

# American Community Survey

## Housing: Question on Kitchen Facilities

Question as it appears in the questionnaire.

<b>8 Does this house, apartment, or mobile home have –</b>		Yes	No
a.	hot and cold running water?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b.	a flush toilet?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c.	a bathtub or shower?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
→	d. a sink with a faucet?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
→	e. a stove or range?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
→	f. a refrigerator?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g.	telephone service from which you can both make and receive calls? <i>Include cell phones.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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### MEETING FEDERAL NEEDS

Complete kitchen facilities are defined as a sink with piped water, a range, and a refrigerator. These data are integral components used by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the development of Fair Market Rents for all areas of the country. Federal agencies use this item to identify areas eligible for housing assistance and rehabilitation loans and as an indicator of housing quality.

### COMMUNITY BENEFITS

#### Housing

Data about complete kitchen facilities are used to evaluate the Community Development Block Grant Program, a program that provides grants to states and local governments for the rehabilitation of privately owned property that is intended to be rented as residences.

These data are used to distribute federal funds for housing assistance to local governments.

City and community officials use these data about complete kitchen facilities to determine housing deficiencies in neighborhoods.

#### Social Services

Under the Older Americans Act, these data are used to determine the number of older people who live in inadequate housing and who may be candidates for housing assistance programs or placement in alternative housing.

City and community agencies use these data to pinpoint areas that need special programs, such as Meals On Wheels.

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