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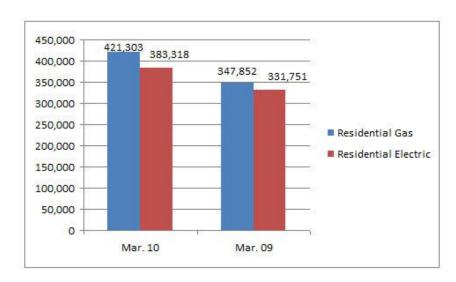
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### AHRI Releases March 2010 U.S. Heating and Cooling Equipment Shipment Data

#### **Residential Water Heaters**

In March 2010, the number of U.S. residential gas water heater shipments increased 21 percent, to 421,303 units, up from 347,852 units in March 2009. In the same time period, the number of U.S. residential electric water heater shipments increased 16 percent, to 383,318 units, compared with 331,751 units in March 2009. Year-to-date U.S. shipments of residential gas water heaters increased 10 percent to 1,086,869 units in March 2010, compared with 991,304 units in March 2009. The year-to-date number of U.S. shipments of residential electric water heaters increased 4 percent to 1,006,345 units in March 2010, up from 965,983 units shipped in March 2009.

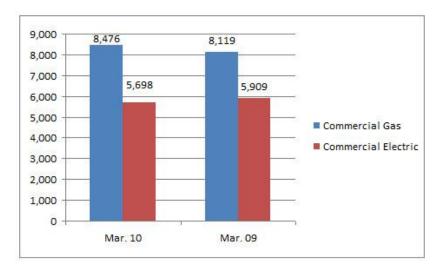


## Year-to-Date

Water Heaters	Mar. 10 YTD	Mar. 09 YTD	%CHG.
Residential Gas	1,086,869	991,304	+10
Residential Electric	1,006,345	965,983	+4

#### **Commercial Water Heaters**

March 2010 brought commercial gas water heaters a 4 percent increase in U.S. shipments, up from 8,119 units in March 2009, to 8,476 units in March 2010; however, shipments of electric water heaters dropped 4 percent, to 5,698 units in March 2010, down from 5,909 units in March 2009. Year-to-date U.S. shipments of commercial gas water heaters increased 3 percent, to 21,997 units in March 2010, up from 21,349 units in March 2009. Year-to-date U.S. shipments of commercial electric water heaters decreased 7 percent, to 14,157 units in March 2010, compared with 15,200 units shipped in March 2009.



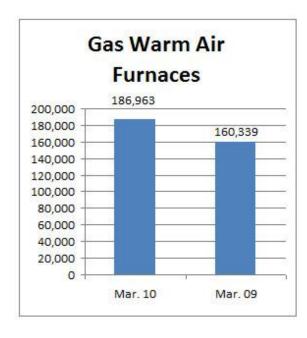
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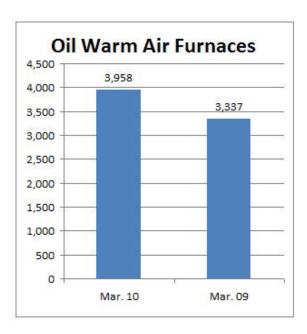
Water Heaters	Mar. 10 YTD	Mar. 09 YTD	%CHG.
Commercial Gas	21,997	21,349	+3
Commercial Electric	14,157	15,200	-7

### **Warm Air Furnaces**

March 2010 brought gains for both gas and oil warm air furnaces. Gas warm air furnaces shipments increased 17 percent, to 186,963 units in March 2010, compared with 160,339 units shipped in March 2009. In March 2010, oil warm air furnaces shipments increased 18 percent, to 3,958 units, up from 3,337 units shipped in March 2009.

Year-to-date U.S. shipments of gas warm air furnaces have increased 21 percent, to 506,856 units in March 2010, compared with 418,338 units shipped in March 2009. Year-to-date U.S. shipments of oil warm air furnaces increased 33 percent, to 13,319 units in March 2010, compared with 9,988 units shipped in March 2009.





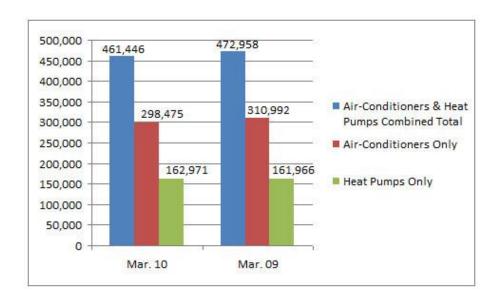
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	Mar. 10 YTD	Mar. 09 YTD	%CHG.
Gas Warm Air Furnaces	506,856	418,338	+21
Oil Warm Air Furnaces	13,319	9,988	+33

# **Central Air Conditioners and Air-Source Heat Pumps**

The combined total of U.S. factory shipments of central air conditioners and air-source heat pumps in March 2010 was 461,466, 162,971 of which were heat pumps. That number represents a 2 percent decrease from a revised total of 472,958 units shipped in March 2009. The total number of shipments for heat pumps increased 0.6 percent from a revised total of 161,966 units in March 2009.

Year-to-date U.S. shipments of heat pumps have increased 7 percent in 2010, to 385,717 units, compared with a revised total of 360,036 units shipped in March 2009. Year-to-date shipments of central air-conditioners have increased 6 percent, to 645,606 units in March 2010, compared with a revised total of 608,751 units in March 2009.



	Mar. 10 YTD	Mar. 09 YTD	%CHG.
Air-Conditioners & Heat Pumps Combined Total	1,031,323	968,787	+7
Heat Pumps Only	385,717	360,036	+7
Air-Conditioners Only	645,606	608,751	+6

U.S. Manufacturers' Shipments of Central Air Conditioners and Air-Source Heat Pumps

Size Description (000) BTUH	Total	% Change from 2009
Under 16.5	12,066	+19
16.5-21.9	33,771	-8
22 - 26.9	91,297	-3
27 -32.9	73,960	-6
33 -38.9	100,347	+0
39 -43.9	38,231	+6
44 -53.9	53,083	+0
54 -64.9	42,599	-3
65 -96.9	6,010	-19
97 -134.9	4,721	-18
135 -184.9	2,732	-3
185 -249.9	1,347	-6
250 -319.9	500	-9
320 - 379.9	226	-31
380 -539.9	191	-40
540 -639.9	165	-4
640 & Over	200	-42
TOTAL	461,446	-2

<sup>\*</sup>NOTE: Industry figures are estimates that are derived from the best available figures supplied by a sample of AHRI member companies.

### **About AHRI**

The Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) is the trade association representing manufacturers of air conditioning, heating and commercial refrigeration equipment. An internationally recognized advocate for the industry, AHRI develops standards for and certifies the performance of many of these products. AHRI's 300 member companies account for more than 90 percent of the residential and commercial air conditioning, space heating, water heating, and commercial refrigeration equipment manufactured and sold in North America.