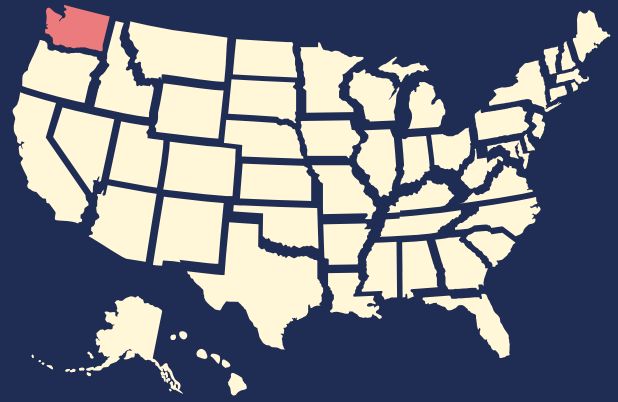


# Economic Impact of the Washington Pet Sector



Washington is just one part of the American pet sector that supports 2.78 million jobs nationwide. The U.S. pet sector contributes \$260.5 billion directly and indirectly to America's economy and \$174 billion in annual gross domestic product. The care and companionship of pets is integral to not only the emotional and physical well-being of people, but also to the strength and stability of our economy.

There are **2.9M** households in Washington

About **63%** own at least one pet

About **43%** own at least one dog

And **31%** own at least one cat

Average of almost **1.6** pets per household

**\$2,436M** spent by Washington pet owners on pets in 2021

**\$2,437M** annual transactions in Washington, with multiplier effects



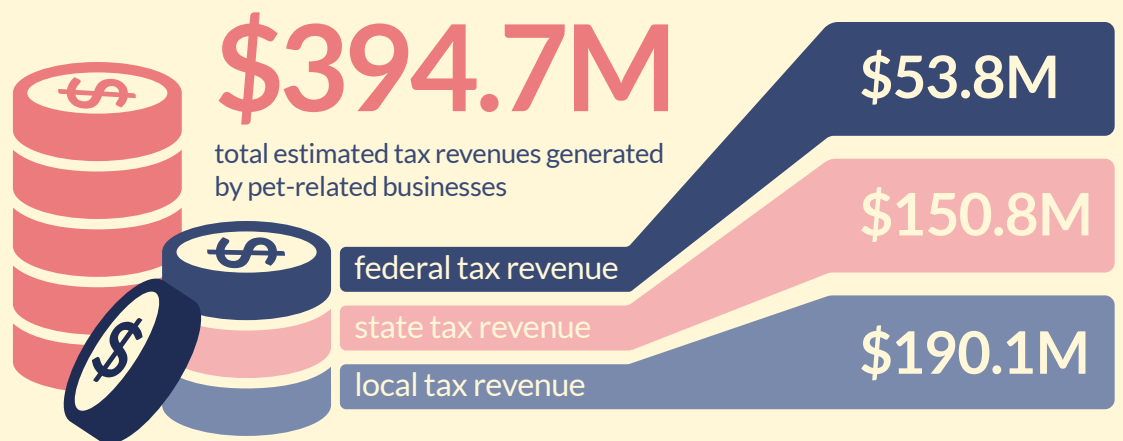
Although a portion of revenue went out of state, Washington pet food manufacturers, retailers and veterinary service providers, to name a few, capture a share.



**24,822** jobs in pet-related goods and service industries

**37,875** jobs linked directly or indirectly to pet support sector

**\$1,934M** in-state earnings



\*Expenditures of Washington pet-owning households include all related expenditures based on a survey of pet owners conducted by the American Pet Products Association and the American Veterinary Medical Association. 2021 Economic Impact Data sourced from: Center for Economic Analysis, Michigan State University through the Animal Policy Group and Animal Health Economics, LLC. Pet ownership data sourced from: APPA National Pet Owners Survey: 2021-2022.

