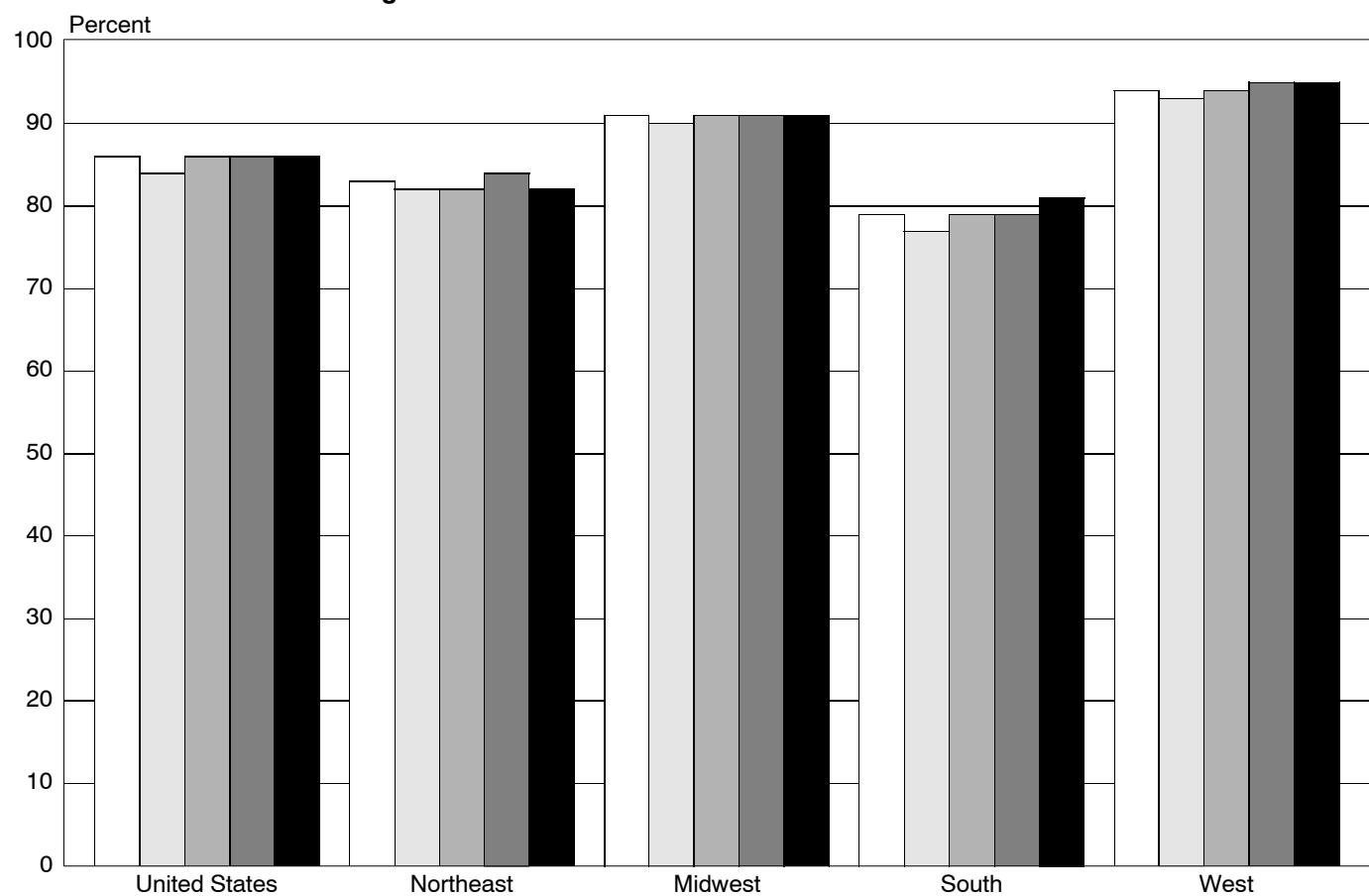


Figure 5.

**New Houses Using Electric Heat**



**New Houses With a Garage**



**Table 17. Characteristics of New Multifamily Buildings by Region: 1994 to 1998**

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Characteristics and region	Number of buildings (thousands)					Percent distribution					
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	
<b>United States</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	
Northeast	3	3	2	4	2	9	11	8	17	9	
Midwest	8	7	7	7	6	26	21	25	26	26	
South	13	12	11	8	8	43	41	38	31	36	
West	8	8	8	7	7	23	26	28	26	29	
<b>NUMBER OF FLOORS</b>											
<b>United States</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	
1 to 3 floors	31	29	29	27	23	98	98	99	98	99	
4 floors or more	1	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	2	2	(S)	(S)	(S)	
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	
1 to 3 floors	2	3	2	4	2	95	98	98	96	99	
4 floors or more	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	
<b>Midwest</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	
1 to 3 floors	8	7	7	7	6	99	99	99	99	100	
4 floors or more	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	
<b>South</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	
1 to 3 floors	13	12	11	8	8	98	98	98	98	98	
4 floors or more	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	
<b>West</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	
1 to 3 floors	8	8	8	7	7	98	99	99	99	98	
4 floors or more	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	
<b>NUMBER OF UNITS</b>											
<b>United States</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	
2 to 4 units	15	13	12	13	11	46	44	41	46	50	
5 to 9 units	6	7	7	6	6	20	24	24	23	25	
10 to 19 units	6	6	7	5	4	20	21	23	19	16	
20 to 29 units	3	2	3	2	1	11	8	9	9	5	
30 to 49 units	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	2	3	
50 units or more	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	
2 to 4 units	2	(Z)	1	(S)	1	75	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	
5 to 9 units	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	
10 to 19 units	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	
20 to 29 units	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	
30 to 49 units	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	
50 units or more	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	
<b>Midwest</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	
2 to 4 units	5	4	4	4	4	61	49	57	60	59	
5 to 9 units	1	1	1	1	1	14	17	17	18	15	
10 to 19 units	1	2	1	1	1	16	24	17	13	12	
20 to 29 units	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	7	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	
30 to 49 units	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	
50 units or more	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	
<b>South</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	
2 to 4 units	4	3	3	2	4	27	26	31	22	42	
5 to 9 units	3	4	2	2	2	25	31	22	28	27	
10 to 19 units	3	3	3	2	2	26	25	28	29	20	
20 to 29 units	2	2	2	1	1	18	14	16	17	7	
30 to 49 units	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	
50 units or more	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	
<b>West</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	
2 to 4 units	3	3	3	3	3	34	35	39	45	45	
5 to 9 units	2	3	3	2	2	28	35	34	33	34	
10 to 19 units	2	2	2	1	1	26	22	23	21	17	
20 to 29 units	1	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	9	7	(S)	(S)	(S)	
30 to 49 units	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	
50 units or more	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	
<b>AIR-CONDITIONING</b>											
<b>United States</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	
With air-conditioning	28	25	25	22	19	87	84	85	81	82	
Without air-conditioning	4	5	4	5	4	13	16	15	19	18	
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	
With air-conditioning	2	2	2	(S)	1	69	69	76	(S)	62	
Without air-conditioning	1	1	1	(S)	(S)	31	31	24	(S)	(S)	
<b>Midwest</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	
With air-conditioning	7	6	7	6	5	92	90	93	92	92	
Without air-conditioning	1	1	1	1	(Z)	8	10	7	8	(S)	
<b>South</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	
With air-conditioning	13	12	11	8	8	100	100	100	99	99	
Without air-conditioning	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	
<b>West</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	
With air-conditioning	5	5	5	3	4	65	60	62	47	59	
Without air-conditioning	3	3	3	4	3	35	40	38	53	41	

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 17. Characteristics of New Multifamily Buildings by Region: 1994 to 1998—Con.**

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Characteristics and region	Number of buildings (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>TYPE OF HEATING FUEL</b>										
<b>United States</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Electricity .....	14	14	13	10	9	46	46	44	38	39
Gas .....	17	16	16	17	14	54	54	56	61	59
Oil .....	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Other types .....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Electricity .....	(Z)	1	(Z)	(S)	(Z)	(S)	17	(S)	(S)	(S)
Gas .....	3	2	2	(S)	2	98	83	96	(S)	84
Oil .....	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Other types .....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
<b>Midwest</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Electricity .....	1	1	2	1	1	18	18	20	16	16
Gas .....	7	6	6	6	5	82	81	80	84	84
Oil .....	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Other types .....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
<b>South</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Electricity .....	11	9	8	5	6	79	76	74	61	71
Gas .....	3	3	3	3	2	21	24	26	39	28
Oil .....	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Other types .....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
<b>West</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Electricity .....	2	3	3	3	2	31	37	35	38	28
Gas .....	5	5	5	4	5	66	62	62	57	68
Oil .....	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Other types .....	(S)	(S)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
<b>HEAT PUMP</b>										
<b>United States</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
With a heat pump .....	10	8	7	6	5	31	27	24	20	24
Without a heat pump .....	22	22	22	22	17	70	73	76	80	76
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
With a heat pump .....	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	98	91	(S)	(S)
Without a heat pump .....	3	2	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
<b>Midwest</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
With a heat pump .....	1	(Z)	(Z)	1	1	13	(S)	(S)	8	10
Without a heat pump .....	7	7	7	6	5	87	94	96	92	91
<b>South</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
With a heat pump .....	7	6	6	3	4	54	52	49	40	44
Without a heat pump .....	6	6	6	5	5	46	48	51	60	56
<b>West</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
With a heat pump .....	1	1	1	1	1	18	16	14	10	17
Without a heat pump .....	6	7	7	6	6	82	84	86	90	83

S Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of response rate, associated standard error, or a consistency review. Z Fewer than 500 buildings or less than 0.5 percent.

**Table 18. Characteristics of Units in Multifamily Buildings by Region: 1994 to 1998**

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Characteristics and region	Number of units (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>United States</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Northeast	21	19	17	19	11	7	7	6	8	6
Midwest	62	59	60	56	52	20	21	21	23	28
South	154	129	130	109	74	49	45	46	44	39
West	78	77	77	63	50	25	27	27	26	27
<b>NUMBER OF FLOORS PER BUILDING</b>										
<b>United States</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
1 to 3 floors	287	259	267	228	173	91	91	94	92	93
4 floors or more	27	25	17	19	14	9	9	6	8	8
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
1 to 3 floors	14	16	12	10	6	66	86	(S)	64	96
4 floors or more	7	3	(S)	7	(Z)	34	15	(S)	36	(S)
<b>Midwest</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
1 to 3 floors	59	58	58	55	51	97	98	96	98	98
4 floors or more	2	1	2	1	1	3	2	4	2	3
<b>South</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
1 to 3 floors	143	114	120	101	67	92	88	92	93	91
4 floors or more	12	15	10	8	7	8	12	8	7	9
<b>West</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
1 to 3 floors	71	71	74	60	45	92	92	95	94	89
4 floors or more	6	6	4	4	5	8	8	5	6	11
<b>NUMBER OF UNITS PER BUILDING</b>										
<b>United States</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
2 to 4 units	41	37	33	35	32	13	13	12	14	17
5 to 9 units	46	54	51	46	42	15	19	18	19	23
10 to 19 units	88	86	88	69	49	28	30	31	28	26
20 to 29 units	80	57	58	54	28	25	20	20	22	15
30 to 49 units	23	22	29	24	21	7	8	10	10	11
50 units or more	37	28	26	19	14	12	10	9	8	8
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
2 to 4 units	5	4	3	(S)	3	22	21	19	(S)	30
5 to 9 units	2	2	3	2	3	12	12	17	9	27
10 to 19 units	2	7	4	3	2	9	35	26	18	23
20 to 29 units	3	2	2	3	(S)	14	12	13	15	(S)
30 to 49 units	(Z)	(Z)	3	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	18	(S)	(S)
50 units or more	9	4	1	7	1	43	19	8	38	10
<b>Midwest</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
2 to 4 units	15	13	11	11	10	24	22	19	20	19
5 to 9 units	7	7	8	10	6	12	12	14	18	12
10 to 19 units	15	18	16	14	10	24	31	27	25	19
20 to 29 units	12	7	6	11	9	20	12	10	19	18
30 to 49 units	6	9	9	7	12	10	15	16	13	23
50 units or more	7	5	9	3	5	11	8	14	5	10
<b>South</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
2 to 4 units	12	11	10	10	10	8	9	7	9	14
5 to 9 units	23	25	19	17	17	15	19	14	16	23
10 to 19 units	46	37	41	31	22	30	29	32	29	29
20 to 29 units	51	35	40	32	14	33	27	31	30	19
30 to 49 units	11	10	10	11	7	7	8	7	10	9
50 units or more	11	11	10	6	4	7	9	8	6	5
<b>West</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
2 to 4 units	9	8	9	10	9	11	10	11	15	17
5 to 9 units	14	19	20	17	16	19	25	26	27	32
10 to 19 units	25	24	26	20	15	32	31	33	32	31
20 to 29 units	14	13	10	9	4	18	17	13	14	8
30 to 49 units	5	4	7	4	2	7	5	9	7	4
50 units or more	10	9	5	3	4	13	12	7	5	8
<b>AIR-CONDITIONING</b>										
<b>United States</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
With air-conditioning	286	253	252	212	162	91	89	89	86	87
Without air-conditioning	29	32	32	35	25	9	11	11	14	13
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
With air-conditioning	18	16	16	(S)	8	87	85	90	(S)	80
Without air-conditioning	3	3	2	(S)	2	14	15	10	(S)	20
<b>Midwest</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
With air-conditioning	58	56	57	52	50	95	95	95	94	95
Without air-conditioning	3	3	3	4	2	5	5	5	6	5
<b>South</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
With air-conditioning	154	128	129	108	73	100	100	99	99	99
Without air-conditioning	(Z)	(Z)	1	1	1	(S)	(S)	1	1	1
<b>West</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
With air-conditioning	55	52	51	36	31	71	68	66	56	61
Without air-conditioning	23	25	26	28	20	29	33	34	44	39

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 18. Characteristics of Units in Multifamily Buildings by Region: 1994 to 1998—Con.**

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Characteristics and region	Number of units (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>TYPE OF HEATING FUEL</b>										
United States .....	314	284	284	247	187	100	100	100	100	100
Electricity .....	173	155	147	126	86	55	54	52	51	46
Gas .....	137	128	135	117	97	44	45	48	47	52
Oil .....	3	(Z)	(Z)	1	(S)	1	(S)	(S)	1	(S)
Other types .....	2	(Z)	2	3	3	1	(S)	1	1	2
Northeast .....	21	19	17	19	11	100	100	100	100	100
Electricity .....	(S)	(S)	2	5	1	(S)	(S)	9	26	13
Gas .....	19	13	15	13	9	90	72	89	68	81
Oil .....	2	(Z)	(Z)	1	(S)	10	(S)	(S)	6	(S)
Other types .....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Midwest .....	62	59	60	56	52	100	100	100	100	100
Electricity .....	18	13	11	12	11	29	22	19	22	21
Gas .....	44	46	48	44	41	71	78	81	78	79
Oil .....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Other types .....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
South .....	154	129	130	109	74	100	100	100	100	100
Electricity .....	123	102	103	79	55	80	80	79	73	75
Gas .....	31	26	27	29	18	20	21	21	27	25
Oil .....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Other types .....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
West .....	78	77	77	63	50	100	100	100	100	100
Electricity .....	32	34	31	29	19	41	44	40	46	37
Gas .....	44	42	45	31	29	56	55	58	49	58
Oil .....	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	1	(S)	2	(S)	5
Other types .....	2	1	2	3	3	2	1	2	(S)	6
<b>HEAT PUMP</b>										
United States .....	314	284	284	247	187	100	100	100	100	100
With a heat pump .....	102	85	83	66	48	33	30	29	27	26
Without a heat pump .....	212	199	202	181	139	68	70	71	73	74
Northeast .....	21	19	17	19	11	100	100	100	100	100
With a heat pump .....	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
Without a heat pump .....	20	16	(S)	(S)	(S)	96	84	(S)	(S)	(S)
Midwest .....	62	59	60	56	52	100	100	100	100	100
With a heat pump .....	6	3	2	5	3	9	6	3	9	6
Without a heat pump .....	56	56	58	51	49	91	94	97	92	94
South .....	154	129	130	109	74	100	100	100	100	100
With a heat pump .....	78	63	66	47	31	51	49	51	43	42
Without a heat pump .....	76	65	64	62	42	49	51	49	57	58
West .....	78	77	77	63	50	100	100	100	100	100
With a heat pump .....	17	15	13	10	12	23	20	17	16	23
Without a heat pump .....	60	62	64	53	39	78	81	83	84	77
<b>BEDROOMS PER UNIT</b>										
United States .....	314	284	284	247	187	100	100	100	100	100
Efficiencies .....	7	6	4	5	4	2	2	2	2	2
1 bedroom .....	93	76	76	65	51	30	27	27	26	27
2 bedrooms .....	163	155	157	138	104	52	55	55	56	56
3 bedrooms or more .....	51	46	47	40	29	16	16	17	16	15
Northeast .....	21	19	17	19	11	100	100	100	100	100
Efficiencies .....	1	2	1	1	(S)	5	10	3	5	(S)
1 bedroom .....	10	4	5	8	2	48	22	31	40	18
2 bedrooms .....	7	8	9	8	6	32	42	53	44	57
3 bedrooms or more .....	3	5	2	(S)	(S)	16	26	13	(S)	(S)
Midwest .....	62	59	60	56	52	100	100	100	100	100
Efficiencies .....	2	(Z)	(Z)	1	(S)	3	(S)	3	(S)	(S)
1 bedroom .....	16	13	12	10	15	25	22	19	19	29
2 bedrooms .....	36	37	37	35	31	59	62	62	62	60
3 bedrooms or more .....	8	10	11	9	5	13	16	18	16	10
South .....	154	129	130	109	74	100	100	100	100	100
Efficiencies .....	2	1	(S)	1	(S)	2	1	1	1	(S)
1 bedroom .....	45	39	37	33	22	29	30	29	30	30
2 bedrooms .....	81	70	69	59	39	53	55	53	54	54
3 bedrooms or more .....	26	18	21	16	12	17	14	16	15	16
West .....	78	77	77	63	50	100	100	100	100	100
Efficiencies .....	2	3	1	1	2	3	4	1	2	4
1 bedroom .....	23	21	21	14	12	30	27	27	23	24
2 bedrooms .....	39	40	42	36	27	50	52	54	57	54
3 bedrooms or more .....	14	14	14	12	10	17	18	18	19	19
<b>BATHROOMS PER UNIT</b>										
United States .....	314	284	284	247	187	100	100	100	100	100
1 bathroom .....	136	120	115	106	89	43	42	40	43	48
1 1/2 bathrooms .....	23	25	24	20	15	7	9	8	8	8
2 bathrooms or more .....	156	139	145	121	82	49	49	51	49	44
Northeast .....	21	19	17	19	11	100	100	100	100	100
1 bathroom .....	14	9	8	11	6	67	46	47	57	54
1 1/2 bathrooms .....	2	1	2	1	1	10	8	11	4	13
2 bathrooms or more .....	5	9	7	7	3	24	46	42	39	33
Midwest .....	62	59	60	56	52	100	100	100	100	100
1 bathroom .....	33	29	29	26	31	53	49	48	46	61
1 1/2 bathrooms .....	8	10	10	8	6	12	17	17	14	12
2 bathrooms or more .....	21	20	21	22	14	35	34	35	40	28
South .....	154	129	130	109	74	100	100	100	100	100
1 bathroom .....	56	49	50	43	32	37	38	39	40	44
1 1/2 bathrooms .....	10	10	8	10	4	7	8	6	9	6
2 bathrooms or more .....	88	69	72	55	37	57	54	55	51	50

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**Table 18. Characteristics of Units in Multifamily Buildings by Region: 1994 to 1998—Con.**

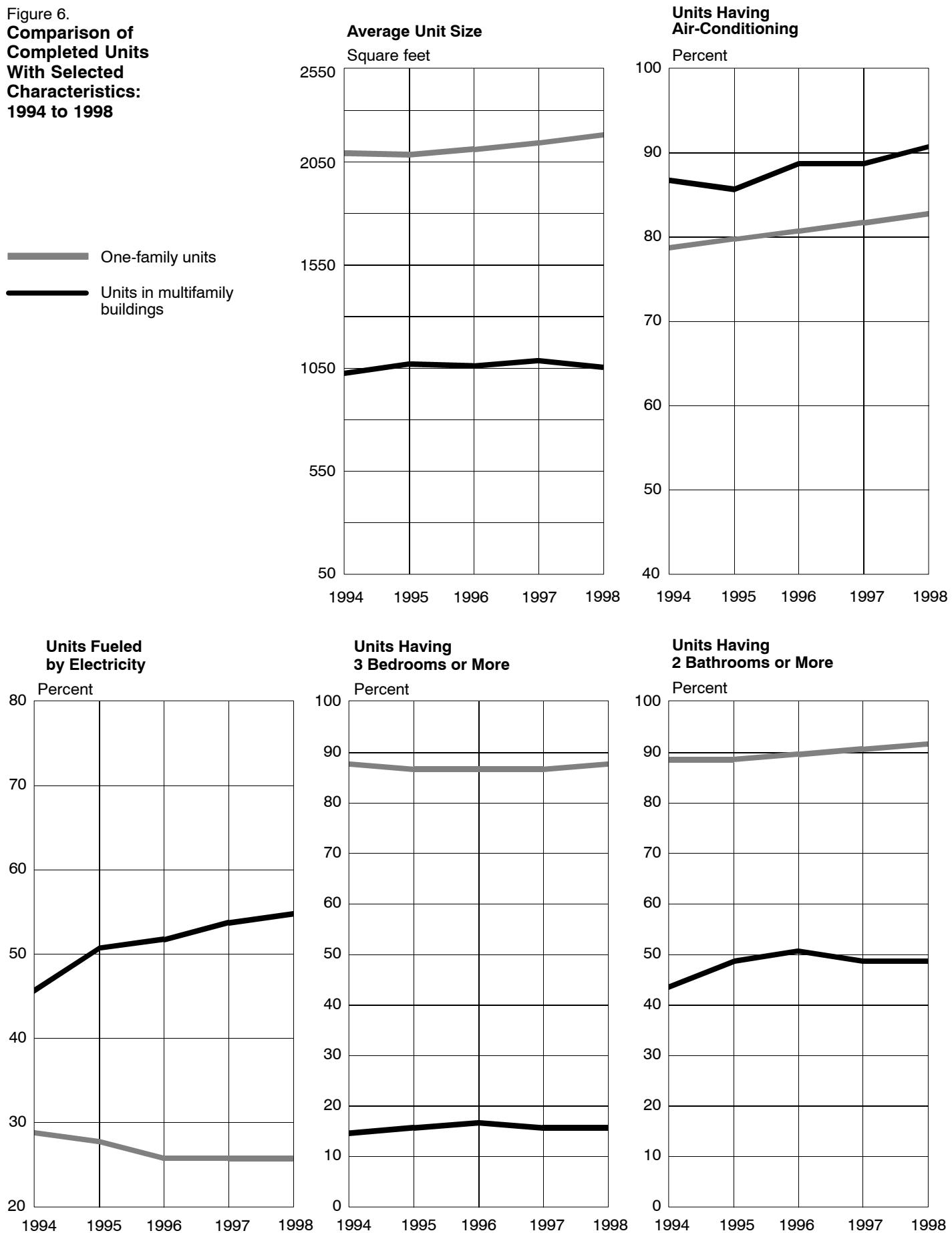
[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Characteristics and region	Number of units (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>BATHROOMS PER UNIT—Con.</b>										
West.....	<b>78</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
1 bathroom .....	33	33	28	26	20	42	43	36	41	39
1 1/2 bathrooms .....	3	3	4	2	3	4	4	6	3	5
2 bathrooms or more .....	42	41	45	36	28	54	53	59	56	56
<b>AVERAGE SQUARE FEET PER UNIT/PER BUILDING<sup>1</sup></b>										
United States.....	<b>314</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Less than 600 square feet .....	10	14	15	10	8	3	5	4	4	4
600 to 799 square feet .....	44	36	27	33	31	14	13	10	13	17
800 to 999 square feet .....	95	69	85	65	50	30	24	30	26	27
1,000 to 1,199 square feet .....	86	90	84	73	57	27	32	30	30	31
1,200 square feet or more .....	80	76	73	66	41	26	27	26	27	22
Northeast.....	<b>21</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Less than 600 square feet .....	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
600 to 799 square feet .....	4	3	(S)	(S)	(S)	22	14	(S)	(S)	(S)
800 to 999 square feet .....	6	2	(S)	(S)	(S)	29	11	(S)	(S)	(S)
1,000 to 1,199 square feet .....	4	7	(S)	(S)	(S)	18	39	(S)	(S)	(S)
1,200 square feet or more .....	4	6	(S)	(S)	(S)	21	30	(S)	(S)	(S)
Midwest.....	<b>62</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Less than 600 square feet .....	2	4	2	2	2	3	7	3	4	4
600 to 799 square feet .....	10	6	5	4	5	16	10	8	7	10
800 to 999 square feet .....	19	12	19	14	17	31	20	32	26	32
1,000 to 1,199 square feet .....	13	21	18	19	19	22	36	31	35	36
1,200 square feet or more .....	17	16	16	16	9	28	27	26	28	18
South.....	<b>154</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Less than 600 square feet .....	3	6	6	5	3	2	5	5	4	4
600 to 799 square feet .....	16	17	14	15	15	11	14	10	14	20
800 to 999 square feet .....	47	32	40	26	17	30	25	30	24	23
1,000 to 1,199 square feet .....	48	38	43	33	21	31	30	33	30	29
1,200 square feet or more .....	40	35	28	29	18	26	27	22	27	25
West.....	<b>78</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Less than 600 square feet .....	2	2	3	1	3	3	3	2	2	6
600 to 799 square feet .....	13	10	8	11	10	17	13	10	17	19
800 to 999 square feet .....	23	23	26	18	12	30	30	34	28	25
1,000 to 1,199 square feet .....	21	23	19	18	15	27	29	25	28	29
1,200 square feet or more .....	18	19	22	16	11	23	25	28	25	21
<b>AVERAGE AND MEDIAN SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR AREA<sup>1</sup></b>										
<b>United States</b>										
Average .....	1 065	1 095	1 070	1 080	1 035	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median .....	1 020	1 050	1 030	1 040	1 015	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
<b>Northeast</b>										
Average .....	1 020	1 160	(S)	(S)	(S)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median .....	(S)	1 090	(S)	(S)	(S)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
<b>Midwest</b>										
Average .....	1 080	1 110	1 065	1 085	1 025	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median .....	995	1 070	1 030	1 075	1 020	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
<b>South</b>										
Average .....	1 080	1 095	1 065	1 045	1 060	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median .....	1 045	1 050	1 025	1 045	1 025	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
<b>West</b>										
Average .....	1 040	1 060	1 085	1 095	1 015	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median .....	995	1 025	1 020	1 015	995	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

S Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of response rate, associated standard error, or a consistency review. X Not applicable. Z Fewer than 500 units or less than 0.5 percent.

<sup>1</sup>All units in building are included in one size category based on average number of square feet per housing unit. The average was calculated using total square feet of all floors based on exterior dimensions divided by number of housing units in the building. Hallways, lobbies, and elevator shafts were included in the total floor area; unfinished basements, common laundry rooms, etc., were excluded.

**Figure 6.**  
**Comparison of Completed Units With Selected Characteristics: 1994 to 1998**







**Table 20. Closing Costs Included in Sales Price of Houses by Location and Type of Financing: 1994 to 1998**

[Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Closing costs, location, and type of financing	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>United States</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Included	199	192	175	153	149	22	24	23	23	22
Not included	687	612	582	514	521	78	76	77	77	78
<b>Inside MSAs</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>691</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Included	172	168	152	138	132	21	23	22	23	22
Not included	634	566	539	470	477	79	77	78	77	78
<b>Outside MSAs</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Included	27	24	23	15	17	34	35	35	26	28
Not included	53	45	43	44	44	66	65	65	74	72
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Included	5	5	5	3	4	6	6	7	5	7
Not included	76	73	69	52	57	94	94	93	95	93
<b>Midwest</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Included	26	29	31	27	19	16	21	23	22	15
Not included	138	110	106	98	104	84	79	77	78	85
<b>South</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Included	135	131	113	99	98	34	36	34	33	33
Not included	263	233	224	201	198	66	64	66	67	67
<b>West</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Included	34	28	26	24	28	14	13	12	13	15
Not included	209	195	183	163	163	86	87	88	87	85
<b>FHA insured</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Included	23	26	24	20	21	25	29	27	26	27
Not included	67	64	65	58	57	75	71	73	74	73
<b>VA guaranteed</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Included	16	16	17	17	18	35	34	33	34	35
Not included	30	31	35	33	33	65	66	67	66	65
<b>Conventional<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>693</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Included	146	138	121	104	98	21	22	21	21	20
Not included	547	478	449	387	392	79	78	79	79	80
<b>Rural Housing Service</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Included	5	3	4	4	3	60	51	45	44	34
Not included	3	3	5	5	6	40	49	55	56	66
<b>Cash</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Included	10	9	9	8	7	20	21	25	21	18
Not included	38	36	29	31	34	80	79	75	79	82

B Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of sample size.

<sup>1</sup>Includes other types of financing (not shown separately).



**Table 21. Price Per Square Foot of Floor Area by Location: 1994 to 1998—Con.**

[Price per square foot of floor area excludes value of improved lot. Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Price per square foot and location	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>South . . . . .</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>295</b>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Houses sold reporting sales price per square foot . . . . .	328	290	236	198	209	100	100	100	100	100
With price per square foot:										
Under \$35.00 . . . . .	11	12	12	8	15	3	4	5	4	7
\$35.00 to \$39.99 . . . . .	18	20	17	15	27	5	7	7	8	13
\$40.00 to \$44.99 . . . . .	38	34	34	34	34	11	12	15	17	16
\$45.00 to \$49.99 . . . . .	49	48	36	37	36	15	16	15	18	17
\$50.00 to \$54.99 . . . . .	52	42	35	32	29	16	14	15	16	14
\$55.00 to \$59.99 . . . . .	43	41	30	25	24	13	14	13	13	11
\$60.00 to \$64.99 . . . . .	37	28	23	15	14	11	10	10	8	7
\$65.00 to \$69.99 . . . . .	27	22	19	13	10	8	7	8	6	5
\$70.00 to \$74.99 . . . . .	17	17	12	7	7	5	6	5	3	3
\$75.00 and over . . . . .	37	28	18	13	12	11	10	8	6	6
Average price per square foot . . . . .	58.10	56.65	55.20	53.75	52.00	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median price per square foot . . . . .	54.75	53.75	52.50	50.90	48.80	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
<b>West . . . . .</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>191</b>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Houses sold reporting sales price per square foot . . . . .	212	187	142	115	132	100	100	100	100	100
With price per square foot:										
Under \$35.00 . . . . .	3	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
\$35.00 to \$39.99 . . . . .	5	3	2	3	4	2	2	2	3	3
\$40.00 to \$44.99 . . . . .	7	7	6	7	7	3	4	4	6	5
\$45.00 to \$49.99 . . . . .	16	13	12	12	17	8	7	9	10	13
\$50.00 to \$54.99 . . . . .	21	22	18	16	19	10	12	13	13	14
\$55.00 to \$59.99 . . . . .	28	23	17	14	19	13	12	12	12	15
\$60.00 to \$64.99 . . . . .	26	22	16	15	17	12	12	11	13	13
\$65.00 to \$69.99 . . . . .	21	18	15	13	15	10	10	10	11	11
\$70.00 to \$74.99 . . . . .	22	15	15	8	9	10	8	10	7	7
\$75.00 and over . . . . .	63	61	39	26	25	30	33	28	23	19
Average price per square foot . . . . .	71.35	72.25	70.45	66.80	64.65	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median price per square foot . . . . .	65.00	65.40	63.95	61.35	59.75	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

S Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of response rate, associated standard error, or a consistency review. X Not applicable. Z Fewer than 500 units or less than 0.5 percent.

Note: The nonresponse rate for these data is very high, and it is not reported uniformly by sales price or region.









**Table 24. Selected Characteristics by Design of House: 1998**

[Price per square foot of floor area excludes value of improved lot. Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Averages, medians, and percents computed from unrounded figures]

Characteristic	Number of houses (thousands)			Percent distribution		
	Total	Attached	Detached	Total	Attached	Detached
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Location:						
Inside MSAs . . . . .	806	83	723	91	90	91
Outside MSAs . . . . .	79	9	70	9	10	9
Northeast . . . . .	81	21	60	9	23	7
Midwest . . . . .	164	24	140	18	26	18
South . . . . .	398	32	366	45	35	46
West . . . . .	243	15	228	27	16	29
Sale price:						
Under \$100,000 . . . . .	132	20	112	15	21	14
\$100,000 to \$149,999 . . . . .	295	37	258	33	40	33
\$150,000 to \$199,999 . . . . .	208	18	190	24	19	24
\$200,000 to \$249,999 . . . . .	104	7	97	12	8	12
\$250,000 to \$299,999 . . . . .	59	4	55	7	5	7
\$300,000 and over . . . . .	88	6	82	10	6	10
Average sales price . . . . .	181 900	157 300	185 800	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median sales price . . . . .	152 500	134 900	155 000	(X)	(X)	(X)
Square feet of floor area:						
Under 1,200 square feet . . . . .	46	10	36	5	11	5
1,200 to 1,599 square feet . . . . .	182	34	148	21	37	19
1,600 to 1,999 square feet . . . . .	212	23	189	24	25	24
2,000 to 2,399 square feet . . . . .	170	12	158	19	13	20
2,400 to 2,999 square feet . . . . .	151	8	143	17	9	18
3,000 square feet or more . . . . .	124	4	120	14	4	15
Average square feet . . . . .	2 170	1 755	2 210	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median square feet . . . . .	2 000	1 610	2 045	(X)	(X)	(X)
Total reporting price per square foot of floor area . . . . .	738	59	679	100	100	100
Under \$35.00 . . . . .	16	1	16	2	1	2
\$35.00 to \$39.99 . . . . .	25	2	23	3	3	3
\$40.00 to \$44.99 . . . . .	50	3	47	7	6	7
\$45.00 to \$49.99 . . . . .	75	6	69	10	10	10
\$50.00 to \$54.99 . . . . .	86	6	80	12	11	12
\$55.00 to \$59.99 . . . . .	90	6	84	12	10	12
\$60.00 to \$64.99 . . . . .	88	7	81	12	12	12
\$65.00 to \$69.99 . . . . .	75	5	70	10	8	10
\$70.00 to \$74.99 . . . . .	65	7	58	9	12	9
\$75.00 and over . . . . .	168	16	152	23	28	22
Average price per square foot . . . . .	65.50	68.25	65.30	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median price per square foot . . . . .	61.50	64.05	61.30	(X)	(X)	(X)
Central air-conditioning:						
Installed . . . . .	756	84	672	85	91	85
Not installed . . . . .	130	8	122	15	9	15
Number of bathrooms:						
1 1/2 bathrooms or less . . . . .	42	16	26	5	17	3
2 bathrooms . . . . .	363	32	332	41	34	42
2 1/2 bathrooms . . . . .	332	38	294	37	41	37
3 bathrooms or more . . . . .	149	7	142	17	8	18
Number of bedrooms:						
2 bedrooms or less . . . . .	85	42	43	10	46	5
3 bedrooms . . . . .	474	46	428	54	50	54
4 bedrooms or more . . . . .	327	4	323	37	4	41
Principal type of exterior wall material:						
Brick . . . . .	187	14	173	21	15	22
Wood . . . . .	133	13	120	15	14	15
Stucco . . . . .	193	10	183	22	11	23
Vinyl siding . . . . .	300	46	254	34	50	32
Aluminum siding . . . . .	14	4	10	2	4	1
Other <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	59	6	53	7	7	7
Number of fireplaces:						
No fireplace . . . . .	300	44	256	34	47	32
1 fireplace or more . . . . .	586	48	538	66	53	68
Type of foundation:						
Full or partial basement . . . . .	306	39	267	35	43	34
Slab <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	459	43	416	52	46	52
Crawl space . . . . .	121	10	111	14	11	14
Type of heating fuel:						
Gas . . . . .	670	73	597	76	80	75
Electricity . . . . .	200	18	182	23	19	23
Oil . . . . .	15	(B)	14	2	(B)	2
Other types or none . . . . .	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Types of heating system:						
Warm-air furnace . . . . .	689	73	617	78	79	78
Heat pump . . . . .	167	16	151	19	17	19
Hot water or steam . . . . .	21	3	18	2	3	2
Other <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	9	(B)	8	1	(B)	1
Parking facility:						
Garage: 1 car . . . . .	65	29	36	7	31	5
2 cars . . . . .	620	44	576	70	47	73
3 cars or more . . . . .	135	(B)	135	15	(B)	17
Carport . . . . .	8	(B)	6	1	(B)	1
No garage or carport . . . . .	58	18	40	7	19	5

B Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of sample size. X Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup>Includes cinder block, stone, and other types.

<sup>2</sup>Includes a small number of other foundation types.

<sup>3</sup>Includes electric baseboard, panel radiant heat, space heater, floor or wall furnace, solar, other types, or none.

**Table 25a. Chain-Type Annual-Weighted Index (Fisher Ideal) of New One-Family Houses Sold: 1979 to 1998**

[1992=100.0]

Year	Price index of new one-family houses sold, including value of lot				
	United States	Region			
		Northeast	Midwest	South	West
1979 .....	59.5	47.1	64.4	63.6	59.6
1980 .....	65.4	51.2	67.6	70.7	66.1
1981 .....	70.3	56.0	72.3	76.3	70.1
1982 .....	73.2	58.4	75.5	80.3	71.5
1983 .....	75.3	61.7	75.0	82.6	73.8
1984 .....	78.1	67.1	79.2	84.7	76.2
1985 .....	80.1	73.6	78.5	86.6	77.2
1986 .....	83.8	84.8	83.0	88.9	78.7
1987 .....	88.7	96.8	88.6	91.8	82.6
1988 .....	92.1	99.8	92.7	94.0	87.2
1989 .....	95.8	102.1	94.8	97.0	92.9
1990 .....	97.4	98.1	95.4	97.3	98.3
1991 .....	98.6	96.2	97.8	98.9	99.2
1992 .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1993 .....	104.5	98.0	107.0	104.7	103.8
1994 .....	109.6	100.0	112.8	108.4	111.1
1995 .....	112.5	103.0	116.5	111.7	113.2
1996 .....	114.9	104.7	119.3	113.0	117.2
1997 .....	118.2	107.5	123.3	115.8	120.8
1998 .....	121.0	110.9	125.4	118.7	123.6

**Table 25b. Fixed-Weighted Price Index (Laspeyres) of Houses Sold in the United States: 1979 to 1998**

(Averages computed from unrounded figures. 1992=100.0)

Year	Price index of new one-family houses sold, including value of lot					Average sales price for—	
	United States	Region				Kinds of houses sold in 1992 (estimated from price index)	Houses actually sold each year
		Northeast	Midwest	South	West		
1979 .....	61.8	46.3	64.0	62.9	61.1	89 100	71 800
1980 .....	68.1	50.5	67.1	70.2	68.2	98 100	76 400
1981 .....	73.5	55.3	73.9	76.7	72.9	105 900	83 000
1982 .....	75.2	56.7	75.1	79.5	73.5	108 400	83 900
1983 .....	76.8	60.3	75.2	81.4	75.2	110 700	89 800
1984 .....	79.9	66.0	80.2	84.6	77.3	115 100	97 600
1985 .....	80.9	74.5	78.4	86.6	78.0	116 600	100 800
1986 .....	84.1	84.5	82.5	89.4	80.9	121 200	111 900
1987 .....	88.6	97.6	88.8	92.3	84.8	127 700	127 200
1988 .....	91.9	100.5	92.8	94.3	87.6	132 400	138 300
1989 .....	95.6	102.1	94.9	97.2	92.2	137 800	148 800
1990 .....	97.4	99.3	95.5	97.4	98.1	140 400	149 800
1991 .....	98.7	96.4	97.7	98.9	99.1	142 200	147 200
1992 .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	144 100	144 100
1993 .....	104.3	97.1	106.7	104.7	103.6	150 300	147 700
1994 .....	109.3	98.4	112.0	108.5	110.9	157 500	154 500
1995 .....	112.4	100.7	116.3	111.9	112.7	161 900	158 700
1996 .....	114.6	104.1	118.6	112.6	116.8	165 100	166 400
1997 .....	118.4	106.6	122.9	116.5	120.5	170 600	176 200
1998 .....	121.4	110.7	124.7	120.4	122.9	175 000	181 900

## BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE PRICE INDEX

Cost-of-living index theory states that a price index should measure the change in the price you need to pay to maintain a constant standard of living. Any changes in prices that exceed a price index can be interpreted as an increase in the standard of living. Conversely, if prices rise slower than the price index, the standard of living is falling.

For one-family houses sold, the standard of living is measured by the quality of the houses built, and a price index measures the change in the price needed to purchase a house of the same quality. These changes can be measured in different ways. Historically, we have measured these changes by fixing the characteristics of the houses sold over an extended period of time. The price of the house with fixed characteristics was estimated in each

time period and the price index constructed from these estimated prices. This is the fixed-weighted (Laspeyres) price index.

However, the same standard of living may be attained in many ways. Different combinations of housing characteristics may represent similar standards of living. A house with 2,000 square feet and two bathrooms may represent the same standard of living as an 1,800 square foot house with three bathrooms. Thus, we have introduced a chain-type annual-weighted index (Fisher Ideal) that does not hold characteristics fixed.

For a description of how these price indexes are constructed, see the Appendix in the March 1997 issue of *Current Construction Reports, Series C25, New One-Family Houses Sold*.





**Table 27. Price Per Square Foot of Floor Area by Location: 1994 to 1998—Con.**

[Contract price excludes value of improved lot. Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Averages, medians, and percents computed from unrounded figures]

Price per square foot, and location	Number of houses (thousands)					Percent distribution				
	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>South . . . . .</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>109</b>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Houses reporting contract price per square foot . . . . .	77	70	88	66	82	100	100	100	100	100
With price per square foot:										
Under \$35.00 . . . . .	4	5	7	7	10	6	8	8	11	13
\$35.00 to \$39.99 . . . . .	5	6	7	6	8	6	8	8	10	9
\$40.00 to \$44.99 . . . . .	5	6	8	6	10	7	8	9	9	13
\$45.00 to \$49.99 . . . . .	6	5	8	7	10	8	7	9	10	12
\$50.00 to \$54.99 . . . . .	7	6	10	8	10	9	9	11	11	12
\$55.00 to \$59.99 . . . . .	8	7	8	7	8	11	9	9	10	9
\$60.00 to \$64.99 . . . . .	8	7	8	6	8	10	9	10	9	9
\$65.00 to \$69.99 . . . . .	6	7	8	5	5	8	10	10	7	6
\$70.00 to \$74.99 . . . . .	5	5	7	4	4	7	7	8	6	5
\$75.00 and over . . . . .	22	18	17	12	10	29	26	20	18	12
Average price per square foot . . . . .	66.90	66.00	60.65	60.15	56.30	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median price per square foot . . . . .	62.20	60.55	58.35	54.80	51.20	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
<b>West . . . . .</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>36</b>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Houses reporting contract price per square foot . . . . .	30	24	23	19	26	100	100	100	100	100
With price per square foot:										
Under \$35.00 . . . . .	(Z)	1	(Z)	(Z)	1	(S)	4	(S)	(S)	4
\$35.00 to \$39.99 . . . . .	(Z)	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)	3	(S)	(S)	(S)
\$40.00 to \$44.99 . . . . .	1	1	1	1	2	3	3	5	5	7
\$45.00 to \$49.99 . . . . .	2	2	2	1	2	8	7	7	3	7
\$50.00 to \$54.99 . . . . .	2	2	1	2	2	7	8	5	8	8
\$55.00 to \$59.99 . . . . .	2	2	2	3	2	7	8	9	13	6
\$60.00 to \$64.99 . . . . .	3	3	2	2	3	9	11	8	10	12
\$65.00 to \$69.99 . . . . .	2	3	3	2	3	7	11	11	12	11
\$70.00 to \$74.99 . . . . .	2	1	2	2	2	6	6	11	8	8
\$75.00 and over . . . . .	15	9	9	7	9	51	39	40	37	34
Average price per square foot . . . . .	87.25	77.20	77.95	73.70	70.90	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Median price per square foot . . . . .	76.05	67.60	70.50	67.55	66.85	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

S Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards on the basis of response rate, associated standard error, or a consistency review. X Not applicable. Z Fewer than 500 units or less than 0.5 percent.

Note: The nonresponse rate for these data is very high, and it is not reported uniformly by contract price or region.

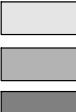


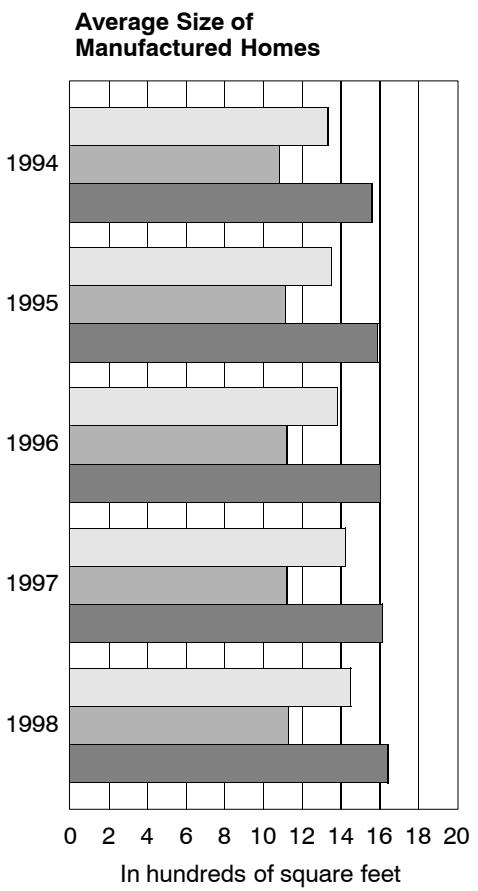
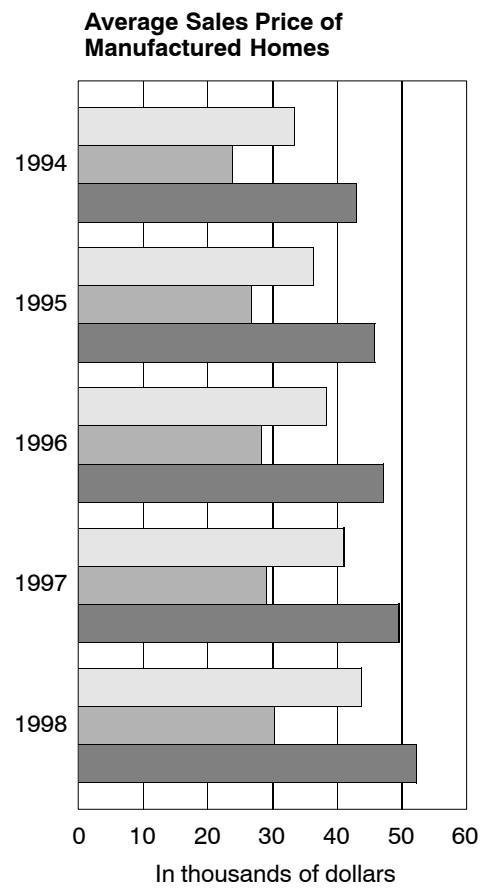
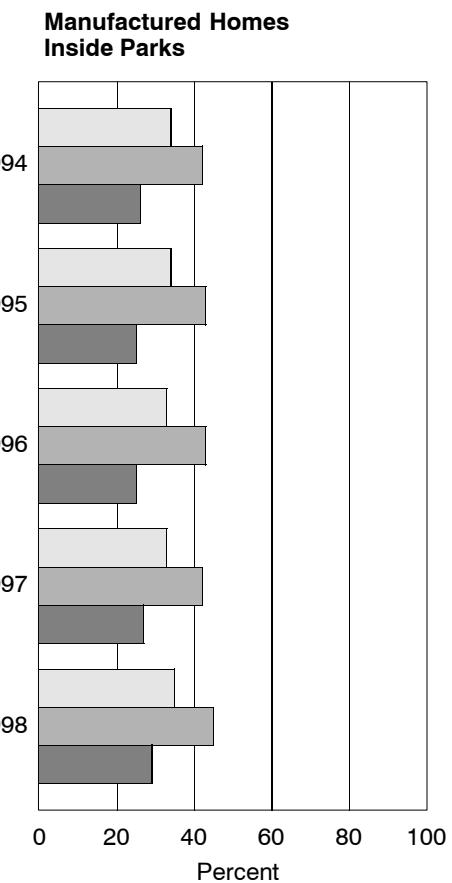
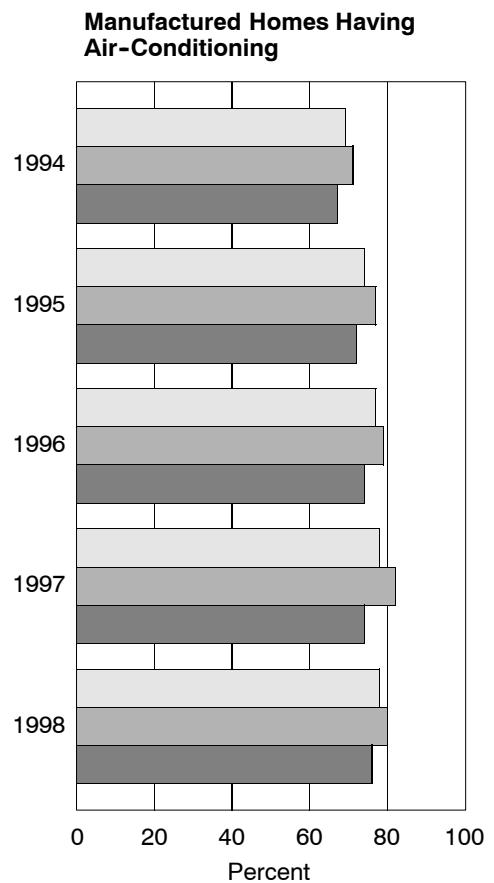






Figure 7.  
**Comparison of HUD-Coded Manufactured Homes With Selected Characteristics: 1994 to 1998**


  
 All manufactured homes  
 Single wide  
 Double wide



# Appendix A.

## Description of Surveys

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The statistics in this report are estimates based on sample surveys conducted by the Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce, under contract with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

### SURVEY OF CONSTRUCTION

This survey is used to produce estimates of new housing units started, completed, or sold. Every month interviewers obtain data from the builders or owners of a sample of new housing units for which permits have been issued or, in nonpermit areas, on which construction has started.

This national sample covers 169 areas consisting of counties and independent cities. Within these areas interviewers sample building permits issued monthly in approximately 840 areas requiring them. They select permits for 1-to-4-unit buildings with probability proportional to the number of units on the permit so that overall 1 in 40 units is selected. All permits for 5-or-more-unit buildings are selected.

Within the 169 areas there are land areas not requiring the issuance of building permits, called nonpermit areas. These areas were grouped into 2 strata according to their 1980 populations. Overall, 1 of every 120 land areas from the strata with larger land areas was selected; 1 out of every 600 was selected from the strata of smaller land areas. This selection produced a sample of approximately 130 land areas which interviewers canvass for all new housing units started. Each sampled building is followed through until completion and, if applicable, sale.

The statistics from this survey are based upon data received by the end of March 1999. We estimate that about 1 percent of all activity occurring in 1998 still had not been reported by this time. Imputations are made to cover this small amount.

### PLACEMENTS OF HUD-CODED MANUFACTURED HOMES

Each month the National Conference of States on Building Codes and Standards (NCSBCS) provides the Census Bureau with an electronic file of new HUD-coded manufactured home shipments. NCSBCS works as an agent for HUD ensuring that newly constructed manufactured homes meet HUD standards. The files identify the manufactured homes produced and the dealers to whom the units are shipped. From these files, a random sample is selected at an overall rate of 1 of every 40 units shipped.

### CHARACTERISTICS OF NEW HOUSING

U.S. Census Bureau

The dealers receiving the selected units are then contacted by telephone and asked about the status of each selected unit. We continue this procedure for each selected unit until it is placed.

### ADJUSTMENT FOR NONREPORTING

Most statistics have been adjusted to eliminate non-reporting. Cases for which a characteristic was not reported have been distributed proportionally to those for which the characteristic was reported. For example, assume that 80 percent of the units represented by cases reporting on the characteristic "air-conditioning" indicate it is installed. Then, 80 percent of the units covered by cases for which the air-conditioning characteristic was not reported will be counted as having it installed. This is done only when the percentage of cases reporting a given characteristic is at a statistically acceptable level. For this report that level is 75 percent reporting. In most instances, if this level is not attained the statistics are suppressed. For all other cases, the tables have been marked to warn of the potential weaknesses of the estimates.

### RELIABILITY OF DATA

Since the statistics are estimates based on sample surveys, they may differ from statistics obtained from a complete census using the same forms and procedures. Estimates based on sample surveys are subject to both sampling and nonsampling error. The accuracy of an estimate is determined by the joint effects of these errors.

### Measures of Sampling Errors

Sampling errors reflect the fact that only a particular sample was surveyed rather than the entire population. The sample selected for this survey is one of a large number of similar probability samples that, by chance, might have been selected using the same specifications. Estimates derived from the different samples would differ from one another. The standard error, or sampling error, of a survey estimate is a measure of the variation among the estimates from all possible samples and, thus, is a measure of the precision with which an estimate from a particular sample approximates the average from all possible samples.

The standard errors shown have been computed from the 1996 through 1998 sample data for selected statistics in this report. They are presented in Tables A-1 through A-5. The estimates in Tables A-4 and A-5 are expressed in the form of relative standard errors. Table A-6 shows relative standard errors for characteristics of mobile home

placements in 1997. The relative standard error equals the standard error divided by the estimated value to which it refers.

The sample estimate and an estimate of its standard error allow us to construct interval estimates with prescribed confidence that the interval includes the average result of all possible samples with the same size and design. A 90-percent confidence interval is defined as being from 1.6 standard errors below the estimate to 1.6 standard errors above the estimate. If all possible samples were selected and surveyed under essentially the same conditions and all the respective 90-percent confidence intervals were generated, then approximately nine-tenths of the intervals would include the average value of all sample estimates and approximately one-tenth would not. For example, Table 1 of this report shows that an estimated 815,000 one-family houses built for sale were completed in 1998. The standard error of this estimate interpolated from Table A-1 is 14,444. To obtain a 90-percent confidence interval, multiply 14,444 by 1.6 and add or subtract the result from 815,000. This yields limits of 791,890 and 838,110. The average estimate of one-family houses completed and built for sale may or may not be contained in this computed interval, but one can say that the average is included in the constructed interval with a specified confidence of 90 percent.

To economically derive estimates of applicable standard errors for a wide variety of items found in this report we made certain approximations. As a result, the relative standard errors shown in Tables A-4 through A-6 provide orders of magnitude rather than precise values. Tables A-1 through A-3 show a generalized formula for computing the standard errors as well as providing these errors based on orders of magnitude.

### Nonsampling Errors

As calculated for this report, the standard error measures certain nonsampling errors, but does not measure any systematic biases in the data. Bias is the difference, averaged over all possible samples with the same size and design, between the estimates and the true value being estimated. Nonsampling errors can be attributed to many sources:

1. Inability to obtain information about all cases in the sample
2. Definitional problems
3. Differences in interpretations of questions
4. Inability or unwillingness of respondents to provide correct answers
5. Errors made in processing data

These nonsampling errors also occur in complete censuses. Although no direct measurements of the biases have been obtained, it is believed that most of the important response and operational errors were detected while reviewing the data for reasonableness and consistency.

The overall nonresponse rate for questions asked for this survey is very low. However, nonresponse to individual items varied. For the physical characteristics, such as the number of bathrooms or bedrooms, the nonresponse rate is between 1 and 10 percent. Items with higher nonresponse rates are those related to the sales price of new houses sold or to the contract price of contractor-built houses.

### ILLUSTRATED USES OF STANDARD ERRORS TABLES

Table 19 shows that in 1998 the estimate of the number of new houses sold in the South region with a sales price between \$80,000 and \$99,999 is 57,000. Using the generalized formula ( $SE=16\sqrt{est.}$ ) given in Table A-1, one can compute the value of the standard error for 57,000 by replacing "est." with the estimate, to obtain a standard error of 3,820. To obtain a 90-percent confidence interval multiply 3,820 by 1.6, which produces a result of 6,112. Add or subtract that result from 57,000 yielding limits of 50,888 and 63,112 houses.

The estimate of the proportion of houses sold in the South region (3,820 total) with a sales price between \$80,000 and \$99,999 is 14 percent. Using the generalized formula ( $SE=16\sqrt{(p \times q)/y}$ ) shown in Table A-2, one can compute the standard error. The value of "p" is 14 percent. The value of "q" is defined as 100 - p, or 86 percent. The value of "y" is the base, 398,000. Thus, the standard error of 14 percent with a base of 398,000 houses is 0.9 percentage points. This means that a 90-percent confidence interval for 14 percent would be between 12.6 and 15.4 percent (14 percent plus or minus 1.6, which is  $0.9 \times 1.6$ ).

Table 19 also shows that the median sales price of new houses sold during 1998 in the South region was \$135,800. Table A-4 shows that the relative standard error of the estimate is 2 percent. Multiplying \$135,800 by 0.02, we obtain \$2,716 as the standard error. A 90-percent confidence interval for \$135,800 would be between \$131,454 and \$140,146.

Table 17 shows that 14,000 of the buildings with two units or more completed in the United States in 1998 had electricity for heating fuel. Table A-5 shows that the relative standard error of the estimate is 6 percent. Multiplying 14,000 by 0.06, we obtain 840 as the standard error. A 90-percent confidence interval for 14,000 would be between 12,656 and 15,344.

Table 30 shows that in 1998 the average sales price for all mobile home placements in the West region was \$52,900. Table A-6 shows that the relative standard error of the estimate is 2 percent. Multiplying \$52,900 by 0.02 yields a standard error of \$1,058. Producing a 90-percent confidence interval would give limits of \$51,207 and \$54,593.

**Table A-1. Average Standard Errors for Estimates of New One-Family Houses**

Estimated number	Standard error		Estimated number	Standard error	
	Sold, for sale, and completed SE=16 $\sqrt{\text{est.M}}$	Contractor-built, owner-built SE=19 $\sqrt{\text{est.M}}$		Sold, for sale, and completed SE=16 $\sqrt{\text{est.M}}$	Contractor-built, owner-built SE=19 $\sqrt{\text{est.M}}$
5,000 .....	1,130	1,340	200,000 .....	7,160	8,495
10,000 .....	1,600	1,900	300,000 .....	8,770	10,410
20,000 .....	2,260	2,685	350,000 .....	9,470	(X)
25,000 .....	2,535	3,010	400,000 .....	10,125	(X)
50,000 .....	3,580	4,250	600,000 .....	12,395	(X)
75,000 .....	4,385	5,205	800,000 .....	14,310	(X)
100,000 .....	5,055	6,005	1,000,000 .....	16,000	(X)
150,000 .....	6,200	7,355	1,200,000 .....	17,525	(X)

est.=Estimate for a given characteristic. SE=Standard error. X Not applicable.

**Table A-2. Average Standard Errors of Estimated Percentages for New Houses Completed, Sold, or Built for Sale**

$$\left( \text{SE} = 16 \sqrt{\frac{p \times q}{y}} \right)$$

Estimated percentages (p or q)	Number of houses in base of percentage <sup>(y)</sup>									
	5,000	10,000	20,000	50,000	100,000	200,000	400,000	600,000	800,000	1,000,000
5 or 95.....	4.9	3.5	2.5	1.6	1.1	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3
10 or 90.....	6.8	4.8	3.4	2.1	1.5	1.1	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5
20 or 80.....	9.1	6.4	4.5	2.9	2.0	1.4	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.6
25 or 75.....	9.8	7.0	5.0	3.1	2.2	1.5	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.6
40 or 60.....	11.1	7.8	5.5	3.5	2.5	1.7	1.3	1.0	0.9	0.9
50 or 50.....	11.3	8.0	5.7	3.6	2.6	1.8	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.9

p=Percent distribution. q=100-p. SE=Standard error. y=Base for a given characteristic.

**Table A-3. Average Standard Errors of Estimated Percentages for New Contractor-Built and Owner-Built Houses**

$$\left( \text{SE} = 14 \sqrt{\frac{p \times q}{y}} \right)$$

Estimated percentages (p or q)	Number of houses in base of percentage <sup>(y)</sup>					
	5,000	10,000	50,000	100,000	150,000	200,000
5 or 95.....	4.3	3.1	1.4	1.0	0.8	0.7
10 or 90.....	5.9	4.2	1.9	1.3	1.1	0.9
20 or 80.....	7.9	5.6	2.5	1.8	1.4	1.3
25 or 75.....	8.6	6.1	2.7	1.9	1.6	1.4
40 or 60.....	9.7	6.9	3.1	2.2	1.8	1.5
50 or 50.....	9.9	7.0	3.1	2.2	1.8	1.6

p=Percent distribution. q=100-p. SE=Standard error. y=Base for a given characteristic.

**Table A-4. Average Relative Standard Errors for Selected Averages and Medians of New One-Family Houses**

Characteristics	Average							Median						
	United States	Inside MSAs	Out-side MSAs	North-east	Mid-west	South	West	United States	Inside MSAs	Out-side MSAs	North-east	Mid-west	South	West
Square feet of floor area in—														
All new houses sold ...	1	1	3	4	2	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	2	2
All new houses completed.....	1	1	2	4	2	2	2	1	1	2	3	2	2	2
Houses built for sale completed.....	1	1	4	6	3	2	1	1	1	3	3	3	2	2
Contractor-built houses completed.....	2	2	3	4	3	2	4	3	4	4	9	6	5	11
Owner-built houses completed.....	2	2	3	5	3	2	4	5	6	4	8	6	7	12
Price of—														
All new houses sold ...	2	2	4	9	3	2	3	1	1	3	4	3	2	2
Contractor-built houses started.....	3	2	6	7	4	4	6	4	4	6	9	6	6	13
Price per square foot of floor area of—														
All new houses sold ...	1	1	2	4	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	2
Contractor-built houses started.....	1	1	3	3	2	2	3	3	4	4	8	6	4	2

**Table A-5. Average Relative Standard Errors for Characteristics of Multifamily Housing Completed**

Characteristics	Buildings					Housing units				
	United States	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	United States	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
Number of floors:										
1 to 3 floors.....	4	15	7	5	5	3	13	5	3	3
4 floors or more .....	8	26	29	9	15	6	16	15	12	8
Number of units:										
2 to 4 units .....	7	31	12	10	10	8	14	13	13	11
5 to 9 units .....	6	22	11	9	7	6	13	12	10	9
10 to 19 units .....	7	21	21	8	8	6	23	21	8	8
20 to 29 units .....	7	49	31	7	12	7	26	30	7	11
30 to 49 units .....	14	36	25	14	18	12	23	36	10	17
50 or more units.....	11	14	32	17	13	8	12	29	15	13
Air-conditioning:										
With air-conditioning .....	4	24	8	6	8	3	11	6	4	6
Without air-conditioning .....	9	32	15	12	15	10	20	25	11	13
Type of heating fuel:										
Electricity.....	6	34	14	8	10	5	57	19	6	9
Gas.....	6	27	8	12	10	4	10	7	12	7
Oil.....	46	(A)	36	20	41	13	12	48	20	42
Other .....	47	47	20	15	67	23	10	10	8	28
Heat pump:										
With a heat pump .....	10	46	19	14	11	8	90	17	10	9
Without a heat pump.....	5	22	8	8	6	3	9	6	7	3
Number of bedrooms:										
Efficiencies .....	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	18	17	36	43	20
1 bedroom.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	4	14	10	6	6
2 bedrooms.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	3	11	7	5	4
3 bedrooms or more .....	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	5	32	12	6	10
Number of bathrooms:										
1 bathroom .....	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	4	12	10	6	5
1 1/2 bathrooms.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	13	20	22	28	12
2 bathrooms or more .....	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	4	16	8	6	5
Average square feet per unit/per building:										
Less than 600 square feet.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	15	65	24	21	21
600 to 799 square feet.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	8	13	20	14	13
800 to 999 square feet.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	5	12	16	9	6
1,000 to 1,199 square feet.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	5	20	15	7	7
1,200 square feet or more.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	5	22	13	9	8
Square feet of floor area:										
Average .....	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	1	7	2	1	1
Median.....	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	1	13	2	1	1

A Relative standard error is greater than 100 percent. X Not applicable.

**Table A-6. Average Relative Standard Errors for Characteristics of New Mobile Home Placements**

[Percent]

Characteristics	United States	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
<b>ALL MOBILE HOMES<sup>1</sup></b>					
Average sales price .....	1 (Z)	3	2	1 (Z)	2 1
Average square feet.....		2	1		
<b>Location</b>					
Inside mobile home communities .....	2	8	4	3	4
Outside mobile home communities .....	1	6	3	2	3
<b>Number of Bedrooms</b>					
Two or fewer .....	3	12	8	4	8
Three or more .....	1	5	3	1	3
<b>Central Air-Conditioning</b>					
Installed .....	1	10	3	1	5
Not installed.....	2	6	5	5	4
<b>Foundation</b>					
Concrete pads.....	3	9	7	6	8
Blocks .....	1	8	4	2	4
Masonry .....	3	12	5	5	5
Other <sup>2</sup> .....	5	20	9	8	9
<b>SINGLE-WIDE MOBILE HOMES</b>					
Average sales price .....	1	6	3	2	6
Average square feet.....	1	2	1	1	2
<b>Location</b>					
Inside mobile home communities .....	3	11	6	4	10
Outside mobile home communities .....	3	14	8	3	12
<b>Number of Bedrooms</b>					
Two or fewer .....	4	15	9	4	14
Three or more .....	2	11	5	3	8
<b>Central Air-Conditioning</b>					
Installed .....	2	19	5	3	14
Not installed.....	4	10	9	8	9
<b>Foundation</b>					
Concrete pads.....	6	17	10	11	29
Blocks .....	2	12	6	3	9
Masonry .....	16	19	28	23	40
Other <sup>2</sup> .....	10	36	16	16	40
<b>DOUBLE-WIDE MOBILE HOMES</b>					
Average sales price .....	1 (Z)	4 2	2 1	1 1	2 1
Average square feet.....					
<b>Location</b>					
Inside mobile home communities .....	2	10	5	4	5
Outside mobile home communities .....	1	7	3	2	4
<b>Number of Bedrooms</b>					
Two or fewer .....	6	17	18	10	10
Three or more .....	1	6	3	2	3
<b>Central Air-Conditioning</b>					
Installed .....	1	11	3	3	5
Not installed.....	2	7	5	6	4
<b>Foundation</b>					
Concrete pads.....	4	10	8	6	9
Blocks .....	2	9	5	2	4
Masonry .....	3	12	5	5	6
Other <sup>2</sup> .....	5	23	10	9	10

Z Less than 0.5 percent.

<sup>1</sup>Includes mobile homes with more than two sections.

<sup>2</sup>Includes steel piers, no foundation, etc.

# Appendix B.

## Definitions

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**Bathroom.** For the purposes of this survey, a full bathroom is one that has a wash basin, a toilet, and either a bathtub or shower, or a combination of bathtub and shower. A half bathroom is one that has either a toilet, bathtub, or shower, but not all the facilities to be classified as a full bathroom. If the respondent reported a full bathroom and two half bathrooms, the house is classified as a two-bathroom house.

**Bedroom.** A bedroom is a finished room specifically designed to be used for sleeping. A den, a space in the attic, or a basement which could be converted to a bedroom are not counted as bedrooms.

**Closing costs.** The closing costs are the total estimated costs customarily chargeable to the buyer for items which are incidental to the transaction. These costs include the initial service charge of the mortgage, cost of title search, charges for the preparation of deed and mortgage documents, mortgage tax, recording fees, and similar items. For houses sold with FHA-insured mortgages, they include an examination or application fee. Items not included in closing costs are deposits for unaccrued taxes, insurance premiums, and similar items that are treated as prepayable expenses.

### Construction Method

**Modular.** Finished 3-dimensional sections of the complete dwelling, built in a factory and transported to the site to be joined together on a permanent foundation.

**Panalized.** Shipped from the factory as a package of wall panels, roof trusses, and other components to be assembled on site. May include all materials required to finish the house as a complete package. For purposes of this report panelized houses are included in the "Other" category.

**Precut.** A package of lumber or timber (logs), precut to exact size, length, and quantity, to be assembled on site. Package may also include plumbing, wiring, and/or heating system elements. For purposes of this report precut houses are included in the "Other" category.

**Stick-built.** Built on site. Can include SOME factory components such as roof and floor trusses, wall panels, door frames, etc.

**Contractor-built houses.** This category includes all houses built for owner occupancy on owner's land with construction under the supervision of a single general contractor.

**Contractor price.** The contract price used in this survey for contractor-built houses is the price on the original contract awarded to the general contractor. The contract price does not reflect any subsequent changes in the price resulting from change orders or from any other factors affecting the price of the house. It does not include the cost of any contracts awarded to a different contractor for work on the grounds around the house, nor does it include any proposed expenditures on the house after construction is completed by the general contractor. Finally, because the house is being built for the owner's occupancy on the owner's own land, the contract price does not include the cost of the land.

The median contract price is equal to the middle point of all contract prices reported. The point is chosen so that half the contract prices of houses started are below the median and half are above the median. The average, or arithmetic mean, contract price is obtained by dividing the sum of all contract prices by the number of houses reporting contract prices.

**Deck.** A floored area without a roof, not sitting directly on the ground, typically made of wood.

**Efficiencies.** One room apartment units or studio apartment units which have no room designated specifically for sleeping.

**Exterior wall material.** The statistics on exterior wall material relate only to the principal type used; that is, the material covering more than half the exterior wall. While the definitions of most exterior wall materials are straightforward, two may not be. They are:

**Stucco.** A durable finish applied wet that usually consists of cement, sand, and lime.

**Vinyl.** Any of various tough, flexible, and shiny plastics used for covering walls.

**Financing, type of.** The type of financing tabulated in this survey is the type reported at the time the original sales agreement was signed or deposit accepted. However, changes in the type of financing do occur between the original contract signing and final settlement. These changes are not reflected in the tables.

The FHA and VA type-of-financing data presented in this report tend to differ from those published directly by those agencies. For the actual number of FHA-insured and VA-guaranteed loans made for new houses at the time of

final settlement, refer to the publications of the respective agencies. The data differ because of the difference in time periods between the signing of the original sales contract, the start of construction, and the insurance or guarantee of the mortgage, as well as the sampling variability in this survey.

Early in 1995, the Farmers Home Administration was reorganized. As part of this reorganization the Rural Housing Service now handles the mortgage functions formerly done by the Farmers Home Administration.

**Fireplace (indoor).** An indoor fireplace is defined as an open recess in a chimney in which a fire may be built. Included are those made of masonry, tile, metal, or other permanently installed materials that are a fixed and integral part of the building.

**Floor area.** For this survey, floor area is defined as all completely finished floor space, including space in basements and attics with finished walls, floors, and ceilings.

In concept, measurement is based on exterior dimensions. Measurements are taken to the outside of exterior walls for detached houses. Half stories are measured to the outside of enclosing partitions. Row houses are measured from the centerline of party walls to the outside surface of the exterior walls. For purposes of this survey, where the floor area for a new house was reported based on interior dimensions, the figure was converted to exterior dimensions by multiplying by a standard conversion factor of 1.08. A standard conversion factor of 1.04 was used to convert figures to exterior dimensions where it was not known whether the reported area was based on exterior or interior dimensions.

**Heat pump.** "Heat pump" refers to a heating/cooling system which utilizes indoor and outdoor coils, a compressor, and refrigerant to pump hot air in during the winter and out during the summer. Only heat pumps that are centrally installed with ducts to the rooms are included in this category.

**Housing unit.** A housing unit is defined as a single room or group of rooms intended as separate living quarters by a family, by a group of unrelated persons living together, or by a person living alone. Separate living quarters are those in which the occupants do not live and eat with any other persons in the structure and which have direct access from the outside of the building or through a common hall which is used or intended to be used by the occupants of another unit or the general public.

In addition to single-family detached houses, the definition of single-family houses also includes those town-houses attached together in groups of two or more which are partitioned from each other by a ground-to-roof wall. Also, these units must not share heating/air-conditioning systems or interstructural public utilities, such as water supply, power supply, or sewage disposal lines.

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs).** The general concept, as originally defined in June 1983, underlying the specific MSA or older SMSA definitions is a geographic area consisting of a large population nucleus together with adjacent communities having a high degree of economic and social integration with that nucleus. For the MSA definitions this meant an area qualified for MSA status by: (1) including a city of at least 50,000 population; or (2) including an urbanized land area of at least 50,000 population with a total metropolitan population of at least 100,000 (75,000 in New England).

Besides the county containing the main city or urbanized area, an MSA may include additional counties having strong economic and social ties to the central county. These ties are determined chiefly by the extent of the urbanized area and by census data on commuting to work. Thus, an MSA can contain more than one city of 50,000 population and may cross state lines.

**HUD-coded manufactured home.** A movable dwelling, 8 feet or more wide and 40 feet or more long, designed to be towed on its own chassis. The transportation gear is integral to the dwelling when it leaves the factory. There is no need for a permanent foundation. There are two general types of units.

*Single-wide.* Is any unit so designated by a dealer. There is only one section and only one HUD label number.

*Double-wide.* Is any unit so designated by a dealer consisting of more than one section and more than one HUD label number.

**New houses (built for sale) completed.** This category includes new houses occupied, or available for occupancy, by the end of the year, which have been sold or are still for sale.

**New houses sold.** The category, "houses sold," includes all houses for which a sales contract has been signed or a deposit accepted. This includes houses for which a sales contract is signed or deposit accepted before construction is actually started; for instance, houses sold from a model or from plans before any work is started on the footings or foundations. It also includes houses sold while under construction or after completion; that is, houses built on speculation. Land, in some form, is included in the sales transaction.

**Owner-built houses.** This category includes houses built for owner occupancy, on owner's land, under the supervision of the owner acting as the general contractor: (1) In most cases built partly by the owner and partly with paid help; (2) sometimes built entirely with the employment of subcontractors; and (3) in a smaller number of cases, on a "do-it-yourself" basis.

**Patio.** A floored area, with or without a roof, sitting directly on the ground. This does not include small concrete pads at entryways.

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**Porch.** Floored area with a roof, enclosed or open, not sitting directly on the ground. This does not include small covered entryways.

**Regions.** The standard census geographic regions are used in the tables of this report. States included in each region are:

*Northeast.* Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania

*Midwest.* (formerly North Central)—Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas

*South.* Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas

*West.* Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, California, Alaska, and Hawaii

**Rental houses.** A house or housing unit used by a person or persons who do not own the property.

**Response rate.** The percentage of respondents answering a survey question. The overall response rate for all new houses covered by this survey is very high. However, response to individual items varied. For the physical characteristics, such as number of bedrooms or bathrooms, the response rate is within the range of 90 to 99 percent. Items with response rates somewhat lower are those related to the sales price of new houses sold or the contract price of contractor-built houses started.

**Sale.** The sale of the new house occurs with the signing of a sales contract or the acceptance of a deposit. This survey does not follow through to the final stage of the sales transaction.

**Sales price.** The sales price used in the survey for new houses sold is the price agreed upon between purchaser and seller (and reported by the latter) at the time the first sales contract is signed or deposit is made for the house. The sales price does not reflect any subsequent price changes resulting from change orders or from any other factors affecting the price of the house. Furthermore, the sales price does not include the cost of any extras or options paid for in cash by the purchaser or otherwise not included in the original sales price reported by the seller.

The sales price of a new HUD-coded manufactured home is the price reported by the dealer. The dealer is asked to include the costs of options and dealer setup, but exclude all taxes and land costs. There may be additional costs to prepare a HUD-coded manufactured home for occupancy which may not be included in the sales price reported.

The median sales price is the middle point of all sales prices reported; the point is chosen so that half the houses or HUD-coded manufactured homes were sold with a sales price below the median and half with a sales price above the median. The average, or arithmetic mean, sales price is obtained by dividing the sum of all the sales prices reported by the number of houses or HUD-coded manufactured homes reporting a sales price.

**Stages of construction.** The stages of construction are defined as follows:

*Start.* A house is defined as started at the time of excavation for the footings or foundation. For a house or building being totally rebuilt on an existing foundation, a start occurs when work on the superstructure of the new building begins.

*Completion.* A house is defined as completed when all finished flooring has been installed (or carpeting if used in place of finished flooring). If the building is occupied before all construction is finished, it is classified as completed at the time of occupancy. In privately owned buildings with two or more housing units, all the units in the buildings are counted as completed when 50 percent or more of the units are occupied or available for occupancy. In most of these buildings all units within the building actually become available for occupancy at the same time. In some larger apartment buildings, some floors or some units are completed and occupied before other parts of the building are completed. In these cases, housing units counted as completed prior to completion of the entire building tend to be offset by those housing units in other buildings actually completed during that month but which had been counted as completed previously.

**Story.** That portion of a building between the floor and the ceiling or roof, or the next floor above in the case of a multistory house. A basement is not counted as a story even if it is finished as a den or recreation room. Houses referred to as "bi-levels" or "split foyers" are classified as two-story houses.

*Half story.* A story finished as living accommodations located wholly or partly within the roof frame is considered a half story; it is tabulated in this survey as a whole story; for example, one and one-half stories is counted as two.

*Split level.* Identifies a structure having floors on more than one level when the difference in some floor levels is less than one story. This definition is interpreted on the basis of local custom and may vary from area to area.

# Supplement.

## Survey of Market Absorption

### Selected Characteristics of Apartment Units

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This supplement presents preliminary statistics on selected characteristics of apartment units in the Survey of Market Absorption (SOMA). This survey provides data on the rate at which newly completed, privately financed, nonsubsidized, unfurnished apartment units in buildings containing five or more units are rented or sold (absorbed).

The buildings selected for SOMA are those included in the Survey of Construction (SOC), which is described in Appendix A. Description of Surveys of this report. Each quarter a sample of buildings with five or more housing units reported as completed during that quarter in the SOC sample come into sample for SOMA. Buildings completed in locations not requiring building permits are excluded.

Table S-1 provides preliminary data on the types of apartment units completed during the year 1998. Table S-2 provides preliminary data about unfurnished units for rent. Table S-3 provides preliminary data for unfurnished units being sold under a condominium arrangement. This table excludes units sold under a cooperative ownership arrangement.

These data are preliminary and are subject to revision when published in future issues of Current Housing Reports, series H130, *Market Absorption of Apartments*.

#### ESTIMATION PROCEDURE

Annual estimates are obtained within each region by summing the four quarterly estimates. Unbiased quarterly estimates are formed by multiplying the counts for each building by its base weight (the inverse of its probability of selection) and then summing over all buildings. The final estimate is then obtained by multiplying the unbiased estimate by the following regional ratio estimate factor:

$$\frac{\text{SOC}}{\text{SOMA}}$$

where SOC is the total estimated units in 5+ unit buildings completed in permit-issuing areas for that quarter and where SOMA is the estimated total number of units in 5+ buildings for that quarter. The U.S. total is the sum of the regions.

This procedure produces estimates of the units completed in a given quarter which are consistent with the published figures from the Current Construction Reports, Series C22, *Housing Completions*, and also reduces, to some extent, the sampling variability of the estimates totals.

#### CHARACTERISTICS OF NEW HOUSING

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Therefore, the estimates shown in this supplement are not the same as those shown in the other tables of this report because they do not include:

- a. Units in buildings containing two to four units.
- b. Units completed in areas not requiring the issuance of building permits.

#### RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

The SOMA statistics are subject to the same sampling errors and nonsampling errors as described in Reliability of Data in Appendix A because SOMA uses subsamples of the SOC samples. Additional errors are also introduced because of subsampling of buildings with five units or more.

It is assumed that the characteristics of units not included in the interviewed group or not accounted for are identical to ones for units where data were obtained. The noninterviewed and not accounted for cases constitute less than 2 percent of the sample housing units in the SOMA survey.

#### ILLUSTRATED USES OF STANDARD ERRORS TABLES

Table S-2 shows that the estimate of the number of unfurnished apartments completed in the Midwest region with an asking rent between \$550 and \$649 was 8,000. Using the generalized standard errors from table S-4, one can calculate the standard error for the estimate of this size to be approximately 1,431. One can also construct a 90-percent confidence interval by multiplying 1,431 by 1.6 to obtain limits of 5,710 and 10,290.

Table S-2 also shows that of the estimated 26,000 unfurnished apartments completed with an asking rent between \$450 and \$549, 40 percent were in the Midwest region. Using table S-5 one can compute a standard error for 40 percent with a base of 26,000 units to be about 4.9 percentage points. Multiplying 4.9 x 1.6 yields 7.8. Adding or subtracting 7.8 from 40 percent produces a 90-percent confidence interval of between 32.2 and 47.8 percent.

Similarly, using tables S-4 and S-6 one can compute the standard errors and 90-percent confidence intervals for the characteristics of condominiums shown in Table S-3.

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## DEFINITIONS

**Condominium.** A building in which each unit is owned individually, although not necessarily by the person(s) occupying the unit. The owner of each unit also holds a common or joint ownership in all common areas and facilities that serve the building: land, roofs, hallways, entrances, elevators, lobbies, etc.

**Cooperative.** A building that is owned by its shareholders and is organized as a corporation. Ownership of shares in the corporation entitles each shareholder to perpetual use of one or more units in the building until the owners sell their shares.

**Federally subsidized.** Units in buildings built under programs of HUD such as the Low Income Housing Assistance (Section 8), Senior Citizens Housing Direct Loans (Section 202), and all units in buildings in the FHA rent supplement program.

**Rental apartments.** Units in buildings built for rent wherein the building is owned by an individual, partnership, private corporation, or organization other than a public agency.

**Unfurnished.** Management provides only such items as a range, refrigerator, carpeting, and drapes.

**Furnished.** Management provides all the major articles of furniture such as bed, chest of drawers, sofa, chairs, and tables.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See current Housing Reports, series H130, *Market Absorption of Apartments*, for further information about SOMA and its estimation procedure. Otherwise, call 301-457-3199 regarding questions about the data found in this supplement.

**Table S-1. Type of Apartment Units Completed in Buildings With Five Units or More by Location: 1998**

[Preliminary data. Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Percents computed from unrounded figures]

Type of apartment unit	United States	Inside MSAs	Outside MSAs	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
<b>Number of apartment units (thousands)</b>							
Total .....	274	248	26	16	47	142	69
<b>Rental apartments:</b>							
Unfurnished .....	210	197	13	11	35	115	49
Furnished .....	3	2	1	(Z)	(Z)	2	1
Condominiums <sup>1</sup> .....	34	27	8	3	5	16	9
Federally subsidized <sup>2</sup> .....	20	17	3	2	4	6	8
Other <sup>3</sup> .....	6	5	1	(Z)	2	3	2
<b>Percent distribution</b>							
Total .....	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
<b>Rental apartments:</b>							
Unfurnished .....	77	79	51	65	76	81	71
Furnished .....	1	1	3	(S)	(S)	1	2
Condominiums <sup>1</sup> .....	13	11	29	21	12	11	14
Federally subsidized <sup>2</sup> .....	7	7	11	12	9	4	11
Other <sup>3</sup> .....	2	2	5	(S)	3	2	3

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<sup>1</sup>Includes cooperatively owned apartments.

<sup>2</sup>Federally subsidized apartments are built under programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Low Income Housing Assistance (Section 8), Senior Citizens Direct Loans (Section 202), and all units in buildings containing apartments in the FHA rent supplement program.

<sup>3</sup>Other includes units such as time-sharing units and continuing care retirement units.



**Table S-2. Selected Characteristics of New Rental Apartments Completed by Asking Rent: 1998—Con.**

[Preliminary data. Newly-constructed, privately financed, nonsubsidized, unfurnished apartments in buildings with 5 units or more. Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Medians computed from unrounded figures]

Characteristic	Total	Asking rent						Median asking rent (dollars)		
		Less than \$450	\$450 to \$549	\$550 to \$649	\$650 to \$749	\$750 to \$849	\$850 or more			
<b>UTILITIES INCLUDED IN ASKING RENT</b>										
Number of Apartments (in thousands)										
Electricity:										
Included in rent .....	8	1	1	1	(Z)	(Z)	4	850+		
Not included in rent .....	203	12	26	29	41	31	63	734		
Gas:										
Included in rent .....	22	2	6	5	2	1	6	623		
Not included in rent .....	83	3	6	10	18	14	31	779		
Not available.....	105	9	14	15	21	16	30	716		
Percent Distribution										
Electricity:										
Included in rent .....	4	5	3	4	(S)	(S)	6	(X)		
Not included in rent .....	96	95	97	96	99	99	94	(X)		
Gas:										
Included in rent .....	10	12	21	16	5	4	9	(X)		
Not included in rent .....	40	21	24	33	44	46	46	(X)		
Not available.....	50	68	54	51	51	50	44	(X)		

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**Table S-3. New Condominiums Completed by Location and Number of Bedrooms by Asking Price: 1998**

[Preliminary data. Newly-constructed, privately financed, nonsubsidized, unfurnished condominiums in buildings with 5 units or more. Components may not add to totals because of rounding. Medians computed from unrounded figures]

Characteristic	Total	Asking price						Median asking price (dollars)
		Less than \$75,000	\$75,000 to \$99,999	\$100,000 to \$124,999	\$125,000 to \$149,999	\$150,000 to \$199,999	\$200,000 or more	
New condominiums completed (in thousands) <sup>1</sup> .....	31	3	9	5	4	4	6	117 800
<b>LOCATION</b>								
Number of Condominiums (in thousands)								
Inside MSAs .....	24	2	5	5	4	4	5	128 800
Outside MSAs .....	7	1	4	1	(Z)	(Z)	1	90 000
Northeast .....	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	1	
Midwest .....	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	(S) 130 900
South .....	16	2	6	2	2	2	3	103 000
West .....	9	(Z)	2	2	1	1	2	120 400
Percent Distribution								
Inside MSAs .....	77	56	58	89	89	88	89	(X)
Outside MSAs .....	23	44	42	11	(S)	(S)	11	(X)
Northeast .....	4	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	13	(X)
Midwest .....	16	34	7	11	28	21	13	(X)
South .....	50	54	67	42	43	38	44	(X)
West .....	29	(S)	26	46	28	31	30	(X)
<b>BEDROOMS PER UNIT</b>								
Number of Condominiums (in thousands)								
Efficiencies .....	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(S)
1 bedroom .....	3	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	1	129 800
2 bedrooms .....	21	2	7	4	3	2	3	107 900
3 bedrooms or more .....	7	(Z)	1	1	1	1	2	147 700
Percent Distribution								
Efficiencies .....	2	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(X)
1 bedroom .....	9	24	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	10	(X)
2 bedrooms .....	66	66	81	69	65	60	46	(X)
3 bedrooms or more .....	22	(S)	11	27	24	25	41	(X)

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<sup>1</sup>Does not include cooperatively owned apartment units.

**Table S-4 . Standard Errors of Estimates of Apartments in Buildings With Five Units or More**

Estimated number	Standard error		Estimated number	Standard error	
	All types except for condominium apartments SE=16 $\sqrt{\text{est.M}}$	Condominium apartments SE=20 $\sqrt{(\text{est.M}-250)}$		All types except for condominium apartments SE=16 $\sqrt{\text{est.M}}$	Condominium apartments SE=20 $\sqrt{(\text{est.M}-250)}$
1,000 .....	1,060	1,270	35,000.....	2,900	35,000
2,000 .....	700	600	50,000.....	3,500	4,200
3,000 .....	900	800	75,000.....	4,300	5,200
4,000 .....	1,000	1,000	100,000.....	5,000	6,100
5,000 .....	1,100	1,200	150,000.....	6,100	7,500
10,000 .....	1,600	1,800	250,000.....	7,900	(X)
15,000 .....	1,900	2,200	350,000.....	9,300	(X)
20,000 .....	2,200	2,600	450,000.....	10,600	(X)
25,000 .....	2,500	2,900	600,000.....	12,200	(X)

est.=Estimate for a given characteristic. SE=Standard error. X Not applicable.

**Table S-5. Standard Errors of Estimated Percentages for All Types of Apartments, Except for Condominiums**

$$\left( \text{SE} = 16 \sqrt{\frac{p \times q}{y}} \right)$$

Estimated percentages (p or q)	Number of houses in base of percentage <sup>(y)</sup>									
	1,000	5,000	10,000	20,000	50,000	75,000	100,000	150,000	350,000	600,000
2 or 98.....	7.0	3.1	2.2	1.6	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.3
5 or 95.....	10.9	4.9	3.4	2.4	1.5	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.6	0.4
10 or 90.....	14.9	6.7	4.7	3.3	2.1	1.7	1.5	1.2	0.8	0.6
20 or 80.....	19.9	8.9	6.3	4.5	2.8	2.3	2.0	1.6	1.1	0.8
25 or 75.....	21.6	9.0	6.8	1.8	3.0	2.5	2.2	1.8	1.2	0.9
40 or 60.....	24.4	10.9	7.7	5.5	3.5	2.8	2.4	2.0	1.3	1.0
50 or 50.....	24.9	11.1	7.9	5.6	3.5	2.9	2.5	2.0	1.3	1.0

p=Percent distribution. q=100-p. SE=Standard error. y=Base for a given characteristic.

**Table S-6. Standard Errors of Estimated Percentages for Condominium Apartments**

$$\left( \text{SE} = 20 \sqrt{\frac{p \times q}{y}} \right)$$

Estimated percentages (p or q)	Number of houses in base of percentage <sup>(y)</sup>									
	1,000	3,000	5,000	10,000	15,000	25,000	50,000	75,000	100,000	150,000
2 or 98.....	8.9	5.1	4.0	2.8	2.3	1.8	1.3	1.0	0.9	0.7
5 or 95.....	13.8	8.0	6.2	4.4	3.6	2.8	1.9	1.6	1.4	1.1
10 or 90.....	19.0	11.0	8.5	6.0	4.9	3.8	2.7	2.2	1.9	1.5
20 or 80.....	25.3	14.6	11.3	8.0	6.5	5.1	3.6	2.9	2.5	2.1
25 or 75.....	27.4	15.8	12.2	8.7	7.1	5.5	3.9	3.2	2.7	2.2
40 or 60.....	31.0	17.9	13.9	9.8	8.0	6.2	4.4	3.6	3.1	2.5
50 or 50.....	31.6	18.3	14.1	10.0	8.2	6.3	4.5	3.7	3.2	2.6

p=Percent distribution. q=100-p. SE=Standard error. y=Base for a given characteristic.