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Cash Balance Plans Surge in Popularity: **359% Increase in 6 years**

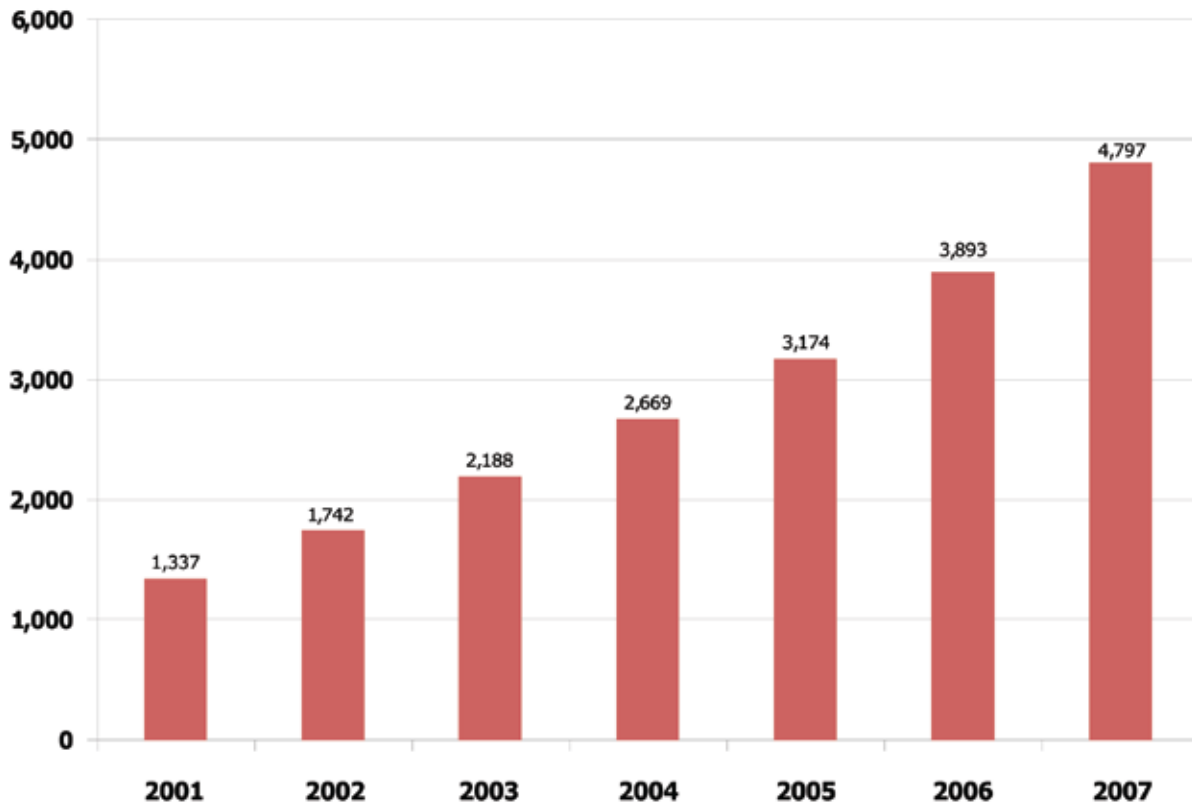
Kravitz has compiled research on all Cash Balance Plans nationwide as of December 31, 2007, using data from the most recently available IRS Form 5500 filings.* The following statistical highlights, charts and graphs are provided as a reference for retirement plan professionals and others interested in learning more about Cash Balance Plans.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Exponential growth nationwide:** In 2001 there were only 1,337 Cash Balance Plans nationwide, and by 2007 there were 4,797. Over a 6-year period, there were 3,460 new plans created, representing a 359% increase.
- **Small and mid-size businesses drive Cash Balance growth:** 80% of Cash Balance Plans are in place at firms with less than 100 employees. The majority of Cash Balance Plans (63%) have fewer than 25 participants.
- **Plan combinations are a key strategy:** 79% of Cash Balance Plans are combined with a Profit Sharing or 401(k) plan, and more than half of those plans use New Comparability.
- **Medical groups adopt Cash Balance Plans at higher rates:** Medical and dental groups account for 34% of Cash Balance Plans, followed closely by other professional, scientific and technical companies at 12%. Legal and financial service firms account for 8% each.
- **Regional concentration:** California and New York account for 26% of all Cash Balance Plans, with Ohio, New Jersey and Illinois close behind.

*Source: analysis performed by Kravitz, Inc., using data from Judy Diamond Associates, Inc. drawn from 2006 and 2007 plan year Form 5500 filings.
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Cash Balance Plans: Growth 2001 to 2007



Analysis & Conclusions

We expect that the 2006 Pension Protection Act's clarification of the legality of Cash Balance Plans will further accelerate the growth curve. Other factors affecting the popularity of these plans include proposed income tax increases (local, state and federal) and fallout from the 2007-2008 bear market. Business owners recovering from losses in their defined contribution plans are turning to Cash Balance Plans for security, since plan investments are typically tied to a conservative benchmark and shielded from market volatility. Cash Balance Plans also allow owners and partners to accelerate retirement savings by offering significantly higher contribution levels, balanced by meaningful benefits for participating employees.

With growing awareness of Cash Balance Plans in the financial advisory, wealth management and accounting professions, we expect to see significantly high numbers of small to mid-size firms of all types adopting these plans over the next five years.



Cash Balance Plans: Regional Concentration

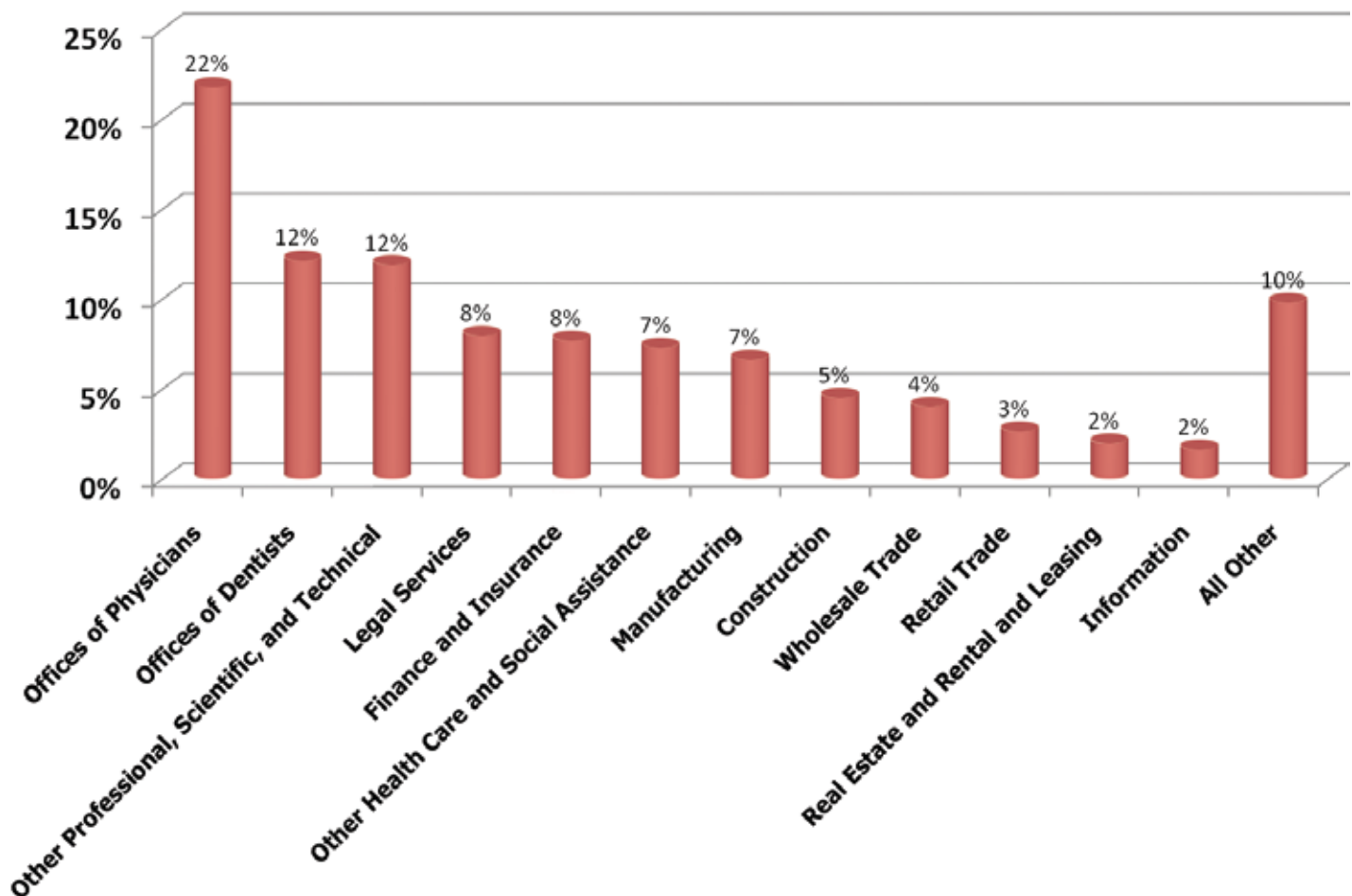
Rank	State	Number of Plans	Percent of Nation's Total
1	CA	664	14%
2	NY	556	12%
3	OH	384	8%
4	NJ	319	7%
5	IL	316	7%
6	PA	259	5%
7	FL	216	5%
8	TX	200	4%
9	MI	173	4%
10	MN	165	3%
National Total		4,797	

Cash Balance Plans by Size: Employees & Participants

Participants	Number of Plans	Percent of Nation's Total
Over 10,000	207	4.3%
1,000 to 10,000	445	9.3%
100 to 999	397	8.3%
25 to 99	732	15.3%
10 to 24	1,194	24.9%
1 to 9	1,822	38.0%

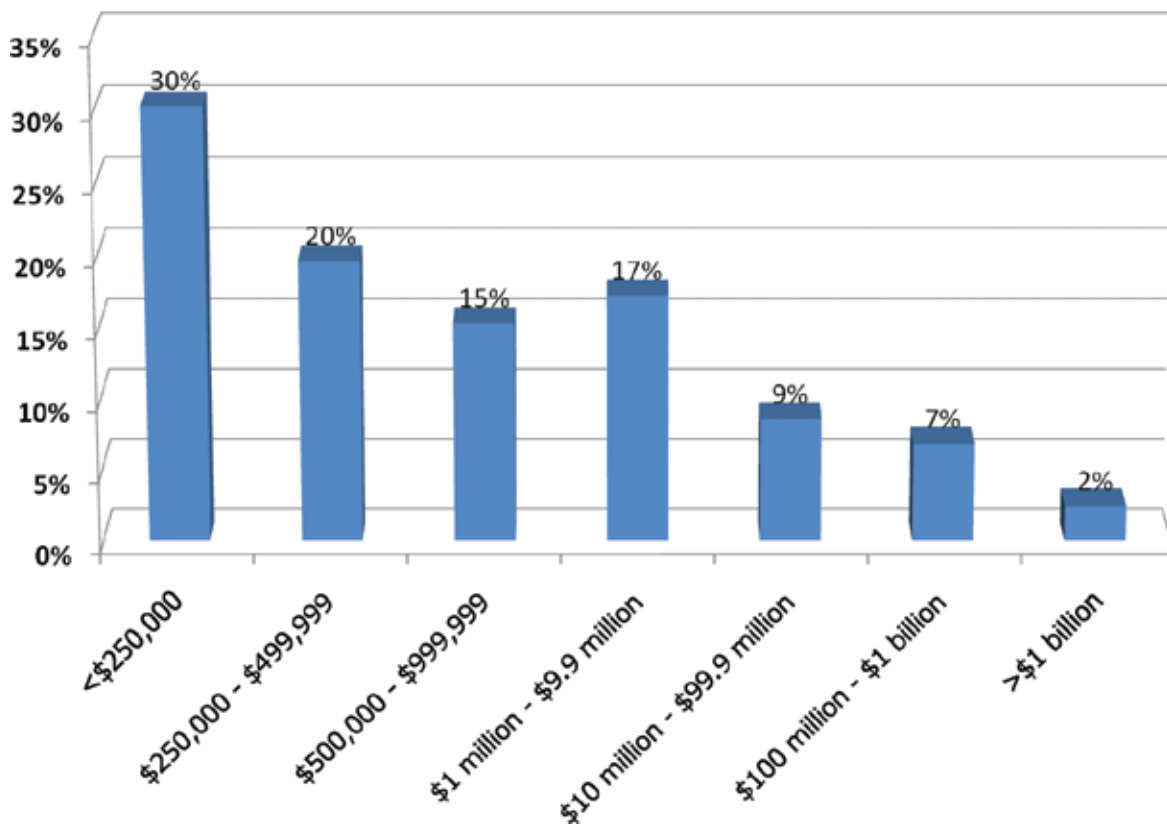
Employees	Number of Plans	Percent of Nation's Total
Over 100,000	10	0.2%
10,000 to 100,000	108	2.3%
1,000 to 9,999	427	8.9%
100 to 999	430	9.0%
50 to 99	252	5.3%
10 to 49	1,592	33.2%
1 to 9	1,978	41.2%

Cash Balance Plans by Business Type



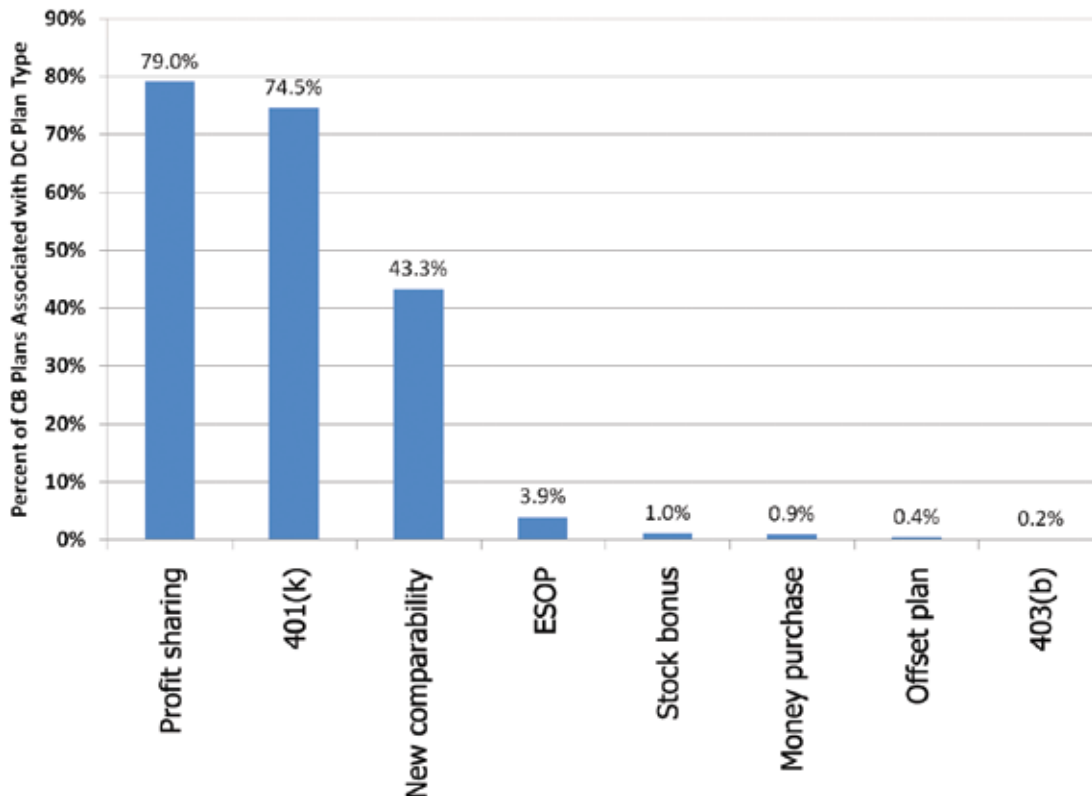
Cash Balance Plans are particularly well-suited for the retirement planning needs of professional services firms. As of 2007, medical and dental groups together accounted for 34% of all Cash Balance Plans nationally. However, as awareness of the many advantages of Cash Balance Plans grows throughout the wider business community, we are seeing increasing diversity among companies adopting these tax-favored plans. Law, financial services, technology and manufacturing are fast-growing categories. Cash Balance Plans are also increasingly popular with small businesses of all types, family-owned firms, and closely held businesses.

Cash Balance Plans by Asset Size



Since the majority of Cash Balance Plans were created within the past five years, about half have plan assets totalling less than \$500,000. We anticipate that this statistical profile will change significantly over the next decade, as plan assets grow exponentially through large annual contributions and guaranteed interest credits. Furthermore, 79% of Cash Balance Plans are coupled with a defined contribution plan, typically a 401(k) Profit Sharing plan (see chart on page 6 for a full profile of defined contribution plans in combination with Cash Balance Plans). Many companies have established 401(k) plans with significant assets and add a Cash Balance Plan to allow for higher contribution limits, enhanced employee benefits and accelerated retirement savings.

Defined Contribution Plans Associated with Cash Balance Plans



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