

# Sampling and Inference

1) Evaluate the `big-animals-table` in the Interactions Area. This is the *complete* population of animals from the shelter! Below is a true statement about that population:

The population is 47.7% fixed and 52.3% unfixed.

2) How close to these percentages do we get with random samples?

Type each of the following lines into the Interactions Area and hit "Enter".

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random-rows(big-animals-table, 10)
random-rows(big-animals-table, 40)
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3) What do you get?

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4) What is the contract for `random-rows` ? \_\_\_\_\_

5) What does the `random-rows` function do?

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6) In the Definitions Area, define `tiny-sample` and `small-sample` to be these two random samples.

7) Make a `pie-chart` for the animals in each sample, showing percentages of fixed and unfixed.

- The percentage of fixed animals in the entire populations is 47.7%.
- The percentage of fixed animals in `tiny-sample` is \_\_\_\_\_.
- The percentage of fixed animals in `small-sample` is \_\_\_\_\_.

8) Make a `pie-chart` for the animals in each sample, showing percentages for each species.

- The percentage of tarantulas in the entire population is roughly 5%.
- The percentage of tarantulas in `tiny-sample` is \_\_\_\_\_.
- The percentage of tarantulas in `small-sample` is \_\_\_\_\_.

9) Click "Run" to direct the computer to generate a different set of random samples of these sizes. Make a new `pie-chart` for each sample, showing percentages for each species.

- The percentage of tarantulas in the entire population is roughly 5%.
- The percentage of tarantulas in `tiny-sample` is \_\_\_\_\_.
- The percentage of tarantulas in `small-sample` is \_\_\_\_\_.

10) Which repeated sample gave us a more accurate inference about the whole population? Why?

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