

Table 1214. Household Pet Ownership: 2001

[Based on a sample survey of 80,000 households in 2001; for details, see source]

Item	Unit	Dogs	Cats	Birds	Horses
Percent of households owning companion pets ¹	Percent . . .	36.1	31.6	4.6	1.7
Average number owned	Number . . .	1.6	2.1	2.1	2.9
Households obtaining veterinary care ²	Percent . . .	83.6	65.3	11.7	54.6
Average visits per household per year	Number . . .	2.7	1.8	0.3	2.1
PERCENT OF HOUSEHOLDS OWNING PETS					
Annual household income:					
Under \$20,000	Percent . . .	29.7	28.1	5.1	1.0
\$20,000 to \$34,999	Percent . . .	33.9	30.9	4.5	1.3
\$35,000 to \$54,999	Percent . . .	37.9	32.2	4.8	2.0
\$55,000 to \$84,999	Percent . . .	40.5	34.3	4.4	2.1
\$85,000 and over	Percent . . .	39.7	33.7	4.2	2.1
Household size: ¹					
One person	Percent . . .	20.8	23.5	2.8	0.7
Two persons	Percent . . .	34.3	31.3	4.0	1.6
Three persons	Percent . . .	46.2	37.4	5.9	2.2
Four persons	Percent . . .	50.6	38.2	6.3	2.3
Five or more persons.	Percent . . .	53.0	39.7	8.3	3.2

¹ As of December 31, 2001. ² During 2001.

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