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**Seasonal, Recreational, or Occasional Use Homes.** Often referred to as "snowbirds," many people will head for a secondary residence in warmer climates to avoid winter's cold weather. The Census Bureau collects data on housing tenure (whether a home is owned or rented) as well as on vacancy. The vacancy breakdown includes a question on whether the home is used for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. Some examples of common "vacation" homes are summer estates on Long Island, time-sharing condos in Ft. Lauderdale, or simple fishing cabins in northern Michigan.  
 Source: Census 2000 Brief: Housing Characteristics: 2000

Table 2.  
**Ten States With the Highest Percentage of Seasonal, Recreational, or Occasional Use Homes: 2000**

(For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see [www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf1.pdf](http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf1.pdf))

Area	Total housing units	For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	Percent
<b>United States</b> .....	<b>115,904,641</b>	<b>3,578,718</b>	<b>3.1</b>
Maine .....	651,901	101,470	15.6
Vermont .....	294,382	43,060	14.6
New Hampshire .....	547,024	56,413	10.3
Alaska .....	260,978	21,474	8.2
Delaware .....	343,072	25,977	7.6
Florida .....	7,302,947	482,944	6.6
Arizona .....	2,189,189	141,965	6.5
Wisconsin .....	2,321,144	142,313	6.1
Montana .....	412,633	24,213	5.9
Hawaii .....	460,542	25,584	5.6

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1.



