

Table 936. Characteristics of New Privately Owned One-Family Houses Completed: 1990 to 2006

[Percent distribution, except total houses. (966 represents 966,000). Data are percent distribution of characteristics for all houses completed (includes new houses completed, houses built for sale completed, contractor-built and owner-built houses completed, and houses completed for rent). Percents exclude houses for which characteristics specified were not reported]

Characteristic	1990	2000	2005	2006	Characteristic	1990	2000	2005	2006
Total houses (1,000)	966	1,242	1,636	1,654	Bedrooms	100	100	100	100
Construction type	100	100	100	100	2 or less	15	11	12	12
Site built	(NA)	94	96	95	3	57	54	49	49
Modular	(NA)	3	3	2	4 or more	29	35	39	39
Other	(NA)	3	2	2	Bathrooms	100	100	100	100
Exterior wall material	100	100	100	100	1 1/2 or less	13	7	4	5
Brick	18	20	20	21	2	42	39	36	36
Wood	39	14	7	8	2 1/2 or more	45	54	59	59
Stucco	18	17	22	22	Heating fuel	100	100	100	100
Vinyl siding ¹	(NA)	39	34	30	Gas	59	70	66	62
Aluminum siding	5	1	1	(Z)	Electricity	33	27	31	35
Other ¹	20	7	16	18	Oil	5	3	2	1
Floor area	100	100	100	100	Other	3	1	1	1
Under 1,200 sq. ft.	11	6	4	4	Heating system	100	100	100	100
1,200 to 1,599 sq. ft.	22	18	16	14	Warm air furnace	65	71	67	63
1,600 to 1,999 sq. ft.	22	23	20	20	Electric heat pump	23	23	29	33
2,000 to 2,399 sq. ft.	17	18	18	17	Other	12	6	4	5
2,400 sq. ft. and over	29	35	42	44	Central air-conditioning	100	100	100	100
Average (sq. ft.)	2,080	2,266	2,434	2,469	With	76	85	89	89
Median (sq. ft.)	1,905	2,057	2,227	2,248	Without	24	15	11	11
Number of stories	100	100	100	100	Fireplaces	100	100	100	100
1	46	47	44	43	No fireplace	34	40	45	47
2 or more	49	52	55	57	1 or more	66	60	55	53
Split level	4	1	(Z)	(Z)	Parking facilities	100	100	100	100
Foundation	100	100	100	100	Garage	82	89	91	91
Full or partial basement	38	37	31	29	Carport	2	1	1	1
Slab	40	46	53	56	No garage or carport	16	11	8	9
Crawl space	21	17	16	15					

NA Not available. Z Less than 0.5 percent. ¹ Prior to 1995, "other" includes vinyl siding.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, "Characteristics of New Housing." See Internet site <<http://www.census.gov/const/www/charindex.html>>.