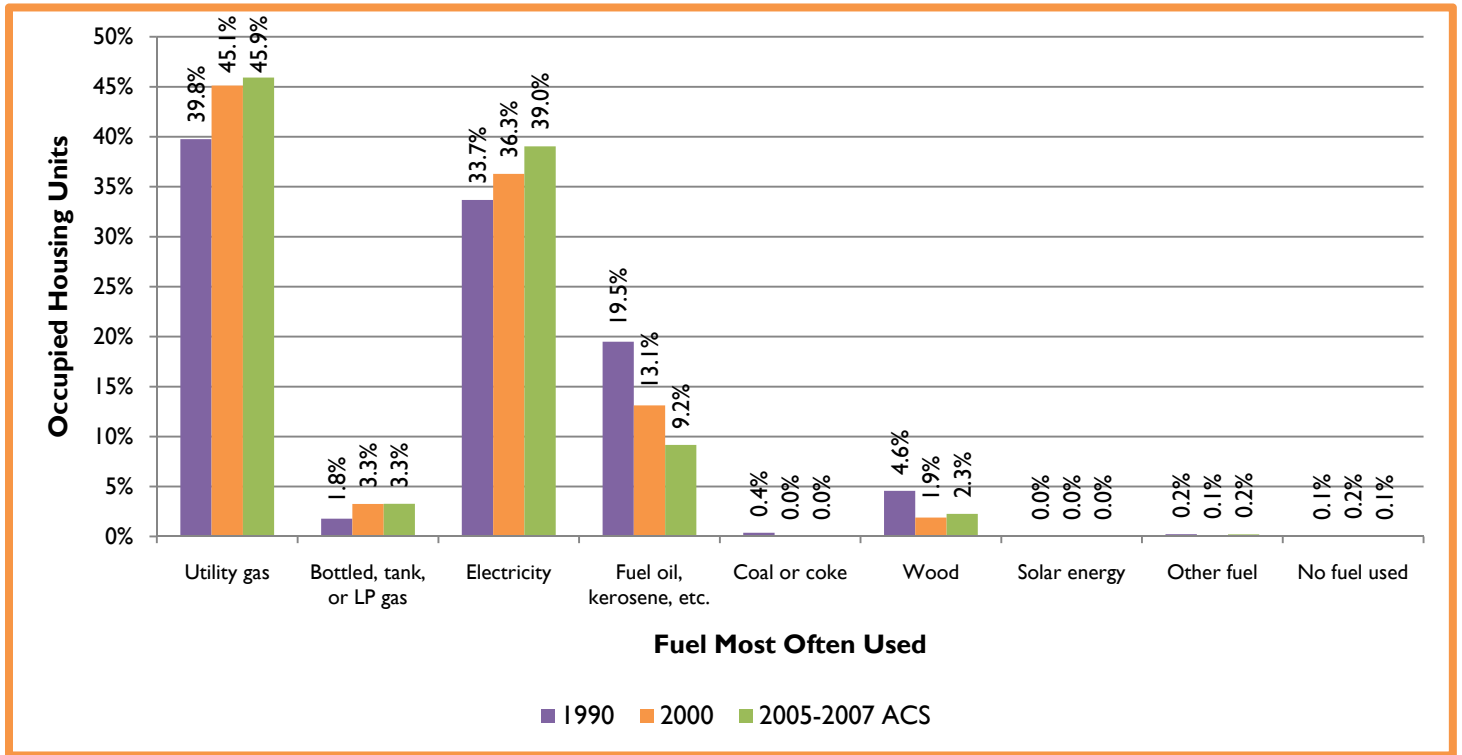


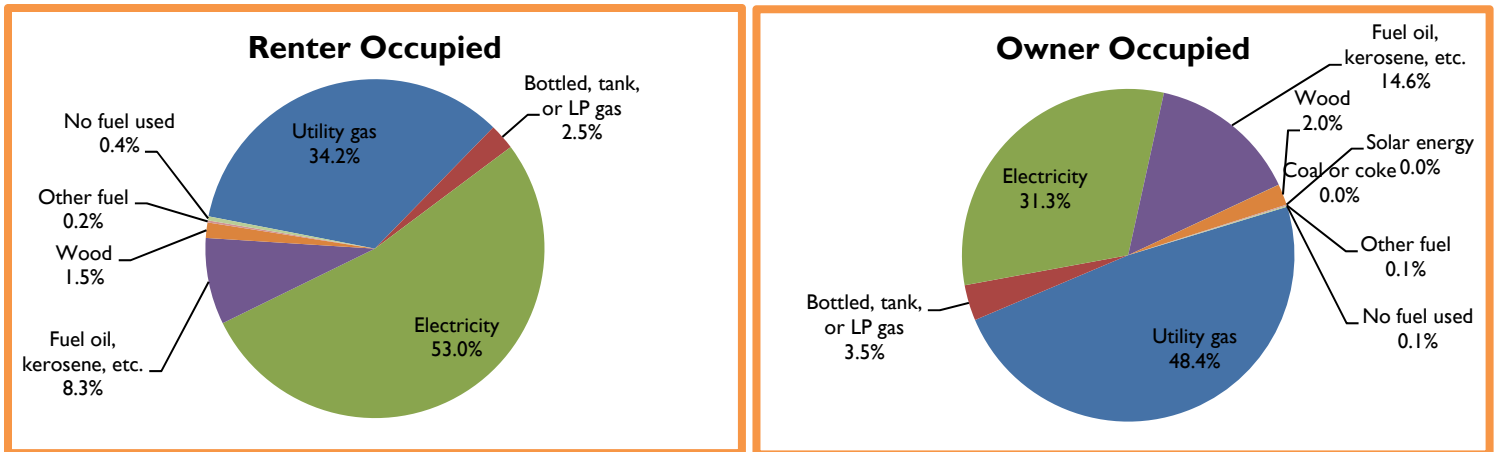
Roanoke County's residents are increasingly heating their homes with utility gas or electricity.



Source: U.S. Census, 2005-2007 American Community Survey

As with the rest of the United States, the percentage of homes in Roanoke County heated by utility gas and electricity increased while the usage of fuels like coal and wood decreased from 1990 to 2000. Unlike the rest of the nation, however, utility gas remains the dominant house heating fuel for the County.

The primary house heating fuel for renter and owner occupied units varied significantly.



Source: U.S. Census, 2000

In 2002, over 50% of renter occupied homes in the County were heated by electricity and 35% heated by utility gas. The majority of owner occupied homes, however, were heated by utility gas, with only 31% of units using electricity.