According to a recent survey, on average, AOA member doctors of optometry reported **10 percent** higher net income than non-AOA member doctors of optometry. Here's a by-the-numbers look at income from optometry.

**Of respondents:**

Average net income: $140,913, an increase of **8.7%** from $129,692 in 2014.

**AOA member net income:** $147,116

**Nonmember net income:** $133,770

**Average income from primary practice by U.S. census region:**

- **Northeast:** $136,150
- **West:** $138,659
- **Midwest:** $142,635
- **South:** $143,792

Source: 2016 AOA Survey of Optometric Practice: Income from Optometry Survey, with data from 2015

- **27%** have been in practice for 30+ years

- **24%** are between the ages of 50 and 59

- **24%** are 65 years or older

- **52%** are under the age of 50