

BASE Buildings Physical Characteristics: Floor Space Usage - Primary and Secondary Usage Categories

Floor Space Usage	Number of Floors ¹	
	Primary Use	Secondary Use
Assembly	18	44
Food service	1	7
Foyer/reception	2	28
Laboratory	8	26
Mechanical	35	39
Multi-Use	50	96
Office	745	48
Parking	51	2
Retail	13	20
Other	61	73
Storage	20	19
Vacant	39	82
Total Number of Floors Reported	1043	484

Notes:

¹For all 100 buildings, the total number of floors with a primary use category was 1,043 floors. Further, of the 1,043 floors, 484 reported at least one secondary use category.

Variable Descriptions:

Primary Use is the use category occupying the majority of the floor area on a given floor.

Secondary Use is the use category occupying the majority of the remaining percentage of floor area on a given floor.

The following use categories apply:

Assembly includes any area where large numbers of people are likely to gather (e.g. court rooms, conference rooms, auditoriums, etc).

Food Service includes areas where food is prepared, cooked, served, purchased or consumed.

Foyer/Reception includes areas where people enter the building or an area of the building where visitors are met.

Laboratory includes areas used to complete scientific experiments or tests.

Mechanical includes areas where systems supporting the building are housed.

Multi-Use includes areas that are used for two or more uses.

Office includes areas that are used for office type activities.

Other includes areas that are used for purposes not specified.

Packing/Shipping includes areas where goods such as packages and mail are sent out and received.

Parking includes areas inside the building used for parking of automobiles.

Retail includes areas where goods are sold to the consumer.

Storage includes areas where goods and equipment are saved for future use.

Vacant includes areas that are not occupied with equipment, furniture or occupants.