

Table 4 B. Consumer Durables by Economic Characteristics: Households with Air Conditioner, Telephone, Electronic Appliances, and Basic Appliances: 1998
(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristics	Total Households	Air conditioner	Telephone	Electronic appliances**	Basic four appliances*
		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
All households					
Total	102,652	77.7	96.2	24.3	79.5
Household income quintile					
Lowest quintile	20,520	70.3	90.1	6.2	59.7
2nd quintile	20,527	74.5	94.9	10.3	73.3
3rd quintile	20,538	79.7	97.7	19.3	81.4
4th quintile	20,530	81.2	98.8	32.8	89.2
Highest quintile	20,533	82.7	99.5	52.8	93.7
Household poverty					
Income below poverty	12,648	67.7	87.0	7.2	56.2
Income above poverty	90,003	79.1	97.5	26.7	82.7
Education of householder					
Not high school graduate	17,744	70.6	91.6	5.0	68.3
High school graduate	31,111	77.8	95.4	16.9	80.0
Some college	29,009	78.7	97.1	27.4	81.0
Bachelors or higher	24,788	81.4	99.4	43.7	84.9
Occupation of householder					
Executive	10,912	83.6	99.0	46.2	87.5
Professional	11,394	80.7	99.0	42.5	84.0
Technical	2,321	82.8	99.0	33.0	83.5
Sales	7,956	81.9	98.3	36.0	82.6
Administrative support	9,301	79.3	97.3	27.6	77.7
Service	8,352	72.4	93.7	15.6	70.7
Farm	1,899	69.3	93.1	17.2	79.4
Craft	8,663	78.2	96.2	25.2	84.3
Labor	10,261	75.8	93.9	16.2	77.2
Region					
Northeast	19,808	68.4	97.3	23.1	74.7
Midwest	25,144	82.9	96.8	24.6	81.7
South	36,086	94.0	94.9	23.8	82.0
West	21,614	53.0	96.6	25.8	77.1
Metropolitan status					
Central City	13,104	75.1	93.8	22.1	62.8
Metropolitan, outside central city	72,974	78.4	96.8	26.2	80.7
Non-metropolitan	16,573	76.7	95.5	17.5	87.1

* Refrigerator, Stove, Clothes Washer, Telephone

** Computer, Cell Phone, VCR, Television

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