



Number of U.S. Commercial Buildings

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Table 2. Number of U.S. Commercial Buildings by Census Region and Principal Building Activity, 1992-2003 (Thousand)				
Principal Building Activity and Census Region	Survey Years			
	1992 ¹	1995	1999	2003
U.S. Total	4,672	4,579	4,657	4,859
Education	296	309	327	386
Food Sales	130	137	174	226
Food Service	258	285	349	297
Health Care	62	105	127	129
Lodging	154	158	153	142
Mercantile and Service	1,261	1,289	1,145	1,279
Office	711	705	739	824
Public Assembly	278	326	305	277
Public Order and Safety	58	87	72	71
Religious Worship	366	269	307	370
Warehouse and Storage	722	580	603	597
Other ²	67	67	102	79
Vacant	308	261	253	182
Total Northeast	751	725	686	761
Education	36	39	31	31
Food Sales	Q	Q	Q	40
Food Service	54	41	Q	37
Health Care	11	14	14	18
Lodging	31	10	13	27
Mercantile and Service	245	241	190	211
Office	124	112	102	155
Public Assembly	40	46	43	63
Public Order and Safety	16	39	31	23
Religious Worship	30	41	38	52
Warehouse and Storage	102	88	84	65
Other ²	15	Q	Q	17
Vacant	36	26	33	23

Total Midwest	1,165	1,139	1,188	1,305
Education	46	42	42	63
Food Sales	29	Q	Q	57
Food Service	73	69	95	88
Health Care	14	19	33	31
Lodging	26	38	27	34
Mercantile and Service	327	390	322	371
Office	159	157	172	231
Public Assembly	76	89	88	57
Public Order and Safety	Q	21	13	20
Religious Worship	86	57	74	107
Warehouse and Storage	224	163	192	160
Other ²	18	16	10	31
Vacant	75	65	91	55
Total South	1,910	1,750	1,762	1,873
Education	109	111	121	156
Food Sales	57	73	76	94
Food Service	83	109	124	127
Health Care	15	51	59	48
Lodging	56	51	54	52
Mercantile and Service	503	457	455	493
Office	284	298	315	250
Public Assembly	120	134	126	92
Public Order and Safety	23	17	17	15
Religious Worship	194	97	101	158
Warehouse and Storage	297	223	215	277
Other ²	20	21	39	21
Vacant	150	106	61	88
Total West	846	964	1,021	920
Education	104	117	134	136
Food Sales	32	32	29	Q
Food Service	48	66	89	45
Health Care	23	21	21	31
Lodging	41	59	59	30
Mercantile and Service	186	201	179	204
Office	144	138	150	187
Public Assembly	43	57	48	65
Public Order and Safety	Q	Q	Q	Q
Religious Worship	56	74	93	53
Warehouse and Storage	100	105	113	95
Other ²	14	Q	29	9
Vacant	48	65	68	Q

¹ Estimates adjusted to match the 1995, 1999 and 2003 CBECS definition of target population.
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<http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/cbecs/comparesampdesign.html>

² Laboratory buildings are included in the "Other" category.

Q = Data withheld because the Relative Standard Error was greater than 50 percent or fewer than 20 buildings were sampled.

Sources: Energy Information Administration, Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Surveys, 1992, 1995, 1999, and 2003.

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