

THE EXTENT OF ADOBE USE IN THE UNITED STATES

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ABSTRACT

The extent of the use of adobe as a building material in the United States is examined in this paper. Since almost all of adobe use is limited to the Southwest, some estimates of its extent are made for the states of New Mexico, Arizona, Texas and California. It is estimated that there are over 17,000 adobe residences now in use in the United States, with over 1,500 new ones being built each year.