



Pedigree Dog Population Statistics: Calculation Method

> Overall population

The number of dogs kept in different countries is difficult to estimate, and there are not many statistics on this topic.

The statistics use the official **2019 report of FEDIAF** (The European Ped Food Industry - <http://www.fediaf.org/>).

Strangely, while the report covers Europe, it does not cover some EU countries, like for example Croatia.

As the overall population is an incredibly significant reference point in presenting the low distribution of pedigree dogs compared to the overall population, these data must be based on a source **completely independent from the FCI**.

The statistics compare the FCI data with those of the countries which are listed in the FEDIAF report.

> Population of pedigree dogs

The population of pedigree dogs is based on the [statistics of the FCI](#) supplied by its Members and Contract Partners.

The statistics cover the data for the last ten years.

In case of missing data, the average of the existing data is used for the non-applicable years.

> Limitations of the statistics

The statistics use ten years as an average lifespan for dogs.

The statistics cannot examine tendencies, differences and distributions between breeds and breed groups.

Sources: [FEDIAF Facts & Figures 2019](#)
[Statistics: FCI Members, Partners and Sections](#)

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