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Table 3.16 Home Office Equipment in Households by Type of Housing Unit, 2001

(percentage of households with home office equipment, by selected characteristics of equipment and type of housing unit, 2001)

	total	single family	multifamily		mobile home
			two to four units	five or more units	
Total households	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Households using office equipment	89.9	92.5	89.2	81.3	84.5
Personal computers	56.1	63.0	43.6	39.8	40.0
Number of desktop computers					
One	42.2	46.7	35.2	30.4	31.8
Two or more	8.5	10.5	3.4	4.7	4.0
Number of laptop computers					
One	11.2	12.8	8.8	8.4	4.2
Two or more	2.0	2.5	—	—	—
Have access to Internet	47.4	53.7	34.5	34.2	29.8
Printer					
Attached to computers	49.3	57.1	35.0	30.4	32.1
With built-in fax/copier	11.8	14.0	7.8	6.9	5.6
Hours computer turned on each week					
Less than two hours	9.7	10.1	10.8	7.3	9.6
2 to 15 hours	24.6	28.2	15.9	17.1	15.6
16 to 40 hours	11.4	13.1	8.4	7.5	7.2
More than 40 hours	5.3	6.3	3.6	3.7	—
On all the time	5.2	5.4	5.0	4.3	5.8
How computer is used					
15 hours a week or less	34.2	38.3	26.7	24.4	25.3
16 hours a week or more	21.9	24.7	17.0	15.4	14.7
Personal use only	13.1	14.3	10.8	9.8	10.9
Business use only	2.0	2.4	—	1.3	—
Both personal and business	6.8	8.0	5.1	4.4	2.7
Business use of computer					
Used for telecommuting	3.4	4.2	3.4	1.1	—
One to four days per week	1.9	2.3	—	—	—
Five to seven days per week	1.5	1.8	—	—	—
Other business use	5.5	6.2	2.7	4.5	3.4
Other office equipment					
Cell/mobile telephone	53.1	58.3	42.2	41.3	40.7
Cordless telephone	76.2	80.9	67.4	62.6	70.5
Facsimile machine	10.3	12.7	6.5	4.0	5.0
Photocopier	6.9	8.4	5.7	2.0	4.3
Telephone answering machine	61.4	65.9	54.7	50.6	48.0

Note: (—) means sample is too small to make a reliable estimate.

Source: United States Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration, 2001 Residential Energy Consumption Survey. Internet site http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/recs/recs2001_hc17_4b.html