

Table 1204. Household Pet Ownership: 2006

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

Item	Unit	Dogs	Cats	Birds	Horses
Total companion pet population ¹	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 ¹	Percent	37.2	32.4	3.9	1.8
Average number owned per household	Number	1.7	2.2	2.5	3.5
PERCENT OF HOUSEHOLDS OWNING PETS					
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: ¹					
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

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