

**Table HC11.6 Air Conditioning Characteristics by Northeast Census Region, 2005**  
**Million U.S. Housing Units**

Air Conditioning Characteristics	U.S. Housing Units (millions)	Northeast Census Region		
		Total Northeast	Census Division	
			Middle Atlantic	New England
<b>Total</b> .....	111.1	20.6	15.1	5.5
<b>Do Not Have Cooling Equipment</b> .....	17.8	4.0	2.4	1.7
<b>Have Cooling Equipment</b> .....	93.3	16.5	12.8	3.8
Use Cooling Equipment.....	91.4	16.3	12.6	3.7
Have Equipment But Do Not Use it.....	1.9	0.3	Q	Q
<b>Air-Conditioning Equipment<sup>1, 2</sup></b>				
Central System.....	65.9	6.0	5.2	0.8
Without a Heat Pump.....	53.5	5.5	4.8	0.7
With a Heat Pump.....	12.3	0.5	0.4	Q
Window/Wall Units.....	28.9	10.7	7.6	3.1
1 Unit.....	14.5	4.3	2.9	1.4
2 Units.....	9.1	4.1	3.1	1.1
3 or More Units.....	5.4	2.3	1.7	0.6
<b>Central Air-Conditioning</b> .....	65.9	6.0	5.2	0.8
<b>Housing Units Served by Central Air-Condition Equipment</b>				
One Housing Unit.....	64.2	5.8	5.1	0.7
Two or More Housing Units.....	1.7	Q	Q	Q
Do Not Have Central A/C Equipment.....	45.2	14.6	9.9	4.7
<b>Number of Rooms Cooled by Central Air-Conditioning in Summer 2005</b>				
None.....	1.4	Q	Q	Q
1.....	0.7	Q	Q	N
2.....	2.1	0.3	0.3	Q
3.....	7.5	0.3	0.3	Q
4.....	7.9	0.7	Q	0.2
5 or More.....	46.3	4.5	3.9	0.5
<b>Proportion of Rooms Air-Conditioned</b>				
None.....	1.4	Q	Q	Q
Some, But Not All of the Rooms.....	8.4	0.7	0.6	Q
All of the Rooms.....	56.1	5.2	4.5	0.6
<b>Frequency of Central Air-Conditioner Use</b>				
Never.....	1.4	Q	Q	Q
Only a Few Times When Needed.....	11.4	1.6	1.4	0.3
Quite a Bit.....	12.6	1.2	1.1	0.1
All Summer.....	40.5	3.0	2.6	0.3
<b>Age of Central Air-Conditioner Used by One Housing Unit</b>				
Less than 2 Years.....	9.0	1.0	0.9	Q
2 to 4 Years.....	11.0	0.9	0.8	Q
5 to 9 Years.....	16.3	1.3	1.1	0.2
10 to 19 Years.....	16.8	1.6	1.4	0.2
20 Years or More.....	6.5	0.7	0.7	Q
Don't Know.....	4.5	0.3	Q	Q

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<b>Used by Two or More Housing Units</b>				
Less than 2 Years.....	Q	N	N	N
2 to 4 Years.....	Q	Q	Q	N
5 to 9 Years.....	0.3	Q	Q	Q
10 to 19 Years.....	0.3	N	N	N
20 Years or More.....	0.3	Q	Q	N
Don't Know.....	0.7	Q	N	Q
<b>Household Pays for Electricity for Central Air-Conditioning</b>				
Yes.....	63.6	5.7	5.0	0.8
No.....	2.3	Q	Q	N
<b>Window/Wall Unit Air-Conditioning.....</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>3.1</b>
<b>Frequency Most-Used Unit Used</b>				
Never.....	0.6	Q	Q	Q
Only a Few Times When Needed.....	12.1	4.9	3.4	1.5
Quite a Bit.....	7.5	3.0	2.2	0.8
All Summer.....	8.6	2.6	1.9	0.7
<b>Age of Most-Used Unit</b>				
Less than 2 Years.....	6.4	2.5	1.7	0.8
2 to 4 Years.....	7.8	3.1	2.2	1.0
5 to 9 Years.....	7.0	2.7	2.1	0.6
10 to 19 Years.....	3.7	1.4	1.0	0.4
20 Years or More.....	2.1	0.7	0.5	0.2
Don't Know.....	1.8	0.3	0.2	0.1
<b>Household Pays for Electricity for Window/Wall Air-Conditioners</b>				
Yes.....	26.1	9.6	6.7	2.8
No.....	2.2	1.0	0.8	0.2

1. In the 2005 RECS 1.5 million housing units reported having both central and window/wall air conditioners.

2. The number of housing units using air-conditioning includes a small, undetermined number of housing units where the fuel for central air-conditioning was some fuel other than electricity; these housing units were treated as if the air-conditioning fuel was electricity.

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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