

### Door Market

Estimates on the number of entrance, back and interior partition doors appear in Table 4. The total for all three door types was 12.9 million in 1988. This does not include bathroom and toilet area doors, which have increased in demand by 370 000 to 400 000 units.

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**Table 4**  
**Market for Doors in Japan**  
**1982 - 1988**  
(**'000 units**)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Entrance</u>	<u>Back</u>	<u>Interior</u>
1982	1 350	940	7 400
1983	1 330	830	7 300
1984	1 370	800	7 500
1985	1 410	780	7 800
1986	1 540	790	8 500
1987	1 840	870	10 100
1988	1 850	850	10 150

Source: K. F. International, Inc.

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In terms of types of doors, all apartment entrance doors and 90 per cent of back doors are swing doors. But in houses, 40 per cent of entrance doors are sliding doors which are especially popular in traditional Japanese houses in suburban and rural areas.

Table 5 shows changes in the use of door type in new houses as surveyed by the Japan Sash Association. The Association also estimates that approximately 20 per cent of interior doors are the traditional Japanese sliding type. Use of Western-type sliding doors is negligible.