



THE EQUESTRIAN NEWS

Facts & Stats¹

Los Angeles is home to one of the largest equestrian communities in the United States.

The Economic Impact:

- Produces a total economic impact of approximately \$7.0 billion with an activity distribution as follows:
 - ▶ \$2.5 billion from Racing
 - ▶ 1.6 billion from Showing
 - ▶ 1.9 billion from Recreation
 - ▶ \$978 million from Other activities
- Generates a direct economic impact of approximately \$4.1 billion, with activity distribution as follows:
 - ▶ \$1.4 billion from Racing
 - ▶ \$930 million from Showing
 - ▶ \$1.1 billion from Recreation
 - ▶ \$563 million Other activities
- Generates approximately \$210 million in annual taxes
 - ▶ \$108 million is paid to state government.
 - ▶ \$18 million is paid to local government.
- California is home to five race-tracks with long seasons, one racetrack with a medium length season, nine fairgrounds with short seasons, and other fairgrounds with off-track betting facilities.

Industry Participation and Employment

- Involves approximately 311,100 California residents, including:
 - ▶ 156,300 horse owners
 - ▶ 68,300 employees
 - ▶ 86,600 volunteers
- Generates approximately 54,300 direct jobs and 130,200 total jobs.

Horse Population Characteristics

- Has approximately 698,000 horses, including:
 - ▶ 152,600 Thoroughbreds
 - ▶ 184,300 Quarter Horses
 - ▶ 361,500 Other Horses (registered and unregistered)
- The 698,000 horses in California represent the following activities
 - ▶ 82,200 in Racing
 - ▶ 191,900 in Showing
 - ▶ 315,300 in Recreation
 - ▶ 108,900 in Other activities

...and better than half of all these numbers are represented in Southern California—with Los Angeles being home to the majority of them.



¹ 2005 study done for The American Horse Council Foundation, The Economic Impact of the California Horse Industry, by Deloitte.