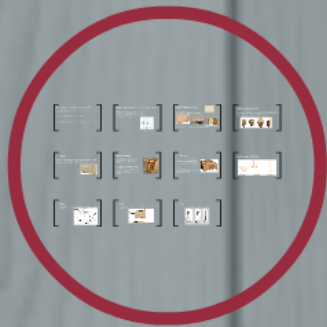


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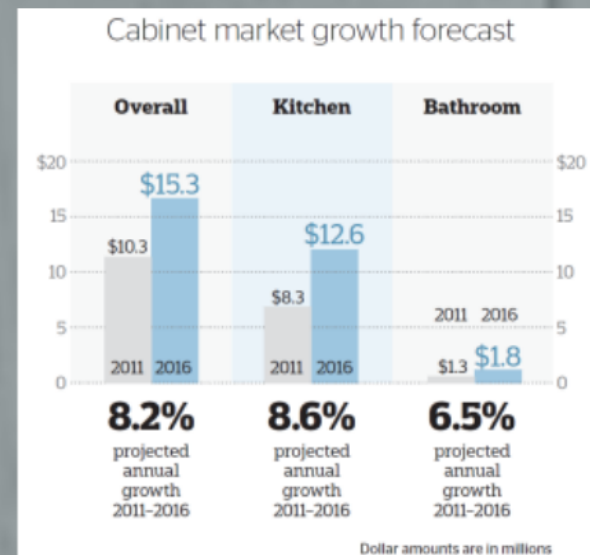
The US cabinet industry is currently at \$11.6 billion, and the demand for cabinets is forecast to rise 6.6 percent annually to \$16.0 billion in 2018.

This is driven by a strong rebound in residential building construction.

Kitchens and bathrooms claim a large share of square footage in new housing, boosting demand for cabinets as these rooms are the areas of a home where cabinets are most often installed.

Builders will install more cabinets in Kitchens & Bath

By adding cabinets in kitchen islands or his-and-her bathroom vanities provides aesthetically pleasing storage solutions. According to the industry market research firm The Freedonia Group forecasts an 8.2% annual rise in U.S. demand for cabinets, to reach \$15.3 billion in 2016.



Product Features & Uses

Cabinet Quality Grades

Cabinets are grouped into four grades based on quality of construction:



Ready-to-assemble (RTA), stock, semi-custom and custom.

Ready-to-Assemble (RTA)

Readily available and constructed with cost in mind, these cabinets are purchased boxed from chain home stores. Selection is narrow in style, size and material and they require assembly. If you are skilled with do-it-yourself home improvement projects, you can save a significant amount of money on RTA cabinetry. However, long-term durability often results in trouble over time. If you are considering purchasing RTA cabinetry, make sure you are well versed in constructing and installing cabinetry, which can be tricky, even for a skilled professional.



Stock

Purchased pre-sized from their manufacturer, stock cabinets are a basic and economical option. Stock cabinets are mass-produced, available in fixed sizes and cannot be altered, making them less versatile for existing spaces. These cabinets are constructed on site from modular units. Stock cabinets are size-specific, measured in 3-inch increments. Stock cabinet materials range from particleboard covered with plastic laminates or melamine to solid wood, depending on the manufacturer. They offer a relatively limited range of accessories.

