

A look at pet ownership in the US for potential future legislation

What pet is more popular in the US, cats or dogs?



Cat Population and Dog Population (in 1000). Color shows details about Cat Population and Dog Population (in 1000). The marks are labeled by Cat Population and Dog Population (in 1000).

From this Data we can see that the population of cats in the US is higher than dogs. This could indicate that a tax on cat food would generate more revenue than a tax on dog food.

Which animal is a pet owner likely to have more of on average, cats or dogs?

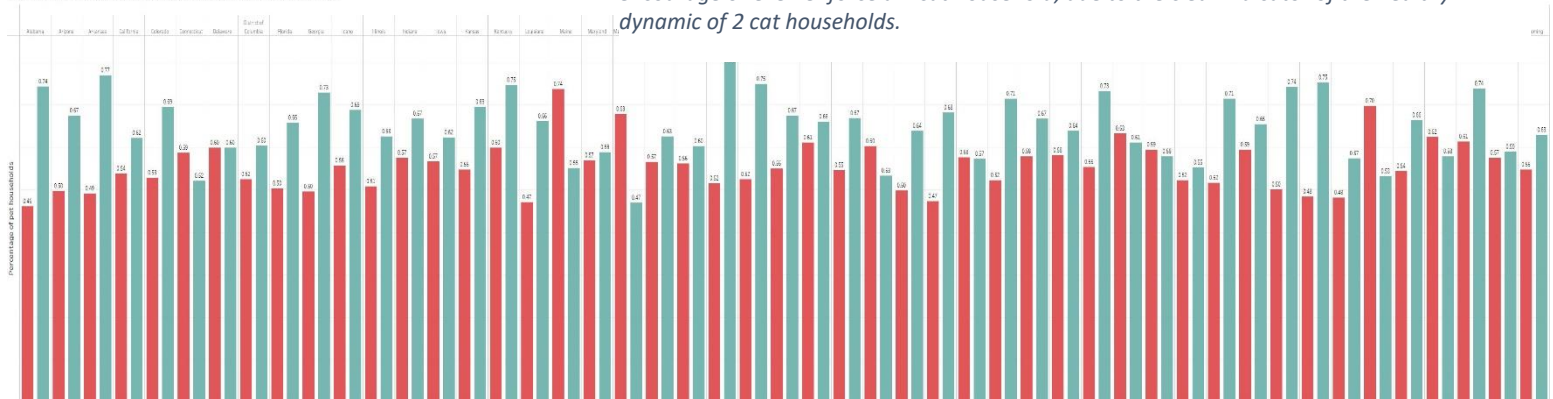


Mean number of cats US and Mean number of Dogs US. Color shows details about Mean number of cats US and Mean number of Dogs US. The marks are labeled by Mean number of cats US and Mean number of Dogs US.

This graph indicates that when a household has a cat, more often then not there is 2 cats. Whereas with dogs the percentage indicates that dog households are roughly even in being either a single or double dog household.

This data would seem to indicate that any legislation based around pet welfare could encourage or even enforce a 2 cat household, due to the clear indicator of the healthy dynamic of 2 cat households.

Which group of animals has a greater household ratio in the US, Cats or Dogs?



In terms of household prevalence, most states have a higher prevalence of dog households instead of cat households. This doesn't necessarily account for overlap between households. New legislation on an property tax based on pet ownership would either heavily favor or impact dog owners as there are more dogs in individual houses, whilst cats are more populus in a smaller amount of households.

Data sourced from Dog vs Cat Popularity survey conducted by the American Veterinary Medical Association