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The states with the highest percentages of vacant homes were Maine, Vermont, Florida, Arizona and Alaska.

The Census Bureau counts vacation home or second homes as vacant, along with homes that are sold but not occupied and empty homes for sale or rent, which means many are not vacant in the usual sense of the word, according to a report by the [International Business Times](#) ^[8]. In 2009, approximately two-thirds of the homes counted vacant in Maine and Vermont were vacation homes.



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