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U.S. VETERINARIANS

	Number of Veterinarians*				2003 Earnings [#]
	Total as of December 31, 2005 No.	Percent of Total %	Percent Male %	Percent Female %	Median Professional Income Before Taxes** \$
Private Clinical Practice					
Large animal exclusive	2,268	4.2	82.4	17.6	86,500
Large animal predominant	3,047	5.6	84.6	15.4	74,500
Mixed animal	4,515	8.3	66.0	34.0	71,500
Small animal predominant	6,244	11.5	60.3	39.7	92,236
Small animal exclusive	34,022	62.7	50.8	49.2	80,500
Equine	2,646	4.9	62.7	37.3	86,500
Other	608	1.1	57.7	42.3	74,500
None specified	896	1.7	63.0	37.0	
Total Private Practice	54,246	100.0	57.2	42.8	77,500
Public & Corporate Employment					
College or university	5,269	42.3	56.5	43.5	95,500
Federal government	1,560	12.5	70.7	29.3	83,500
State or local government	870	7.0	66.4	33.6	70,000
Uniformed services	677	5.4	65.7	34.3	86,500
Industry	2,131	17.1	67.7	32.3	119,500
Other	1,945	15.6	46.9	53.1	77,500
Total Public & Corporate	12,452	100.0	59.9	40.1	98,500
Employment Unknown	12,871				
Grand Total	79,569				

*Includes active AVMA members (Regular, Recent Graduates, and Educational) and Non-members (Excludes non-members born prior to 1935 and non-members who received their veterinary degree prior to 1961)

**Owners' equity in practice real estate.

[#]Data referenced from the Economic Report on Veterinarians & Veterinary Practices (2005 Edition)

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U.S. VETERINARY PRACTICES

Type of Practice	Distribution of veterinary practices*	Median number of veterinarians per practice [#]	Median gross practice revenue [#]	Median total practice expenses [#]	Median net income to the practice [#]	Median Total Practice Assets [#]
	No.	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003
Large animal exclusive	1,134	2.00	637,475	319,725	170,191	169,000
Large animal predominant	1,219	2.50	847,500	500,000	197,314	281,734
Mixed animal	2,258	2.00	523,787	339,870	180,007	263,000
Small animal predominant	3,122	2.00	536,926	399,619	158,418	232,722
Small animal exclusive	17,011	2.00	639,000	388,336	195,619	239,953
Equine	1,323	2.0	575,000	253,000	241,000	310,000
Other, None specified	717	1.25	440,314	328,680	131,419	n
Total	27,123	2.0	624,904	386,310	192,180	240,000

*Estimated by dividing the number of veterinarians reported in 'U.S. veterinarians' by the estimated number of veterinarians per practice.

n = Insufficient number of usable responses

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AVMA MEMBERSHIP (U.S. and Territories)

By Species Codes – (as of October 2005)

Amphibians/Reptiles	81
Aquatic Animals	97
Avian (Not Poultry)	234
Bovine Practice (exclusive)	917
Equine Practice (exclusive)	2,904
Equine & Small Animal	709
Exotic or Wildlife Animals	370
Feline Practice (exclusive)	477
Fur Bearing Animals	28
Humans	196
Laboratory Animals	950
Large Animal (All Species)	1,781
Marine Mammals	38
Mixed Practice	4,038
Mixed Practice (80% Small)	5,741
Mixed Practice (80% Large)	3,114
Porcine Practice (exclusive)	192
Poultry Practice (exclusive)	265

Small Animal Practice (exclusive)	36,056
Zoo Animals	143
Non-Species Specific	1,376
None	13,013
Total	72,720

By Primary Employer Codes (as of October 2005)

Association	80
College/University	4,183
Government	1,414
Humane Organization	207
Industry	1,672
Missionary, Volunteer, Development Organization	19
Multinational/International	30
Non-governmental Organization	140
Non-Veterinary Employment	60
Not-Employed	168
Private Clinical Practice Employee	23,540
Self-Employed	3,174
Self-Employed: Practice Owner	22,974
Self-Employed: Consultant	395
Uniformed Services	485
Not-Listed Above	860
None	13,318
Total	72,720

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