

# West Virginia Spay Neuter Program

## Understanding pet populations and ownership

There is no one definitive formula or resource to produce an exact dog, cat or community care count. Everyone, from small local rescue groups to national animal welfare organizations, has a theory. FOHOWV volunteers have utilized the most official, reliable, and sometimes sensible data to arrive at the estimated animal population in West Virginia and its 55 counties. The results should be a concern for every WV resident.

### Column B - 2023 WV Population

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Population estimates, July 1, 2023, (V2023)	334,914,895
<b>PEOPLE</b>	
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Population estimates, July 1, 2023, (V2023)	334,914,895
Population estimates base, April 1, 2020, (V2023)	331,464,948
Population, percent change - April 1, 2020 (estimates base) to July 1, 2023, (V2023)	1.0%
Population, Census, April 1, 2020	331,449,281
Population, Census, April 1, 2010	308,745,538

### Column C - 2022 American Community Survey

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## About the American Community Survey

### What is the American Community Survey?

The American Community Survey (ACS) is an ongoing survey that provides vital information on a yearly basis about our nation and its people. Information from the survey generates data that help inform how trillions of dollars in federal funds are distributed each year.

Through the ACS, we know more about jobs and occupations, educational attainment, veterans, whether people own or rent their homes, and other topics. Public officials, planners, and entrepreneurs use this information to assess the past and plan the future. When you respond to the ACS, you are doing your part to help your community plan for hospitals and schools, support school lunch programs, improve emergency services, build bridges, and inform businesses looking to add jobs and expand to new markets, and more.



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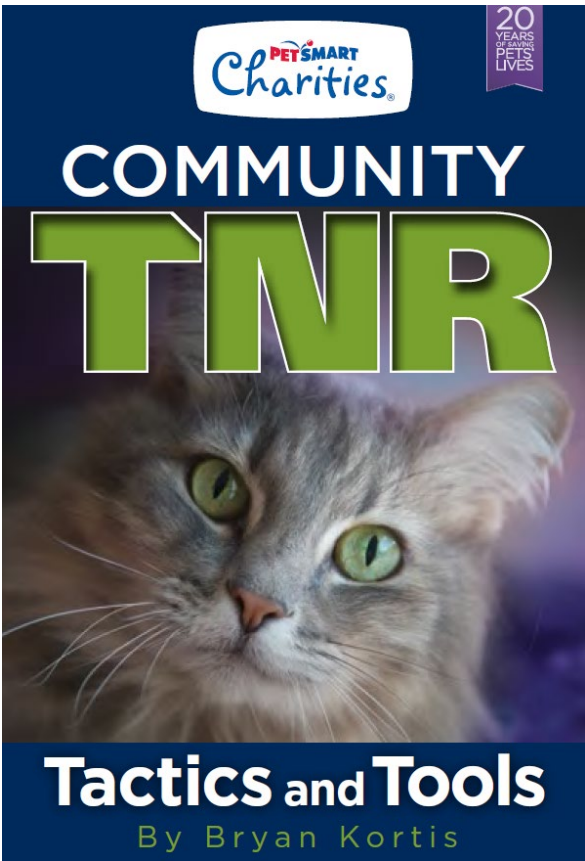
<https://humanepro.org/page/pets-by-the-numbers>

A screenshot of the HumanePro website header. The top navigation bar is dark blue with the logo for 'THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES' on the left and 'ENHANCED BY Google' on the right. Below this is a grey navigation bar with the 'HumanePro' logo and several menu items: 'Laws + Public Policies', 'Resources by Species', 'Shelter + Rescue Operations', and 'Communit'. There is also a search icon and a Facebook icon on the right side of the top bar.

## **Pets by the numbers**

Data and statistics on pet ownership, community cat and shelter populations in the United States





**Column F Community Cat Population Estimate**

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