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Blown Away – a Tale of Two Industries. Shocking Disparity Between RVs and Manufactured Homes 1995-2024. Plus, May 2026 MHVille 50 United States Shipments and Production Summary Report. FEA

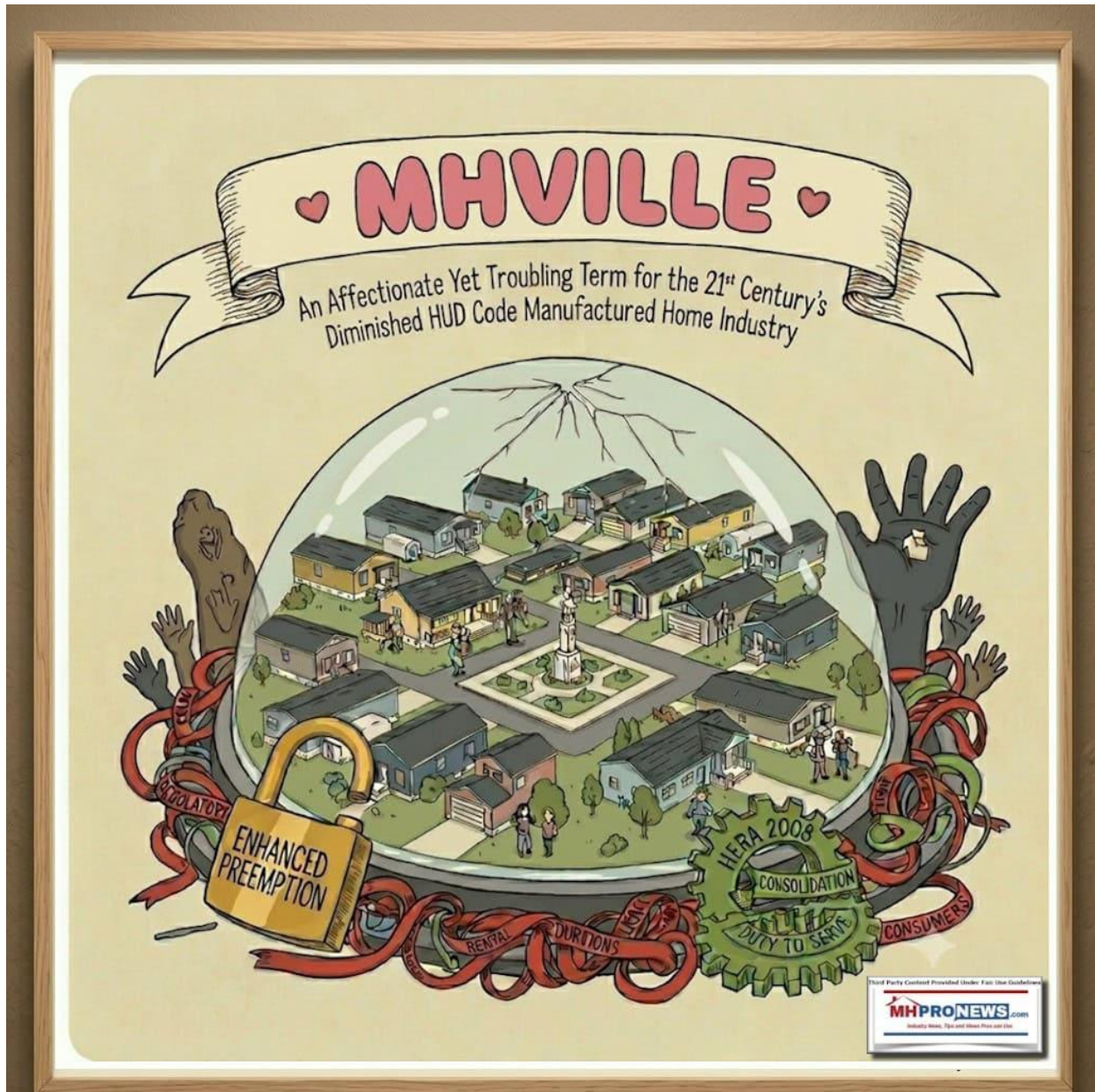
The ratio of manufactured housing (MH) to recreational vehicle (RV) production from 1995 to 2000 is **1.22 to 1** as detailed by an op-ed by L. A. "Tony" Kovach via [HousingWire](#). That specific year-by-year plus cumulative breakdown is shown in Part II below, but the topline [math ratio of 1.22 MH to 1 RV is 1 for those years is documented here](#). From 2001 to 2024 the manufactured housing industry trailed the recreational vehicle (RV) industry by 2,333,714 manufactured homes to 8,618,332 recreational vehicles ([MHPProNews](#) note: some RVs are motorized, but most are towable). Again, the year-by-year plus cumulative data is presented in Part II below. So, from 2001 to 2024 the ratio dramatically shifted from **1.22 MH to 1 RV** from 1995-2000 to **1 MH to 3.69 RVs**. Part of the significance is that many RVs are typically not promoted for use for full-time living, but rather are presented as a luxury (meaning, discretionary) item for weekend getaways, vacations or a travel option for some retirees and for certain careers. The ratio of disparity between RVs and MHs in the 21st century is a reasonable [key performance indicator](#) (KPI) to use as a yardstick for measuring the performance of the Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI), which has long claimed to represent "[all segments](#)" of the manufactured home and factory-built housing industry. The reason that the [Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform](#) (MHARR) is being left out of that part of this facts-evidence-analysis (FEA) is simple. MHARR makes no similar claim to MHIs. MHARR clearly states in their media releases and on their website that MHARR: "is a Washington, D.C.- based national trade association representing the views and interests of independent producers of federally regulated manufactured housing." Sometimes, MHARR has been described as also serving a 'watchdog' role for manufactured housing independents, shedding light through their industry and regulatory expertise on what MHI is doing, or not doing, and what may be the prudence (or lack thereof) of MHI behavior with respect to the manufactured housing industry's historic achievements and future potential in a well-documented U.S. affordable housing crisis. Part I of this report will provide the Institute for Building Technology & Safety (IBTS) data for May 2026 for all 50 states, plus Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and Canada.

Note that IBTS collects this data under contract on behalf of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), making their data effectively "[official data](#)."

Part III will shed further light on this data and possible implication through what could be termed the "[Upton Sinclair](#)" effect. The deep dive [filed with Regulations.gov yesterday that](#)

[was reproduced here](#) should be considered as useful background information for this report.

This [MHProNews](#) MHVille [facts-evidence-analysis](#) (FEA) is well underway.



Part I

Institute for Building Technology & Safety

Shipments and Production Summary Report 5/01/2026 - 5/31/2026

Shipments

State	SW	MW	Total	Floors
Dest. Pending	7	8	15	23
Alabama	269	230	499	730
Alaska	0	1	1	2
Arizona	59	83	142	226
Arkansas	53	95	148	243
California	38	176	214	396
Colorado	23	22	45	68
Connecticut	16	3	19	22
Delaware	4	19	23	42
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0
Florida	177	411	588	1,000
Georgia	144	286	430	716
Hawaii	0	0	0	0
Idaho	10	35	45	82
Illinois	76	47	123	170
Indiana	83	54	137	191
Iowa	33	20	53	73
Kansas	77	8	85	93
Kentucky	142	221	363	584

Louisiana	176	140	316	457
Maine	37	35	72	107
Maryland	4	2	6	8
Massachusetts	4	9	13	22
Michigan	136	131	267	398
Minnesota	19	34	53	86
Mississippi	168	169	337	511
Missouri	41	78	119	198
Montana	15	17	32	50
Nebraska	6	16	22	38
Nevada	6	26	32	62
New Hampshire	7	17	24	41
New Jersey	4	20	24	44
New Mexico	51	86	137	226
New York	94	78	172	250
North Carolina	168	297	465	763
North Dakota	17	14	31	45
Ohio	88	59	147	207
Oklahoma	71	108	179	288
Oregon	17	64	81	147
Pennsylvania	86	70	156	226
Rhode Island	1	0	1	1
South Carolina	171	284	455	739

South Dakota	8	15	23	38
Tennessee	79	182	261	443
Texas	613	898	1,511	2,415
Utah	6	20	26	47
Vermont	12	10	22	32
Virginia	37	68	105	173
Washington	17	111	128	246
West Virginia	29	67	96	163
Wisconsin	76	37	113	150
Wyoming	18	11	29	40
Canada	0	0	0	0
Puerto Rico	0	0	0	0
Total	3,493	4,892	8,385	13,322

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Production

State	SW	MW	Total	Floors
States Shown(*)	360	281	641	925
Alabama	570	805	1,375	2,190

*Alaska	0	0	0	0
Arizona	63	113	176	290
*Arkansas	0	0	0	0
California	40	151	191	348
*Colorado	0	0	0	0
*Connecticut	0	0	0	0
*Delaware	0	0	0	0
*District of Columbia	0	0	0	0
Florida	77	242	319	562
Georgia	151	360	511	871
*Hawaii	0	0	0	0
Idaho	23	86	109	204
*Illinois	0	0	0	0
Indiana	486	269	755	1,026
*Iowa	0	0	0	0
*Kansas	0	0	0	0
*Kentucky	0	0	0	0
*Louisiana	0	0	0	0
*Maine	0	0	0	0
*Maryland	0	0	0	0
*Massachusetts	0	0	0	0
*Michigan	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	42	73	115	188

*Mississippi	0	0	0	0
*Missouri	0	0	0	0
*Montana	0	0	0	0
*Nebraska	0	0	0	0
*Nevada	0	0	0	0
*New Hampshire	0	0	0	0
*New Jersey	0	0	0	0
*New Mexico	0	0	0	0
*New York	0	0	0	0
North Carolina	165	328	493	821
*North Dakota	0	0	0	0
*Ohio	0	0	0	0
*Oklahoma	0	0	0	0
Oregon	37	176	213	397
Pennsylvania	230	256	486	742
*Rhode Island	0	0	0	0
*South Carolina	0	0	0	0
*South Dakota	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	492	698	1,190	1,889
Texas	727	1,016	1,743	2,763
*Utah	0	0	0	0
*Vermont	0	0	0	0
*Virginia	0	0	0	0

*Washington	0	0	0	0
*West Virginia	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	30	38	68	106
*Wyoming	0	0	0	0
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(*) THESE STATES HAVE FEWER THAN THREE PLANTS.

FIGURES ARE AGGREGATED ON FIRST LINE ABOVE

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Part II. Various Tables (1-6) Compiled by MHProNews Using RVIA, MHARR, Merchandiser and Other Sources.

Table 1

Year
RV Shipments

Table 2

Year
New MH Production

1995	247,072	1995	344,930
1996	247,533	1996	363,345
1997	254,558	1997	353,686
1998	292,655	1998	373,143

1999	321,201	1999	348,075
2000	300,085	2000	250,366

1,663,104

2,033,545

As was revealed in the opening paragraph above, that is a ratio of **1.22 MH to 1 RV during the 1995 to 2000 time period.**

Table 3

Year **RV
Shipments**

2001	256,809
2002	311,025
2003	320,851
2004	370,032
2005	384,454
2006	390,362
2007	353,588
2008	237,095
2009	165,709
2010	242,284
2011	252,407
2012	285,749
2013	321,127
2014	356,735
2015	374,246

Table 4

Year **New MH
Production**

2001	193,120
2002	165,489
2003	130,815
2004	130,748
2005	146,881
2006	117,373
2007	95,752
2008	81,457
2009	49,683
2010	50,056
2011	51,618
2012	54,881
2013	60,228
2014	64,334
2015	70,544

2016	430,691	2016	81,136
2017	504,599	2017	92,902
2018	483,672	2018	96,555
2019	406,070	2019	94,615
2020	430,412	2020	94,390
2021	600,240	2021	105,772
2022	493,268	2022	112,882
2023	313,174	2023	89,169
2024	333,733	2024	103,314
8,618,332		2,333,714	

As was noted in the preface at top.

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10,281,436

4,367,259

While this total would be [mathematically accurate to say that the ratio of the above is 2.35 RVs to 1 MH](#), that point could be misleading to some. Why?

Because the trend since 2001 has been strongly in favor of RVs, as Tables 3 and 4 above reflected.

Despite cheerleading on the part of dozens of MHI and MHI-linked state association professionals to hundreds of management types working in firms that are [consolidation](#) focused and routinely part of the [MHI membership](#) and 'orbit' who may mimic at some level past MHI chairman and still Cavco Industries (CVCO) President and CEO William C. "Bill" Boor's claim that the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act was "[masterful](#)" work by MHI, the [facts-evidence-analysis](#) that follows may reveal an entirely different light on that claim by Boor.

Part III. Additional [Facts-Evidence-Analysis \(FEA\)](#) Journalistic Model Information from Sources as Shown plus more [Expert](#) MHVille [MHProNews](#) commentary

In no particular order of importance are the following points.

1. Part of the analysis of the above should be viewed through the lens of industry potential. Tens of millions of Americans who rent, [some 25 to 26 million per Freddie Mac research](#), have the credit history needed to qualify for a manufactured home purchase. That is a significant market potential.

Additionally, per an [FEA](#) model analysis of SimilarWeb data for some of the larger firms involved at MHI, there have been some 9 million individuals shopping for a new manufactured home.

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In an email from Mark Weiss, J.D., President and CEO of MHARR to MHProNews. His 'nothing new' topic was in relation to the report linked below his comments.

"Nothing new, including the lack of any response from HUD and OMHP. GAO should investigate ALL aspects of the TOTAL FAILURE of the HUD manufactured housing program to comply with the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000 -- both substantive, such as its failure to implement enhanced preemption with respect to discriminatory zoning exclusion, and procedural, such as its deceitful manipulation of the MHCC process and appointments -- and that is just the start."

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