



Animal caretakers

Feed, water, groom, bathe, exercise, or otherwise provide care to promote and maintain the well-being of pets and other animals that are not raised for consumption, such as dogs, cats, race horses, ornamental fish or birds, zoo animals, and mice. Work in settings such as kennels, animal shelters, zoos, circuses, and aquariums. May keep records of feedings, treatments, and animals received or discharged. May clean, disinfect, and repair cages, pens, or fish tanks.

Cognitive and mental requirements

The qualifications that workers need to use judgment, make decisions, interact with others, and adapt to changes in jobs.

In 2022, more than basic people skills were required for 23.9 percent of animal caretakers, and basic people skills were required for 76.1 percent.

Table 1. Percentage of animal caretakers with cognitive and mental requirements, 2022

Requirement	Yes	No
Pace: Pause control	56.5	43.5
Working around crowds	-	100.0
Telework	-	100.0
Work review: Presence of supervisor	90.4	9.6

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Requirements Survey

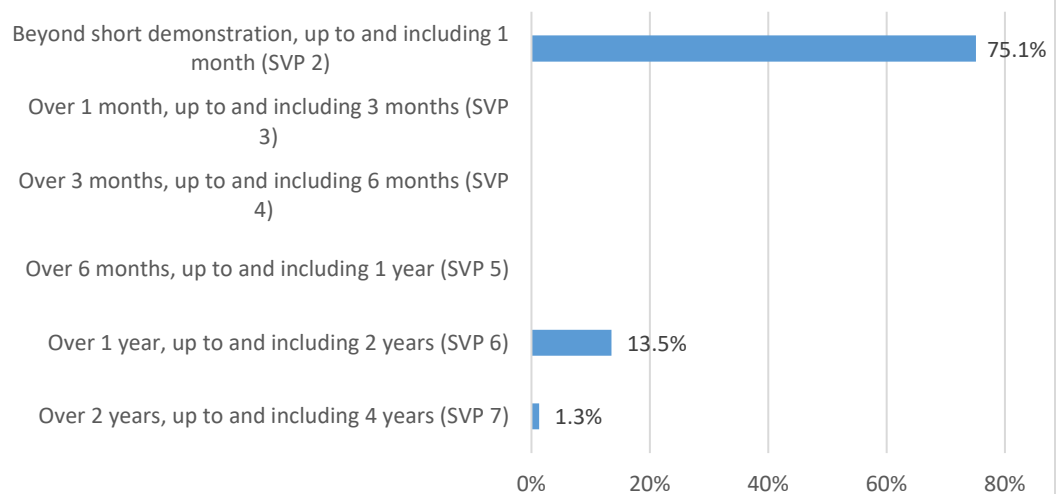
Education, training, and experience requirements

The minimum level of formal education required, credentials necessary, on-the-job training, and prior work experience necessary for average performance in jobs.

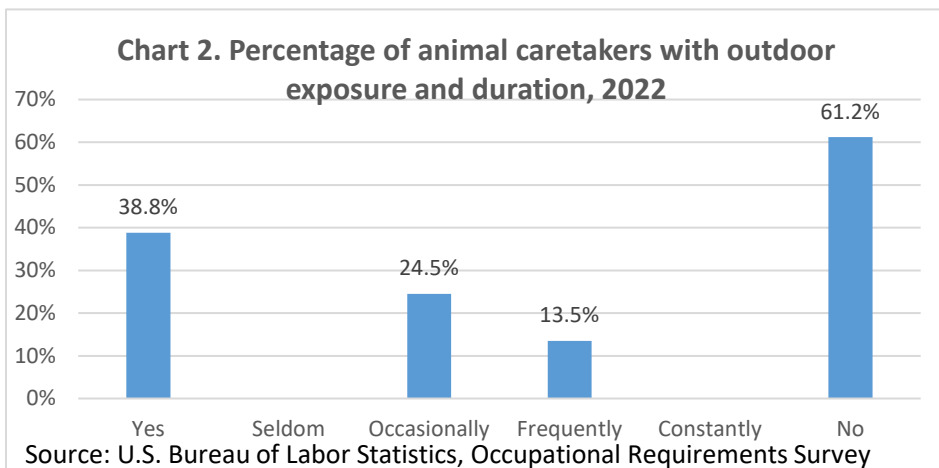
In 2022, credentials were required for 15.3 percent of animal caretakers. Prior work experience was required for 20.1 percent and on-the-job training was required for 96.0 percent.

No minimum education was required for 32.1 percent of animal caretakers and a high school diploma was required for 64.3 percent.

Chart 1. Percentage of animal caretakers by specific preparation time (SVP) level, 2022



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Requirements Survey



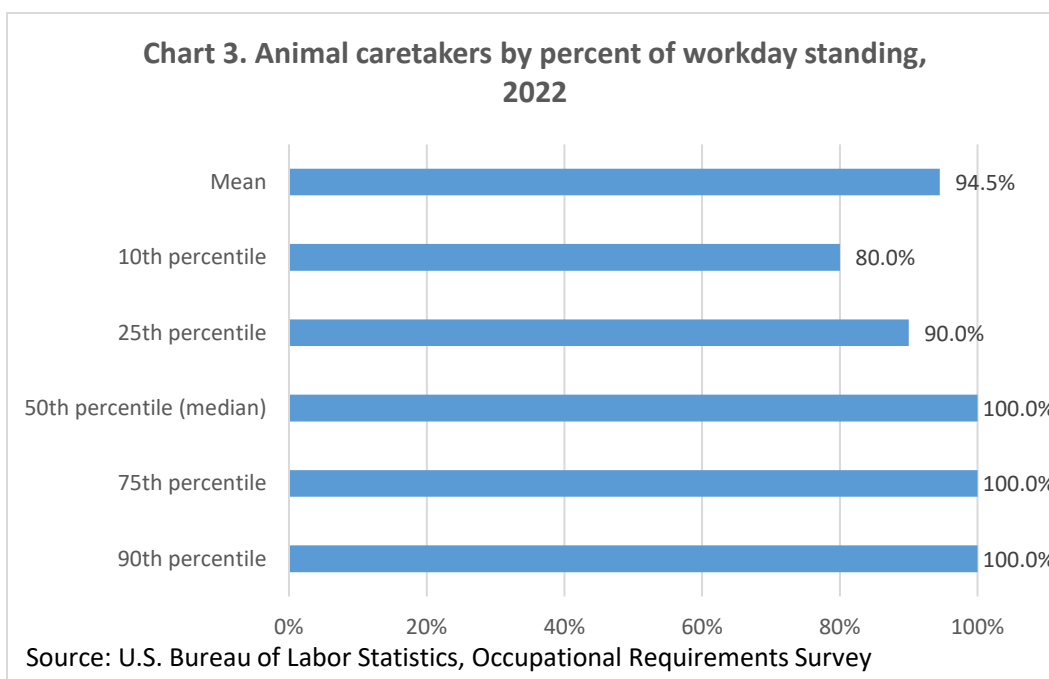
Environmental conditions

The various tangible or concrete hazards or difficulties that are in the vicinity of where jobs' critical tasks are performed.

In 2022, 99.8 percent of animal caretakers were not exposed to extreme cold, and 99.8 percent were not exposed to extreme heat. Heavy vibrations were not present for 100.0 percent, and 61.2 percent were not exposed to the outdoors.

Physical demands

Refer to the physical activities required to perform tasks in jobs. The presence and, in some cases, duration of these activities are published.



In 2022, reaching at or below the shoulder was required for 99.0 percent of animal caretakers.

Performing work in low postures was required for 97.6 percent of animal caretakers.

The choice to sit or stand when performing critical tasks was available to 10.4 percent of animal caretakers. On average, workers spent 5.5 percent of the workday sitting and 94.5 percent of the workday standing.

Table 2. Percentage of animal caretakers with physical demands, 2022

Requirement	Yes	No
Choice of sitting or standing	10.4	89.6
Driving	12.1	87.9

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Requirements Survey