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SPACE HEATING FUEL MARKET SHARES IN NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

Findings

- Most new homes continue to use gas¹ for space heat;
- Despite significant declines in the price of natural gas over the past few years, electricity gained market share at the expense of gas; and
- The number of new homes built in 2016 (969,000) decreased 9 percent from the previous year, illustrating the continued weakness in the housing market.

MARKET SHARES OF SPACE HEATING FUEL USED IN NEW RESIDENTIAL UNITS COMPLETED

| | GAS ¹ | | |
|------|------------------|--------------|----------|
| | SINGLE FAMILY | MULTI-FAMILY | COMBINED |
| 2013 | 61% | 33% | 54% |
| 2014 | 60% | 32% | 54% |
| 2015 | 60% | 36% | 52% |
| 2016 | 60% | 34% | 52% |

| | ELECTRIC | | |
|------|---------------|--------------|----------|
| | SINGLE FAMILY | MULTI-FAMILY | COMBINED |
| 2013 | 38% | 66% | 44% |
| 2014 | 38% | 66% | 44% |
| 2015 | 39% | 63% | 45% |
| 2016 | 39% | 66% | 47% |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
<https://www.census.gov/construction/chars/> *Characteristics of New Housing*.

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¹ "Gas" includes natural gas and propane.