

Table HC5.8 Water Heating Characteristics by Year of Construction, 2005
Million U.S. Housing Units

Water Heating Characteristics	Housing Units (millions)	Year of Construction							
		Before 1940	1940 to 1949	1950 to 1959	1960 to 1969	1970 to 1979	1980 to 1989	1990 to 1999	2000 to 2005
Total.....	111.1	14.7	7.4	12.5	12.5	18.9	18.6	17.3	9.2
Number of Water Heaters									
1.....	106.3	14.0	7.2	12.2	12.0	18.4	17.7	16.1	8.8
2 or More.....	3.7	0.6	Q	Q	0.3	0.3	0.7	1.1	0.4
Do Not Use Hot Water.....	1.1	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
Housing Units Served by Main Water Heater									
One Housing Unit.....	99.7	12.7	6.4	11.4	10.8	16.3	17.0	16.5	8.8
Two or More Housing Units.....	10.3	1.9	1.0	1.0	1.5	2.4	1.5	0.7	0.4
Do Not Use Hot Water.....	1.1	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
Main Water Heating Fuel									
Electric.....	43.1	4.0	1.4	3.8	4.1	8.6	8.6	8.5	4.0
For One Housing Unit.....	40.3	3.8	1.3	3.6	3.7	7.7	8.1	8.2	3.9
For Two or More Housing Units.....	2.7	Q	Q	0.3	0.3	0.9	0.5	0.4	Q
Natural Gas.....	58.7	8.9	5.0	7.8	7.1	8.8	8.8	7.7	4.4
For One Housing Unit.....	52.5	7.7	4.4	7.2	6.3	7.5	7.9	7.3	4.1
For Two or More Housing Units.....	6.2	1.2	0.7	0.6	0.9	1.3	0.9	0.4	0.3
Fuel Oil.....	4.0	1.1	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.3	Q
For One Housing Unit.....	3.0	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	Q	0.3	Q
For Two or More Housing Units.....	1.1	0.4	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	N	N
Propane/LPG.....	4.0	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6
Other.....	0.2	Q	N	N	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
Do Not Use Hot Water.....	1.1	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
Age of Main Water Heater									
Used by One Housing Unit									
Less than 2 Years.....	14.7	1.8	1.0	1.5	1.6	1.7	2.4	1.4	3.4
2 to 4 Years.....	18.6	2.1	1.0	2.4	2.1	2.9	2.4	1.6	4.1
5 to 9 Years.....	25.5	2.9	1.6	2.9	2.3	4.3	3.7	7.6	0.3
10 to 19 Years.....	20.1	2.6	1.5	2.1	2.3	2.9	4.4	4.4	Q
20 Years or More.....	6.8	1.1	0.5	1.3	0.9	1.5	1.4	Q	N
Don't Know.....	12.0	1.8	0.7	1.1	1.4	2.6	2.3	1.3	0.9
No Separate Water Heater.....	1.9	0.4	Q	Q	Q	0.5	0.4	Q	Q
Used by Two or More Housing Units									
Less than 2 Years.....	0.3	Q	Q	Q	N	Q	N	N	N
2 to 4 Years.....	0.5	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	N	Q
5 to 9 Years.....	0.5	Q	N	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	N
10 to 19 Years.....	0.6	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	N
20 Years or More.....	0.6	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	N	N
Don't Know.....	4.4	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.5	1.2	0.6	0.3	Q
No Separate Water Heater.....	3.4	0.5	Q	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.4	Q

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Size of Main Water Heater										
Used by One Housing Unit										
Small (30 gallons or less).....	17.1	2.2	1.3	1.8	2.0	3.2	3.1	2.5	1.0	
Medium (31 to 49 gallons).....	52.4	6.9	3.6	6.7	5.9	8.3	8.8	8.5	3.7	
Large (50 gallons or more).....	27.1	3.1	1.3	2.5	2.4	4.1	4.6	5.3	3.9	
Tankless water heater.....	1.1	Q	Q	Q	0.3	Q	Q	Q	Q	
No Separate Water Heater.....	1.9	0.4	Q	Q	Q	0.5	0.4	Q	Q	
Used by Two or More Housing Units										
Small (30 gallons or less).....	1.4	0.4	Q	Q	Q	0.3	Q	Q	Q	
Medium (31 to 49 gallons).....	2.4	0.5	Q	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.4	Q	Q	
Large (50 gallons or more).....	2.8	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.4	Q	Q	
Tankless water heater.....	0.2	Q	Q	N	N	Q	N	Q	N	
No Separate Water Heater.....	3.4	0.5	Q	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.4	Q	
Other Water Heating										
Hot Tubs or Spas										
Electricity.....	5.3	0.4	Q	0.4	0.6	1.1	0.9	1.1	0.6	
Natural Gas.....	1.2	Q	N	Q	Q	Q	Q	0.3	0.3	
Swimming Pools										
Natural Gas.....	1.2	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	0.4	Q	
Electricity.....	0.4	N	N	N	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	
Propane/LPG.....	0.3	Q	N	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	
Some Other Fuel.....	Q	Q	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	
Electric Water Beds										
1.....	1.9	Q	Q	0.3	Q	0.4	0.4	0.4	Q	
2 or More.....	0.3	N	Q	N	Q	Q	Q	Q	N	
Heaters Used all Year										
1.....	1.7	Q	Q	Q	Q	0.3	0.3	0.4	Q	
2 or More.....	1.5	Q	Q	Q	Q	0.3	0.3	0.2	Q	
	0.3	N	Q	N	Q	Q	Q	Q	N	

Q = Data withheld either because the Relative Standard Error (RSE) was greater than 50 percent or fewer than 10 households were sampled.

N = No cases in reporting sample.

Notes: • Because of rounding, data may not sum to totals. • See Glossary for definition of terms used in these tables.

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