

Table 1239. Adult Participation in Selected Leisure Activities by Frequency: 2009

[In thousands (16,135 represents 16,135,000), except percent. For fall 2009. Percent is based on total projected population of 225,887,000. Based on sample and subject to sampling error; see source]

Activity	Participated in the last 12 months ¹		Frequency of participation							
			Two or more times a week		Once a week		Two to three times a month		Once a month	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Adult education courses	16,135	7.1	2,889	1.3	2,281	1.0	835	0.4	918	0.4
Attend auto shows	18,908	8.4	129	0.1	338	0.2	610	0.3	909	0.4
Attend art galleries or shows	21,664	9.6	206	0.1	207	0.1	755	0.3	2,397	1.1
Attend classical music/opera performances	9,721	4.3	99	(Z)	57	(Z)	427	0.2	1,032	0.5
Attend country music performances	12,534	5.6	116	0.1	122	0.1	230	0.1	471	0.2
Attend dance performances	10,673	4.7	86	(Z)	130	0.1	290	0.1	710	0.3
Attend horse races	6,836	3.0	111	0.1	187	0.1	266	0.1	398	0.2
Attend other music performances ²	26,350	11.7	398	0.2	395	0.2	1,098	0.5	2,143	1.0
Attend rock music performances	25,919	11.5	175	0.1	247	0.1	930	0.4	1,741	0.8
Backgammon	4,391	1.9	476	0.2	310	0.1	588	0.3	406	0.2
Baking	58,905	26.1	10,575	4.7	8,901	3.9	13,141	5.8	9,268	4.1
Barbecuing	81,453	36.1	12,955	5.7	12,809	5.7	19,341	8.6	11,375	5.0
Billiards/pool	23,224	10.3	1,399	0.6	1,520	0.7	2,153	1.0	2,759	1.2
Bird watching	14,090	6.2	6,098	2.7	1,040	0.5	1,005	0.4	1,026	0.5
Board games	41,148	18.2	2,882	1.3	3,890	1.7	7,928	3.5	7,988	3.5
Book clubs	6,706	3.0	217	0.1	456	0.2	422	0.2	2,354	1.0
Chess	8,332	3.7	791	0.4	649	0.3	754	0.3	803	0.4
Concerts on radio	8,640	3.8	1,356	0.6	998	0.4	979	0.4	943	0.4
Cooking for fun	51,247	22.7	17,440	7.7	8,937	4.0	8,128	3.6	4,185	1.9
Crossword puzzles	32,676	14.5	12,773	5.7	3,849	1.7	3,912	1.7	2,604	1.2
Dance/go dancing	22,877	10.1	1,927	0.9	2,656	1.2	2,573	1.1	3,463	1.5
Dining out	116,074	51.4	21,862	9.7	25,939	11.5	28,531	12.6	14,558	6.4
Entertain friends or relatives at home	92,684	41.0	8,021	3.6	12,395	5.5	18,734	8.3	19,596	8.7
Fantasy sports league	7,820	3.5	1,969	0.9	1,724	0.8	380	0.2	495	0.2
Furniture refinishing	6,531	2.9	262	0.1	206	0.1	244	0.1	306	0.1
Go to bars/night clubs	45,635	20.2	3,423	1.5	5,450	2.4	8,186	3.6	7,144	3.2
Go to beach	56,671	25.1	2,867	1.3	2,621	1.2	5,544	2.5	5,956	2.6
Go to live theater	32,325	14.3	218	0.1	632	0.3	1,285	0.6	3,740	1.7
Go to museums	32,724	14.5	315	0.1	325	0.1	948	0.4	3,523	1.6
Home decoration and furnishing	24,058	10.7	752	0.3	1,342	0.6	2,248	1.0	3,901	1.7
Karaoke	9,274	4.1	301	0.1	758	0.3	714	0.3	1,299	0.6
Painting, drawing	13,861	6.1	2,103	0.9	1,606	0.7	1,695	0.8	1,885	0.8
Photo album/scrap book	18,392	8.1	1,347	0.6	1,156	0.5	1,839	0.8	3,365	1.5
Photography	26,268	11.6	4,075	1.8	3,236	1.4	5,568	2.5	4,178	1.9
Picnic	26,659	11.8	378	0.2	636	0.3	2,224	1.0	3,055	1.4
Play bingo	10,800	4.8	749	0.3	1,024	0.5	832	0.4	1,037	0.5
Play cards	48,249	21.4	5,680	2.5	5,488	2.4	6,838	3.0	6,978	3.1
Play musical instrument	17,863	7.9	6,321	2.8	2,240	1.0	1,913	0.9	1,042	0.5
Reading books	93,536	41.4	50,063	22.2	8,921	4.0	8,250	3.7	6,397	2.8
Reading comic books	5,624	2.5	1,028	0.5	504	0.2	649	0.3	605	0.3
Sudoku puzzles	26,250	11.6	8,719	3.9	3,292	1.5	3,330	1.5	2,704	1.2
Trivia games	14,136	6.3	2,447	1.1	1,360	0.6	1,708	0.8	1,311	0.6
Woodworking	12,001	5.3	1,909	0.9	1,344	0.6	1,633	0.7	1,373	0.6
Word games	23,596	10.5	7,998	3.5	3,188	1.4	2,715	1.2	1,796	0.8
Zoo attendance	30,685	13.6	143	0.1	283	0.1	630	0.3	1,765	0.8

Z represents less than 0.05. ¹ Includes those participating less than once a month not shown separately. ² Excluding country and rock.

Source: Mediamark Research & Intelligence, LLC, New York, NY, *Top-line Reports*, (copyright). See also <<http://www.mediamark.com/>>.

Table 1240. Household Pet Ownership: 2006

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

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