

Table 936. Characteristics of New Privately Owned One-Family Houses Completed: 1990 to 2008

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	2008	Characteristic	1990	2000	2005	2008
Total houses (1,000)	966	1,242	1,636	819	Bedrooms	100	100	100	100
Construction type	100	100	100	100	2 or less	15	11	12	14
Site built	(NA)	94	96	95	3	57	54	49	50
Modular	(NA)	3	3	3	4 or more	29	35	39	36
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	7
Brick	18	20	20	24	2	42	39	36	35
Wood	39	14	7	9	2-1/2 or more	45	54	59	59
Stucco	18	17	22	21	Heating fuel	100	100	100	100
Vinyl siding	(NA)	39	34	31	Gas	59	70	66	59
Aluminum siding	5	1	1	(NA)	Electricity	33	27	31	38
Other ¹	20	7	16	12	Oil	5	3	2	1
Floor area	100	100	100	100	Other	3	1	1	2
Under 1,200 sq. ft	11	6	4	13	Heating system	100	100	100	100
1,200 to 1,599 sq. ft	22	18	16	18	Warm air furnace	65	71	67	60
1,600 to 1,999 sq. ft	22	23	20	26	Electric heat pump	23	23	29	34
2,000 to 2,399 sq. ft	17	18	18	17	Other	12	6	4	6
2,400 sq. ft. and over	29	35	42	25	Central air-conditioning	100	100	100	100
Average (sq. ft.)	2,080	2,266	2,434	2534	With	76	85	89	89
Median (sq. ft.)	1,905	2,057	2,227	2219	Without	24	15	11	11
Number of stories	100	100	100	100	Fireplaces	100	100	100	100
1	46	47	44	44	No fireplace	34	40	45	48
2 or more	49	52	55	56	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	87
Full or partial basement	38	37	31	29	Carport	2	1	1	1
Slab	40	46	53	51	No garage or carport	16	11	8	12
Crawl space	21	17	16	19					

NA Not available. Z Less than 0.5 percent. ¹ Prior to 2000, "other" includes vinyl siding.

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