

The Advantages of Manufactured Housing

Cost-Effective:

- Depending on the region of the country, construction cost per square foot for a new manufactured home averages 10 to 35 percent less than costs for a comparable site-built home.
- Independent appraisal studies confirm that manufactured homes can appreciate in value just like other forms of housing.

Built for Quality:

- All aspects of the construction process are controlled.
- The weather does not interfere with construction and cause delays.
- All technicians, craftsmen and assemblers work as a team and are professionally supervised.
- Inventory is better controlled and materials are protected from theft and weather-related damage.
- All construction materials, as well as interior finishes and appliances, are purchased in volume for additional savings.
- Cost of interim construction financing is significantly reduced or eliminated.
- All aspects of construction are continually inspected by a professionally trained third-party inspector.

Amenities:

- Floor plans are available that range from basic to elaborate. These include vaulted or tray ceilings, fully-equipped kitchens, walk-in closets, and bathrooms with recessed tubs and whirlpools.
- A variety of exterior siding is available, including metallic, vinyl, wood, or hardboard. In some cases, homebuyers can also opt for stucco exteriors.
- Homes have pitched roofs with shingles and gabled ends.
- Design features such as bay windows are available.
- Awnings, patio covers, decks, site-built garages and permanent foundations often are available as upgrades.
- The home can be customized to meet the needs of the consumer.

Safety:

- The building materials in today's manufactured home are the same as those used in site-built homes.
- The homes are engineered for wind safety and energy efficiency based on the geographic region in which they are sold.
- Manufactured homes are among the safest housing choices available today due to federal laws requiring smoke detectors, escape windows, and limited combustible materials around furnaces, water heaters and kitchen ranges.
- Properly installed homes can withstand 120-130 mph 3-second gust winds in areas prone to hurricanes.

Manufactured Home Shipments by State 2007

State	# Homes Shipped	Product Mix	
		Single Section	Multi-Section
AK	75	41	34
AL	3,672	1,417	2,255
AR	2,136	782	1,354
AZ	3,281	403	2,878
CA	4,769	346	4,423
CO	514	217	297
CT	244	155	89
DE	597	136	461
FL	6,122	1,151	4,971
GA	3,116	647	2,469
HI	0	0	0
IA	418	190	228
ID	721	72	649
IL	1,635	674	961
IN	1,215	367	758
KS	433	134	299
KY	3,522	1,091	2,431
LA	6,681	3,885	2,796
MA	168	60	108
MD	514	140	374
ME	787	288	499
MI	1,113	329	784
MN	898	243	655
MO	1,617	482	1,135
MS	5,035	2,949	2,086
MT	593	205	388
NC	4,419	1,222	3,197
ND	315	107	208
NE	131	70	61
NH	378	152	226
NJ	364	157	207
NM	1,621	523	1,098
NV	502	42	460
NY	2,163	662	1,501
OH	1,457	441	1,016
OK	3,006	1,158	1,848
OR	1,772	64	1,708
PA	2,431	547	1,884
RI	31	14	17
SC	2,771	729	2,042
SD	460	163	297
TN	3,428	973	2,455
TX	10,928	4,796	6,132
UT	743	97	646
VA	2,107	774	1,333
VT	273	93	180
WA	2,063	83	1,980
WI	698	250	448
WV	1,833	498	1,335
WY	531	298	233
Destination Pending	1,558	412	1,146
Canada/Mexico/	0	0	0
Puerto Rico			
Washington, DC	0	0	0
Total	95,769	30,729	65,040

Source: Institute for Building Technology and Safety (IBTS)