

Table 3 B. Consumer Durables by Economic Characteristics: Households with Videocassette Recorder, Air Conditioner, Computer, and Cellular Phone: 1998
(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristics	Total Households	Videocassette recorder	Air conditioner	Computer	Cellular phone
		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
All households					
Total	102,652	85.2	77.7	42.0	36.3
Household income quintile					
Lowest quintile	20,520	61.9	70.3	16.0	12.5
2nd quintile	20,527	81.2	74.5	25.3	21.3
3rd quintile	20,538	90.9	79.7	39.6	33.7
4th quintile	20,530	94.9	81.2	55.9	48.3
Highest quintile	20,533	97.2	82.7	73.2	65.5
Household poverty					
Income below poverty	12,648	64.8	67.7	18.4	13.5
Income above poverty	90,003	88.1	79.1	45.3	39.5
Education of householder					
Not high school graduate	17,744	65.5	70.6	11.9	13.2
High school graduate	31,111	84.9	77.8	31.1	31.1
Some college	29,009	90.1	78.7	48.3	40.8
Bachelors or higher	24,788	94.0	81.4	69.8	54.0
Occupation of householder					
Executive	10,912	95.6	83.6	67.2	59.7
Professional	11,394	94.4	80.7	70.8	52.2
Technical	2,321	94.6	82.8	60.9	44.5
Sales	7,956	93.0	81.9	52.7	51.6
Administrative support	9,301	92.3	79.3	49.3	40.7
Service	8,352	85.4	72.4	33.3	26.5
Farm	1,899	82.6	69.3	28.7	32.3
Craft	8,663	91.9	78.2	45.2	40.4
Labor	10,261	89.1	75.8	31.5	31.0
Region					
Northeast	19,808	84.6	68.4	42.0	33.6
Midwest	25,144	86.4	82.9	42.1	37.9
South	36,086	83.2	94.0	38.5	36.1
West	21,614	87.8	53.0	47.6	37.1
Metropolitan status					
Central City	13,104	85.9	75.1	42.5	33.9
Metropolitan, outside central city	72,974	86.1	78.4	44.1	38.1
Non-metropolitan	16,573	80.7	76.7	32.3	30.0

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