

Table 983. Housing Units—Characteristics by Tenure and Region: 2009

[In thousands of units (130,112 represents 130,112,000), except as indicated. As of fall. Based on the American Housing Survey; see Appendix III. For composition of regions, see map, inside front cover]

Characteristic	Total housing units		Year-round units							Vacant
			Occupied				Vacant			
			Total	Owner	Renter	North-east	Mid-west	South	West	
Total units	130,112	4,618	111,806	76,428	35,378	20,451	25,368	41,586	24,401	13,688
Percent distribution	100.0	3.5	85.9	58.7	27.2	15.7	19.5	32.0	18.8	10.5
Units in structure:										
Single family detached	82,472	2,795	73,079	63,324	9,755	11,431	17,944	28,063	15,642	6,598
Single family attached	7,053	252	5,973	3,952	2,021	1,810	1,055	1,935	1,172	828
2 to 4 units	10,160	167	8,350	1,353	6,998	2,571	1,792	2,096	1,892	1,643
5 to 9 units	6,347	143	5,269	632	4,637	944	1,043	1,818	1,465	935
10 to 19 units	5,722	127	4,661	483	4,178	741	962	1,819	1,139	934
20 or more units	9,588	404	7,634	1,266	6,368	2,415	1,429	1,936	1,854	1,550
Manufactured/mobile home ¹	8,769	730	6,839	5,418	1,421	540	1,145	3,918	1,236	1,201
Year structure built:										
Median year	1974	1975	1974	1975	1971	1958	1970	1979	1976	1973
1980 or later	16,283	615	14,028	9,360	4,668	1,758	2,381	6,438	3,451	1,639
1970 to 1979	24,799	867	21,248	13,167	8,081	2,864	4,681	8,761	4,941	2,684
1960 to 1969	15,261	514	13,326	8,917	4,409	2,451	2,957	4,832	3,086	1,421
1950 to 1959	41,406	1,386	35,399	23,076	12,322	10,828	9,780	8,538	6,252	4,622
Stories in structure: ²										
1 story	41,537	1,880	35,364	26,216	9,148	1,109	4,072	19,803	10,381	4,292
2 stories	43,447	1,145	37,867	25,210	12,657	6,291	10,192	12,065	9,320	4,435
3 stories	27,574	542	24,508	16,721	7,787	8,689	8,530	4,611	2,678	2,524
4 or more stories	8,785	320	7,228	2,863	4,365	3,823	1,430	1,190	785	1,237
Foundation: ³										
Full basement	29,104	490	26,713	23,821	2,892	9,022	11,276	4,269	2,145	1,902
Partial building	8,991	170	8,208	7,350	858	2,226	3,280	1,565	1,137	613
Crawlspace	20,955	965	18,022	14,783	3,240	740	2,523	9,517	5,242	1,968
Concrete slab	28,693	1,011	24,917	20,431	4,486	1,146	1,758	13,941	8,071	2,765
Equipment:										
Lacking complete facilities	5,586	667	1,751	378	1,374	487	385	406	474	3,168
With complete facilities	124,526	3,951	110,054	76,050	34,004	19,964	24,984	41,180	23,927	10,520
Kitchen sink	128,769	4,291	111,510	76,329	35,180	20,344	25,308	41,532	24,326	12,968
Refrigerator	126,534	4,056	111,530	76,336	35,193	20,372	25,328	41,502	24,328	10,948
Cooking stove or range	126,744	4,127	111,038	76,153	34,886	20,329	25,207	41,347	24,155	11,579
Dishwasher	82,397	2,111	73,584	57,191	16,393	11,900	15,487	28,691	17,505	6,702
Washing machine	101,387	2,482	93,372	73,826	19,545	15,327	21,537	36,611	19,896	5,534
Clothes dryer	98,657	2,360	90,905	72,562	18,343	14,512	21,327	35,578	19,489	5,392
Disposal in kitchen sink	63,776	1,505	56,531	40,597	15,933	5,332	13,048	20,217	17,934	5,740
Safety Equipment:										
Smoke detector:										
Working	116,141	2,989	104,362	71,797	32,565	19,479	24,153	37,942	22,788	8,789
Powered by:										
Electricity	9,217	267	8,149	5,620	2,528	1,680	1,534	3,238	1,696	801
Batteries	72,868	1,547	66,536	43,210	23,326	12,985	16,379	22,831	14,341	4,785
Both	32,128	983	28,421	22,461	5,960	4,654	5,971	11,370	6,426	2,724
Not working	9,101	824	6,157	3,686	2,472	739	974	3,045	1,399	2,119
Not reported	4,870	804	1,286	945	341	233	241	598	214	2,780
Batteries:										
Replaced in last 6 months	77,933	1,626	71,505	50,073	21,432	14,175	17,336	25,312	14,682	4,803
Not replaced in last 6 months	23,706	579	21,466	14,678	6,788	3,133	4,557	8,179	5,597	1,661
Not reported	3,357	326	1,986	920	1,066	331	457	710	488	1,045
Fire extinguisher purchased or recharged	49,902	(X)	49,902	37,922	11,980	9,405	11,183	19,118	10,196	(X)
Sprinkler system inside home	6,401	246	5,167	2,086	3,081	938	877	1,845	1,507	988
Working carbon monoxide detector	43,494	673	40,698	31,691	9,007	12,483	12,688	9,927	5,600	2,123
Main heating equipment: ⁴										
Warm-air furnace	81,629	2,034	71,141	51,691	19,450	8,925	20,671	25,268	16,277	8,454
Steam or hot water system	13,969	259	12,506	7,494	5,012	9,088	2,015	592	811	1,204
Electric heat pump	16,059	868	13,264	9,764	3,500	336	706	10,785	1,436	1,927
Built-in electric units	5,730	320	4,761	2,120	2,641	1,159	1,134	827	1,641	649
Floor, wall, or pipeless furnace	5,525	202	4,802	2,043	2,760	435	388	1,154	2,825	520
Room heaters with flue	1,173	73	950	580	370	124	103	478	244	150
Room heaters without flue	1,365	99	1,109	694	414	24	52	992	41	157
Portable electric heaters	1,405	107	1,167	535	632	29	65	769	304	131
Stoves	1,364	203	1,035	845	190	226	158	341	310	125
Fireplaces ⁵	290	42	215	190	25	27	40	53	94	34
None	930	330	386	206	180	3	3	58	321	215
Main cooling equipment:										
Central air conditioning	88,668	2,197	78,437	59,357	19,080	6,931	18,340	39,501	13,665	8,034
One or more room units	26,850	581	24,582	13,707	10,875	10,499	5,478	4,980	3,625	1,687
Source of water:										
Public system or private company	113,489	3,238	98,027	64,372	33,655	17,101	21,435	36,594	22,897	12,224
Well serving 1 to 5 units	15,846	1,070	13,430	11,769	1,660	3,275	3,878	4,821	1,455	1,346
Means of sewage disposal:										
Public sewer	103,155	2,596	89,467	56,736	32,732	16,263	20,432	31,288	21,484	11,092
Septic tank chemical toilet	26,662	1,800	22,307	19,667	2,640	4,185	4,930	10,279	2,913	2,555

X Not applicable. ¹ Includes trailers. Includes width not reported, not shown separately. ² Excludes mobile homes; includes basements and finished attics. ³ Limited to single-family units. ⁴ Includes other items, not shown separately. ⁵ With and without inserts.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Housing Reports, Series H150/09, *American Housing Survey for the United States: 2009*. See also <<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/housing/ahs/nationaldata.html>>.