

**Table 1201. Household Pet Ownership: 2006**

[Based on a sample survey of 47,000 households in 2006; For definition of mean and other details, see source]

Item	Unit	Dogs	Cats	Birds	Horses
Total companion pet population <sup>1</sup>	Million . . . .	72.1	81.7	11.2	7.3
Number of households owning pets . . . . .	Million . . . .	43.0	37.5	4.5	2.1
Percent of households owning companion pets <sup>1</sup>	Percent . . . .	37.2	32.4	3.9	1.8
Average number owned per household . . . . .	Number . . . .	1.7	2.2	2.5	3.5
<b>PERCENT OF HOUSEHOLDS OWNING PETS</b>					
Annual household income:					
Under \$20,000 . . . . .	Percent . . . .	30.7	30.1	4.4	1.5
\$20,000 to \$34,999 . . . . .	Percent . . . .	37.3	33.6	4.2	1.7
\$35,000 to \$54,999 . . . . .	Percent . . . .	39.8	34.1	4.4	2.1
\$55,000 to \$84,999 . . . . .	Percent . . . .	42.8	35.5	3.7	1.9
\$85,000 and over . . . . .	Percent . . . .	42.1	33.3	3.7	2.3
Household size: <sup>1</sup>					
One person . . . . .	Percent . . . .	21.9	24.7	2.1	0.8
Two persons . . . . .	Percent . . . .	37.6	33.4	3.9	1.7
Three persons . . . . .	Percent . . . .	47.5	39.1	5.1	2.3
Four persons . . . . .	Percent . . . .	51.9	38.5	5.4	2.7
Five or more persons. . . . .	Percent . . . .	54.3	40.0	6.6	3.6

<sup>1</sup> As of December 31, 2006.Source: American Veterinary Medical Association, Schaumburg, IL, *U.S. Pet Ownership and Demographics Sourcebook, 2007* (copyright). *U.S. Pet Ownership and Demographics Sourcebook, 2007* (copyright). See also <<http://www.avma.org/>>.