

IDENTIFYING OHIO'S COMMUNITY CAT RESOURCES

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BACKGROUND



There is a long-standing perception that many areas of Ohio lack the necessary resources to humanely manage community cats. After conducting an extensive survey about the perceptions and attitudes of Ohio residents regarding free-roaming cats, a researcher at The Ohio State University reached a similar conclusion (Lord, 2008). A study conducted several years later consisting of interviews with community cat stakeholders in Ohio corroborated these findings (Spehar, 2015). The ability to credibly assess the situation by referencing a comprehensive list of the state's community cat resources has not been possible because such a list has not existed.

BACKGROUND

Ohio Animal Advocates (OAA) and The Together Initiative for Ohio's Community Cats (Together Initiative) set out to address both issues through the creation of the most comprehensive directory of Ohio community cat resources assembled to date. The data collected to create the directory were also sorted and analyzed in order to determine how community cat resources are distributed across the state.

The following report contains a listing of Ohio's community cat resources: spay-neuter services and trap-neuter-return (TNR) services, by county, and the findings of the aforementioned data analysis, as well as a discussion of the findings.

METHODS



We began by reviewing existing resource and/or membership lists of OAA, Together Initiative, Ohio Animal Welfare Federation, Best Friends Animal Society (Ohio-specific list), and



Advocates for Animals (Ohio-specific list) and identifying organizations on those lists that provide spay-neuter services for community cats or offer trap-neuter-return (TNR) services. For the purposes of this project, we defined these types of resources as follows:

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Spay-neuter Services: An organization that performs sterilization surgeries or one that provides a direct connection to such services (oftentimes by hosting spay-neuter events).



TNR Services: An entity that traps community cats and/or transports them to/from spay-neuter surgery or one that loans traps for this purpose or otherwise directly assists with TNR.



METHODS

In addition to identifying community cat resources on existing lists and consolidating that information on to a master spreadsheet, we reached out by email to over 325 stakeholder animal welfare organizations across the state in an effort to identify additional community cat resources.

We contacted each of these animal welfare organizations up to five times in an effort to find out 1) if that particular organization provides community cat resources (spay-neuter services or TNR services) or 2) if they could advise us of other organizations in the same county or a neighboring county that provide such services.

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* Overall, we experienced a 15% response rate to our inquiries. New information was added to the master spreadsheet.

* We were able to identify dozens of additional community cat resources due to the input we received.

* In all, we identified 182 community cat resources in the state of Ohio:

+ 107 providing spay-neuter services.

+ 75 offering TNR services.

(Some offer both services and were counted for each.)



METHODS

- * Community cat resources were sorted by type (spay-neuter or TNR) and county.
- * The population of each county was divided by the total number of community cat resources identified for that county to determine a ratio of the number of residents per resource.
- * Counties were grouped by tier based upon the above ratio and color coded on a map of the state with blue representing Tier 1 (the fewest residents per resource), Red-Tier 2, Green-Tier 3, Brown-Tier 4 (the most residents per resource), and Yellow-Tier 5 (no resources).
- * Community cat resource deserts were noted (Tier 5).

RESULTS



Creation of the directory

Ohio Community Cat Resources Directory

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Ashtabula	Ashtabula Community Cats			Y		https://www.facebook.com/CCAshtabula/	
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Collected data was used to create a community cat resource directory to be posted on the OAA and Together Initiative websites. The directory is included in this report as Appendix A.

RESULTS

(Resources & Population)

Statewide Findings

* An average of 2 community cat resources were identified per county.

* An average of 1 community cat resource is available per 65,000 Ohio residents.

* 1.4 spay-neuter resources are present for each TNR resource in the state (107/75).



RESULTS

- * Average population of Ohio's 88 counties: 133,000.
- * Average population of the 70 counties where at least one community cat resource was identified: 156,014.
- * Average population of the 43 counties where multiple community cat resources were identified: 214,171.
- * Average population of the 18 counties where no community cat resources were identified (resource deserts): 39,778.



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**Ohio Counties Grouped by Tier
(based on the number of residents per community cat resource)**

Tier	Ohio County (population)	Spay-Neuter Services	TNR Resources	Total Community Cat Resources	Number of residents per resource	Tier	Ohio County (population)	Spay-Neuter Services	TNR Resources	Total Community Cat Resources	Number of residents per resource
1	Morgan (15K)	1	1	2	7,254	2	Allen (102K)	2	0	2	51,176
	Defiance (38K)	3	1	4	9,522		Ashland (53K)	1	0	1	53,484
	Morrow (35K)	2	1	3	11,776		Huron (58K)	1	0	1	58,266
	Williams (37K)	2	1	3	12,331		Pickaway (58K)	1	0	1	58,457
	Champaign (39K)	2	1	3	12,962		Sandusky (59K)	1	0	1	58,518
	Clinton (42K)	2	1	3	13,989		Union (59K)	1	0	1	58,988
	Harrison (15K)	1	0	1	15,040		Washington (60K)	1	0	1	59,911
	Knox (62K)	2	2	4	15,581		Trumbull (198K)	2	1	3	65,991
	Coshocton (37K)	2	0	2	18,300		Montgomery (532K)	5	3	8	66,461
	Erie (74K)	3	1	4	18,567		Clark (134K)	1	1	2	67,042
	Paulding (19K)	1	0	1	18,672		Hancock (76K)	0	1	1	75,783
	Fulton (42K)	2	0	2	21,063		Tuscarawas (92K)	0	1	1	91,987
	Highland (43K)	1	1	2	21,581		Geauga (94K)	1	0	1	93,649
	Brown (43K)	1	1	2	21,716		Butler (383K)	3	1	4	95,784
	Wyandot (22K)	1	0	1	21,772		Cuyahoga (1.2M)	4	7	11	112,279

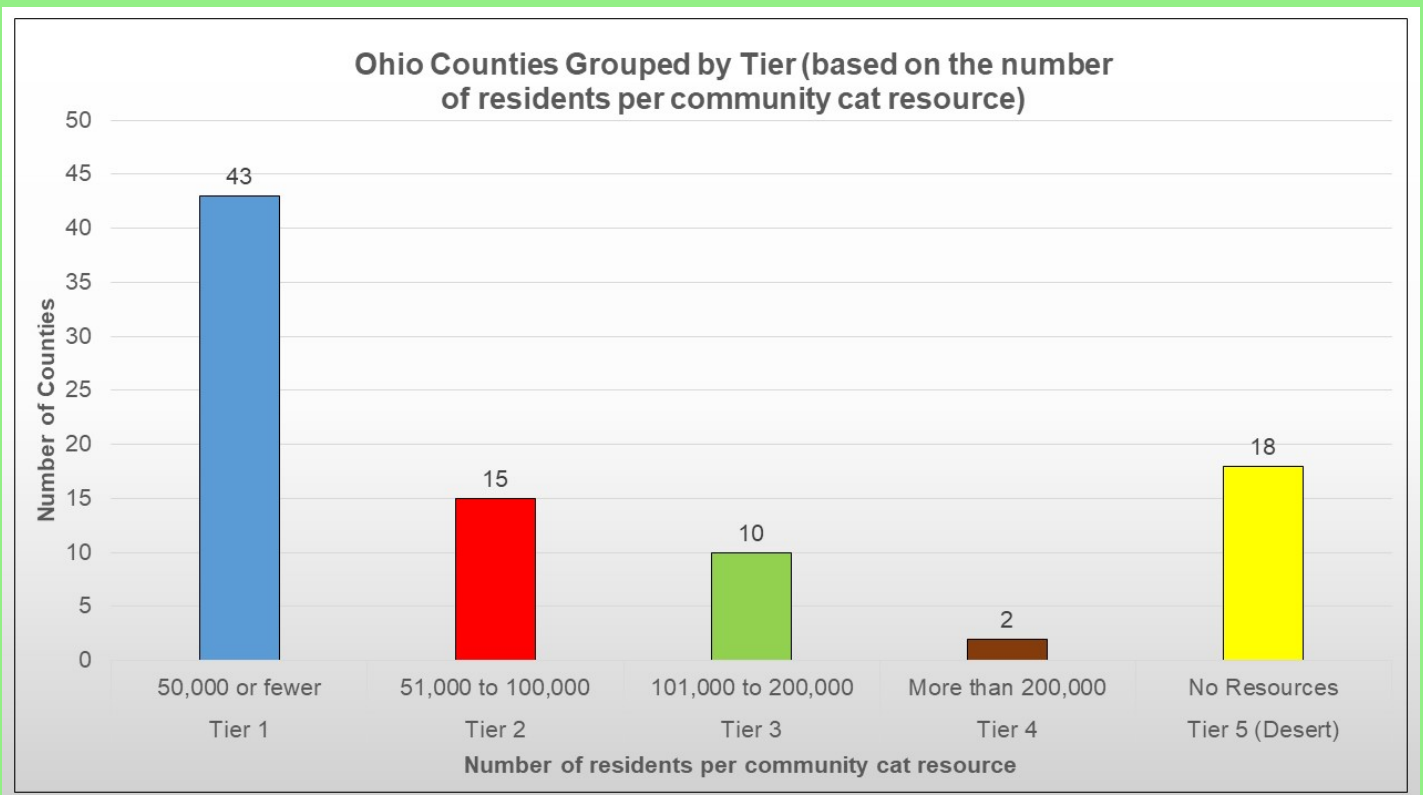
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The population of each county was divided by the total number of community cat resources identified for that county to determine a ratio of the number of residents per resource. Each county was then assigned to a color-coded tier. The complete list of counties by tier is included in this report as Appendix B.

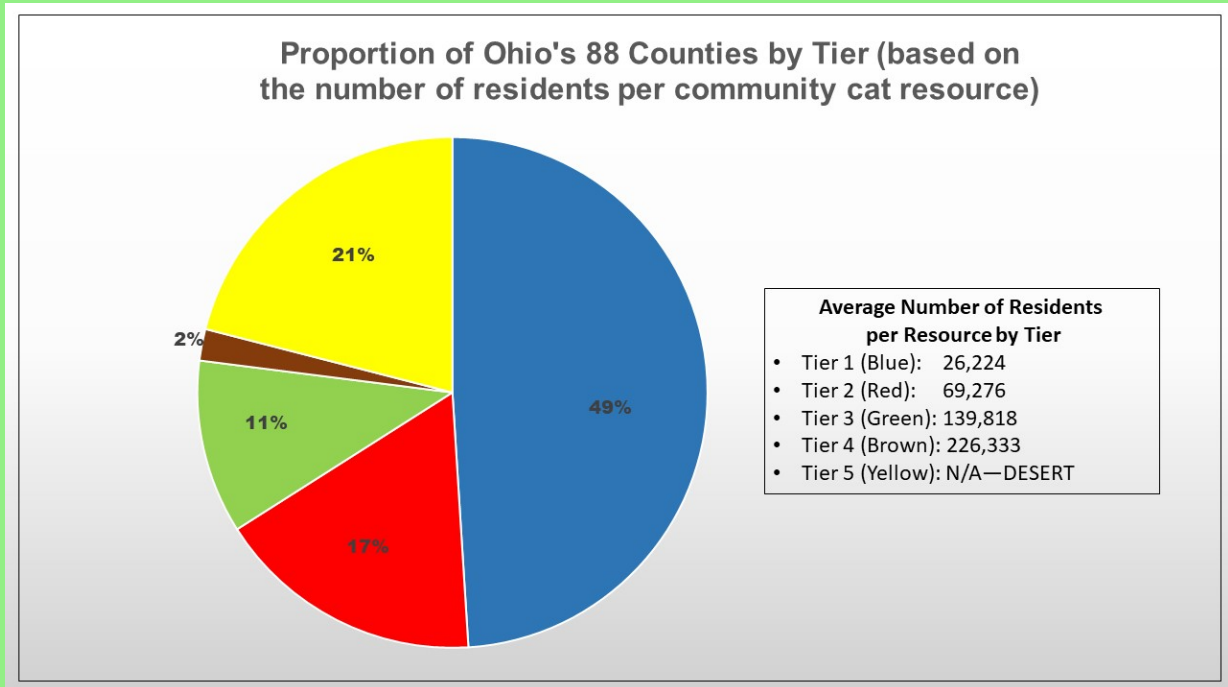
RESULTS

43 counties were found to have one community cat resource per 50,000 or fewer residents (blue).

18 counties were identified as community cat resource deserts (yellow).



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Nearly half of Ohio's counties average one community cat resource per just over 26,000 residents.

One in five of Ohio's counties were found to have no resources and are therefore categorized as community cat resource deserts.

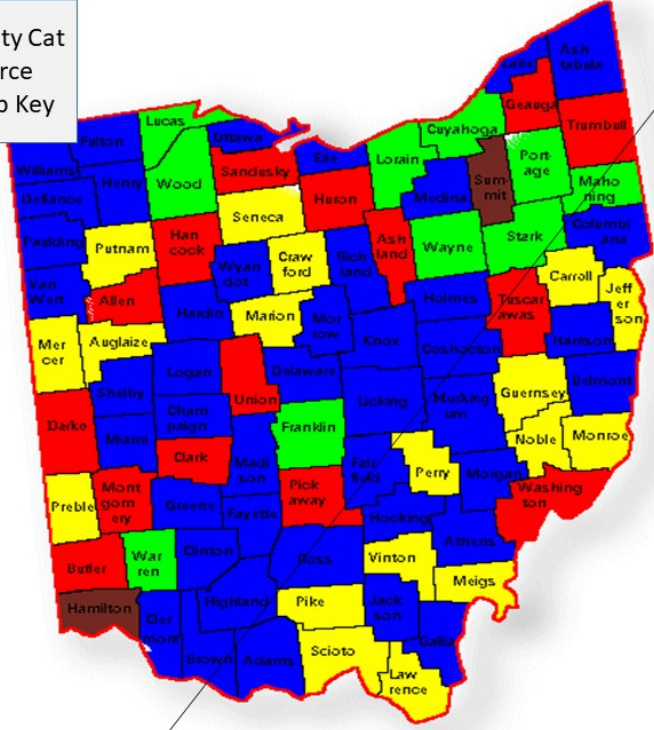
The remainder of Ohio's counties (3 in 10) average between 69,276 and 226,333 residents per resource.

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Resident Population per Community Cat Resource by Ohio County

- Tier 1: 50,000 or fewer/resource
- Tier 2: 51,000 to 100,000/resource
- Tier 3: 101,000 to 200,000/resource
- Tier 4: More than 200,000/resource
- Tier 5: No resources (DESERT)

- Community Cat
- Resource
- Tier Map Key



Six counties categorized as resource deserts are in Ohio's northwestern quadrant.

Eleven of the counties identified as community cat resource deserts are in the southeastern portion of the state, known as Appalachian Ohio.

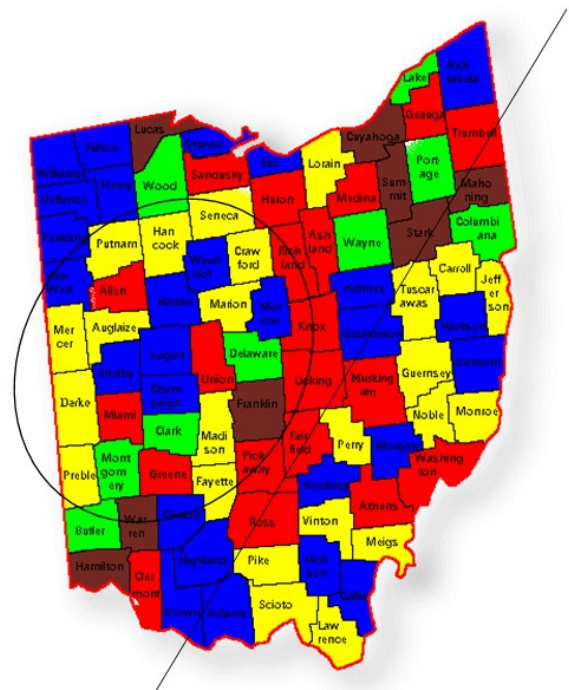
RESULTS

When counties were examined by the number of residents per available spay-neuter resources only (TNR resources excluded), an additional six resource deserts were identified and an additional 29 counties dropped into a lower tier.

Spay-Neuter Resources Only

- 16 fewer counties in Tier 1 (43 to 27).
- 10 more counties in Tiers 2-4 (27 to 37).
- 6 more counties in Tier 5-Desert (18 to 24).
- **Resource deserts primarily concentrated in the southeastern as well as the western parts of the state (see map).**
- Of note, counties containing the five largest cities in Ohio (Franklin--Columbus, Cuyahoga--Cleveland, Hamilton--Cincinnati, Lucas--Toledo, Summit--Akron) are all in Tier 4.

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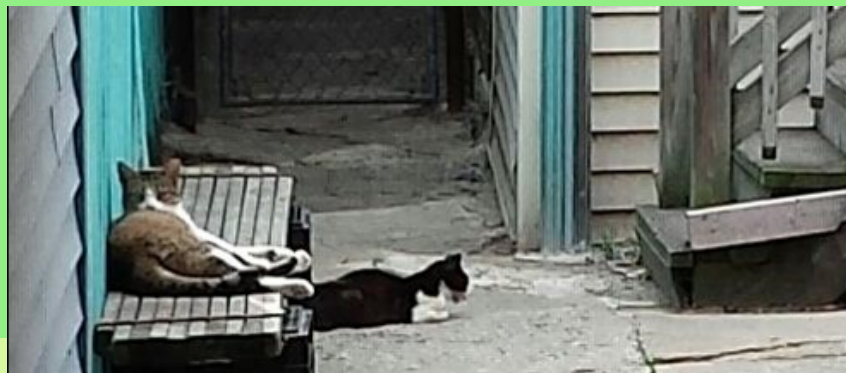
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(Population & Median Income)

* Median family income of 70 counties where at least one community cat resource was identified: \$61,340.

* Median family income of 43 counties where multiple community cat resources were identified: \$65,440.

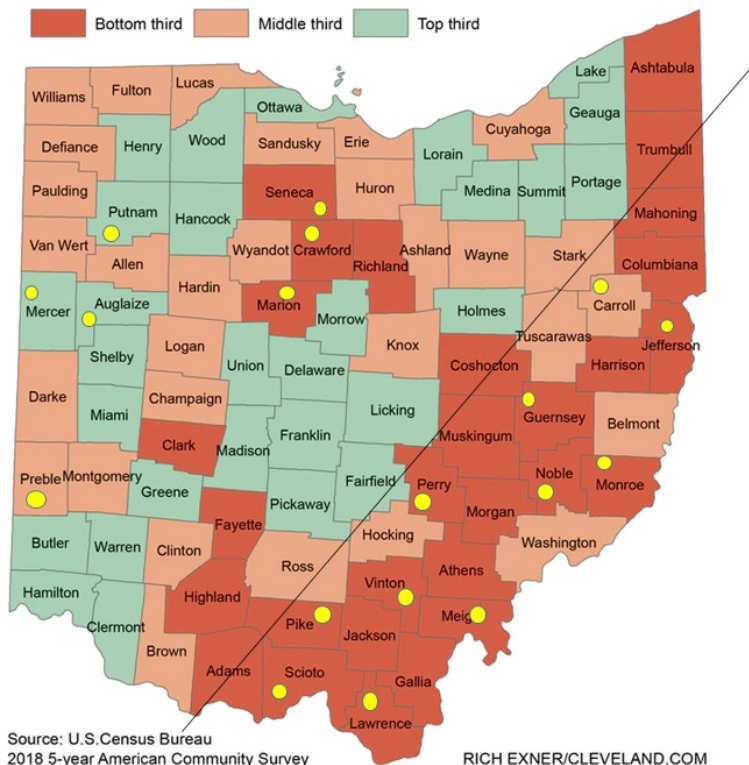
* Median family income of 18 counties where no community cat resources were identified (resource deserts): \$56,923.



RESULTS

More than two-thirds of the counties identified as community cat resource deserts (noted with a yellow dot on the map) were also in the bottom third for median family income. Of the 13 counties that are both resource deserts and in the bottom third for median family income, 10 are located in Ohio Appalachia.

Ohio counties by median family income



Ohio Median Family Income

Top Third: \$75,107
Middle Third: \$63,771
Bottom Third: \$56,786

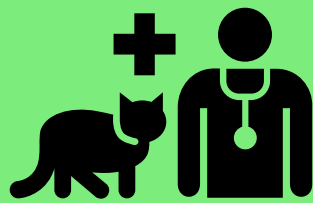
**Resource Deserts by County
Median Family Income Ranking**

Top Third 3 (17%)
Middle Third 2 (11%)
Bottom Third 13 (72%)
(10 are Appalachian Counties)

STRENGTHS/LIMITATIONS



As with any project of this kind, it is important to keep in mind what can and cannot be inferred from the results. On the plus side, we were able to assemble what is likely the most comprehensive list of Ohio's community cat resources compiled to date. And, we identified, by county, how those resources are distributed across Ohio.



Also, we were able to identify counties where no community cat resources were reported (resource deserts) and to determine the number of people residing in each county per community cat resource.

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We used this ratio to break the counties into tiered groups with the counties having the fewest number of residents per resource in Tier 1 and the counties having the most residents per resource in Tier 4. Counties with no community cat resources were assigned to Tier 5.

These groupings are intended to allow for simple comparisons among counties based upon the available data.



STRENGTHS/LIMITATIONS

There are several limitations to this project as well. First, we examined Ohio's community cat resources by county--this was done for practical reasons and it is unknown whether this best reflects the actual service areas of these resources.

Second, we were able only to tally the number of community cat resources in each county. We were not able to account for the capacity, accessibility, or reliability of a particular resource, so all were counted the same even though in reality each is unique in terms of these characteristics. Third, despite our best efforts, there are likely some community cat resources in the state that went unreported. Finally, the

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number of resources in each county can be a fluid situation, as it is not uncommon for new programs to be initiated or for funding and/or staffing issues to cause intermittent interruptions or even cessation of services.

The results of our data analysis allow only for comparisons among counties in this context. Evaluation of specific circumstances in any given county was not attempted as doing so was beyond the scope of this project. Such an undertaking is likely a worthy focus of future research.



DISCUSSION



OAA and the Together Initiative both advocate for the humane management of Ohio's community cats. That shared mission led us to undertake the research presented in this report. The purpose of this project was twofold: first, to produce a comprehensive directory of Ohio's community cat resources that can be accessed by anyone; and, second, to identify areas of the state where additional spay-neuter or TNR resources for community cats are needed.

The directory, included here in Appendix A and posted to both the OAA and Together Initiative websites, provides an up-to-date reference guide for those seeking community cat resource services in Ohio. In the directory we have included spay-neuter and TNR resources submitted to us through the end of January, 2023.

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We will be updating the directory on our websites as new information becomes available. Going forward, we hope to provide periodic updates to the county-level data presented in this report as well.

Once the information for the directory was collected, it only made sense to utilize it to determine how the state's community cat resources are distributed by county. Doing so allowed us to calculate the number of people residing in each county per community cat resource. The number of residents in each county specifically per spay-neuter resource (excluding TNR resources) was also calculated. Counties were assigned to one of five tiers based upon these ratios.

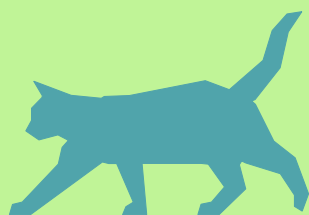
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Color-coded maps were then created to illustrate resource levels by county across Ohio. These maps provide simple snapshots of the state's current community cat resource landscape. Assessing the landscape is necessary before appropriate strategies can be formulated to address resource shortages.

Ohio's current community cat resource landscape must be contemplated in the context of an ongoing national shortage of veterinarians and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Researchers at the University of Florida recently found that compared to 2019 (pre-pandemic), in 2020 total sterilization surgeries of cats and dogs fell by 13% nationwide and by 17% in the Midwest (Guerios et al., 2022). Sheltered animals and community cats experienced a similar decrease in spay-neuter surgeries to privately owned pets.

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The same study estimated that due to cutbacks associated with the pandemic, a deficit of more than 2.7 million spay-neuter surgeries occurred from the beginning of 2020 to the end of 2021 (Guerios et al., 2022). The shortage of affordable, accessible spay and neuter surgeries is happening everywhere (Mithers, 2022), including Ohio.



Based on our data, 18 Ohio counties have no resources of any kind for community cats. An additional 6 counties have no spay-neuter resources serving community cats--meaning that in total 24 counties are spay-neuter deserts, as they have no such services located within their borders or that visit their jurisdictions.

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We found that all 18 counties for which no community cat resources were reported (deserts) have a population of 75,000 or less (average of just under 40,000). Each of these counties is in a rural part of the state (11 in the southeastern area known as Ohio Appalachia) and most rank in the bottom third of Ohio counties for median family income (Exner, 2020). However, for the other six counties that lack spay-neuter resources (but have TNR resources) population size and median family income appear to be less relevant, as these counties range in population from 29,000 to 310,000 (average of 101,000), and five of the six counties are either in the top or middle third for median family income. Twelve of the 24 total counties without spay-neuter resources for community cats are in Ohio Appalachia, while another 11 are clustered in the west-central portion of the state.

DISCUSSION

The fact that 24 of Ohio's 88 counties (27%) lack spay-neuter services for community cats is particularly illustrative of the shortage of veterinarians in Ohio and nationwide--this is especially true in light of the fact that some of Ohio's most populous and wealthy counties share in this experience.

The need for solutions is likely most urgent in Ohio's resource desert counties. These communities are often home to the most vulnerable populations of people and animals. However, the shortage of veterinarians to perform sterilization surgeries as well as shortfalls in other community cat resources are not only present in these counties. Not surprisingly, it was discovered that Ohio counties with the largest populations often have the greatest number of resources in absolute terms.

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Yet, the number of resources in these populous counties is often not proportionate to the size of their populations, meaning that each resource must serve a disproportionately large number of people--oftentimes 100,00 or more. This situation results in limited access to services, including long wait times for appointments, as has been noted elsewhere in the U.S. (Guerios et al., 2022).

In fact, of Ohio's 10 most heavily populated counties, not one is categorized in Tier 1 (fewer than 50,000 residents per resource)--six are in Tier 3 (101,000 to 200,000) and two in Tier 4 (more than 200,000). Therefore, access to resources in many of these counties is likely limited. Furthermore, when only spay-neuter resources are considered, the counties that are home to the

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five largest cities in Ohio--Franklin (Columbus), Cuyahoga (Cleveland), Hamilton (Cincinnati), Lucas (Toledo), and Summit (Akron)--are all categorized in Tier 4.

Of course, the ease of access to any given resource is determined in large part by its capacity. As was stated in the previous section, assessment of resource capacity was beyond the scope of this project. Notwithstanding that limitation, it is clear that the capacity of community cat resources can vary considerably. A recent study revealed that 75% of feral cat care and advocacy organizations in the U.S. serve fewer than 500 cats per year (Aeluro et al., 2021). Year-end 2022 results published by three Ohio spay-neuter facilities exemplify the variability in capacity among clinics. AlterCare Clinic (a conventional brick and mortar high-quality, high-volume facility in Stark County)

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reports having sterilized 2,930 community cats in 2022, while the Rascal Unit (a mobile clinic based in Franklin County that serves 22 counties) performed 1,229 total spay or neuter surgeries on community cats, and Licking County TNR (a group that operates periodic large-scale, pop-up/MASH style sterilization events and offers spay-neuter vouchers for services by private veterinarians) sterilized or provided vouchers to fix 671 community cats in 2022.

A lack of resources for community cats is a longstanding problem in many areas of Ohio. This issue has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and further compounded by the nationwide shortage of veterinarians, which has also been worsened by the pandemic. It is likely that a holistic approach is best suited to address these issues.

DISCUSSION

The following is a list of potential solutions put forth by participants of a brainstorming session conducted as part of the 2022 virtual Ohio Community Cat Summit (held in November of 2022) as well as a number of recommendations from other sources. No claims are being made here as to the genesis of the ideas presented from the Summit. Due to the limited scope of this project, a full discussion of the details and feasibility of these potential solutions to Ohio's community cat resource deficiencies will need to occur in a future report.

Summit Brainstorming Session Ideas:

- * An expanded role for mobile spay-neuter clinics in order to reach more communities that lack resources.
- * A program to reduce student loan debt, or provide other

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financial incentives, to vet school graduates in exchange for performing a predetermined number of sterilization surgeries on community cats.

* Required training in the handling of unsocialized felines for all veterinary school students. The hope being that graduates would then be more comfortable offering services to community cats upon entering private practice.

* Creation of a mid-level position between doctor of veterinary medicine (DVM) and registered veterinary technician (RVT)--similar to a nurse practitioner or a physician assistant in human medicine--that would be able to perform sterilization surgeries.

* A renewed focus on collaboration among community cat stakeholders in order to make the most efficient use of currently available resources.

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* Focus on targeted TNR efforts at locations with the greatest number of free-roaming cats in order to leverage existing resources for maximum reductions in community cat populations over time.

Potential remedies proffered elsewhere:

* Increase the number of students graduating annually from veterinary school by increasing class size and/or by expanding the number of universities that offer these programs (Cushing, 2019).

* Target veterinary school tuition subsidies to students living in communities with the worst shortages of veterinary services (DVM360, 2022) so that after graduating these students return to work in these communities to help fill resource gaps (Moore, 2023).

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* Allow for widespread reciprocity among states to make it easier for veterinarians licensed in one state to obtain a license in another state. Fortunately, Ohio is one of 20 states that currently permit a licensed veterinarian from another jurisdiction to gain an Ohio license (Animal Policy Group, 2022) without the undue condition of service requirements (OVMLB, n.d.)

* Establish publicly funded low-cost [or free] spay-neuter programs for community cats (Lord, 2008), perhaps included as part of a larger sterilization initiative targeted at owned and unowned animals in underserved communities (Spehar, 2015).

* Utilize a “risk assessment approach” whereby available sterilization surgery slots are prioritized for the most vulnerable animals--females and community cats (Guerios et al., 2022).

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Brown	Brown County Humane Society	Y	vouchers	Y		director@bchsohio.org	937-378-3457
Butler	Animal Friends Humane Society			(TNR services suspended)		AnimalFriendsHS@butlercountyohio.org	513-867-5727
Butler	Catnip and Carrots Animal Bunch, Inc.	Y		Y	colony management	mail@catnipandcarrots.org	714-290-9104
Butler	Progressive Animal Welfare Society	Y				info@pawsadoptioncenter.org	513-539-7297
Butler	Minimizing Animal Reproduction without Extremes (MARX)	Y					513-465-3295
Champaign	Champaign County Advocates for Trap, Neuter, Return			Y	loan traps		937-313-8315
Champaign	His Hand Extended Sanctuary and Clinic	Y				spay.neuter.clinic@windstream.net	937-663-0015
Champaign	Champaign County Animal Welfare League	Y				champaigncoanimalwelfareleague@yahoo.com	937-834-5236
Clark	Calico TNR			Y	serves Central Ohio	calico@calico-tnr.org	
Clark	Animal Welfare League of Clark County	Y				awspringfieldohio@gmail.com	(937) 322-1121
Clermont	League for Animal Welfare	Y		Y	loan traps	info@lfaw.org	513-735-2299
Clermont	Clermont County TNR			Y		https://www.facebook.com/groups/446387463315496/	
Clermont	Animal Rescue Fund	Y				https://www.facebook.com/Animal-Rescue-Fund-Bingo-1173660276015711/ - facebook page	513-753-9252
Clermont	United Coalition for Animals (UCAN) of Hamilton County*	Y				contactus@ucancincinnati.org	513-721-7387
Clinton	Clinton County Humane Society	Y				clintoncohumanesociety@yahoo.com	
Clinton	PAWS Humane Society	Y	via the Rascal Unit			pawshumanesocietyinc@gmail.com https://www.facebook.com/pawshumanesocietyinc/	
Clinton	Fayette (County) Regional Humane Society*			Y		info@fayetteregionalhumane.org	740-335-8126
Columbiana	Alleycat Spay and Neuter Clinic	Y		Y		info@alleycatvet.com	330-892-8985
Columbiana	Toronto City Kitties			Y		spayneutertoronto@yahoo.com	740-457-9809
Coshocton	Coshocton County Animal Shelter	Y	vouchers redeemable at only private veterinarians			hataofccas@yahoo.com	
Coshocton	Coshocton County Humane Society	Y	via the Rascal Unit			coshoctoncountyhumanesociety@gmail.com	740-575-5829
Cuyahoga	Cleveland Animal Protective League	Y		Y	loan traps	contact@clevelandapl.org	216-771-4616
Cuyahoga	Euclid Beach Cat Project			Y		info@ebcatproject.org	216-246-4206
Cuyahoga	Kamm's Cat Guardians			Y		kammscatguardians@gmail.com	
Cuyahoga	PetFix Northeast Ohio, Inc.	Y				appointments@petfixnortheastohio.org	216-732-7040
Cuyahoga	Valley Save-a-Pet	Y	vouchers			vsapcats4u@yahoo.com	440-232-9124
Cuyahoga	Valley View Vet Care Spay Neuter Clinic	Y				valleyviewetcare@gmail.com	216-398-1081
Cuyahoga	Waterloo Alley Cat Project			Y		feralcatproject@hotmail.com	

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Cuyahoga	Kelley's Kritters			Y		kelleyskritters@yahoo.com	440-552-1096
Cuyahoga	Lauren's City Cats in the Flats			Y		laurencitycats@gmail.com	
Cuyahoga	City of Middleburg Heights Animal Control			Y	residents only	ltakacs@middleburgheights.com	440-243-1234
Darke	Cathouse Blues TNR			Y		cathousebluestnr@yahoo.com	
Defiance	Fort Defiance Humane Society	Y		Y	loan traps	newbestfriend@fortdefiancehumanesociety.org	419-658-2298
Defiance	Friends of Felines Rescue	Y	via Humane Ohio				
Defiance	Earth Angels	Y				earthangelsnc@gmail.com	419-393-2534
Delaware	Cozy Cat Cottage Adoption Center			Y	rent traps	cozycatcottageadoption@gmail.com	614-336-8510
Delaware	Little Boo Rescue of Ohio			Y		little.boo.rescue.oh@gmail.com	740-833-5011
Delaware	The Animal Health Organization (TAHO)	Y		Y		Contact@AnimalHealth.us	740-549-1950
Delaware	Humane Society of Delaware County	Y				Jana.Cassidy@hscdcoho.org	740-369-7387
Erie	Erie County Dog Warden	Y	vouchers			bknapp@eriecounty.oh.gov dogwarden@eriecounty.oh.gov	P: 419-627-7607 F: 419-624-6441
Erie	Furever Feline	Y	via Humane Ohio			fureverfeline@erietnr@gmail.com	
Erie	Firelands Community Cat Coalition			Y			
Erie	Lake Shore Animal Hospital	Y	offers special pricing for community cats				
Fairfield	Compassionate Cat Care	Y		Y			
Fairfield	Fairfield Area Humane Society	Y	via the Rascal Unit	Y		info@fairhumane.org	740-687-0627
Fairfield	Forgotten 4-Paws	Y		Y	loan traps	contactus@forgotten4paws.org	
Fayette	Fayette Regional Humane Society			Y		info@fayetteregionalhumane.org	740-335-8126
Franklin	Animal Protection Network of Columbus Ohio			Y		lisamorris@animalprotection.network	
Franklin	Colony Cats & Dogs			Y		info@colonycats.org	614-570-0471
Franklin	Columbus Dog Connection	Y				columbusdogconnectioninfo@gmail.com	614-471-9000
Franklin	Rascal Unit	Y	Rascal Mobile Unit serves Franklin and 21 other counties-- listed by county	Y	loan traps	rascalunit@rascalunit.com	614-791-7729
Franklin	The Cat Welfare Association	Y	vouchers			catwelfarecats@yahoo.com	614-268-6096
Franklin	Columbus Humane	Y				questions@columbushumane.org	614-777-7387
Franklin	CHA Animal Shelter	Y				adopt@chaanimalshelter.org https://chaanimalshelter.org/contact/ - email form	614-891-5280
Franklin	SOS of Ohio	Y				https://sosohio.dreamhosters.com/index.php	614-267-7297
Fulton	Fulton County Humane Society	Y	via Humane Ohio			FultonOhioHumane@gmail.com	419-349-3841
Fulton	Humane Ohio in Lucas County*	Y					
Gallia	Spay Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) of Gallia County	Y				snafopgalliacounty@att.net	
Geauga	Geauga Humane's Rescue Village	Y				info@rescuevillage.org	440-338-4819
Greene	Advocates 4 Animals	Y	vouchers			info@advocates4animals.com	937-266-9229
Greene	SICSA	Y					
Greene	Batta Cats			Y		http://www.battacats.org	
Greene	Fairborn TNR Program			Y			
Greene	Humane Society of Greene County	Y	monthly clinic			inquiries1hsgc@gmail.com	937-376-3001
Hamilton	Cincinnati Animal CARE			Y	loan traps and free transport	https://cincinnatianimalcare.org/contact-us/ - email form	
Hamilton	Ohio Alleycat Resource and Spay/Neuter Clinic, Inc.	Y				info@ohioalleycat.org	513-871-0185
Hamilton	United Coalition for Animals (UCAN)	Y		Y	loan traps	contactus@ucancincinnati.org	513-721-7387
Hancock	Humane Society of Hancock County			Y	working cat program	dana@hancockhumanesociety.com	P: 419-423-1664 F: 419-423-9131
Hardin	Hardin County Humane Society	Y	via the Rascal Unit	Y		hchumanesociety@aol.com	419-675-2932
Harrison	Humane Society of Harrison County	Y				contact@humanesocietyhc.com	740-827-4761
Henry	Humane Ohio in Lucas County*	Y					

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Highland	Highland County Humane Society	Y	via the Rascal Unit			highlandhumane@gmail.com	937-393-2110
Highland	Fayette (County) Regional Humane Society*			Y			
Hocking	The Pet Orphanage	Y				pets@thepetorphanage.org	740-380-3002
Holmes	Holmes County Humane Society	Y	via the Rascal Unit			info@holmeshumane.com	330-377-4026
Huron	Huron County Humane Society	Y	via Humane Ohio			hchs.receptionist@gmail.com	419-663-7158
Jackson	Humane Society of Jackson County	Y	via the Rascal Unit			dogpoundjacksoncounty@gmail.com	740-286-6435
Knox	Knox County Humane Society	Y				kellykchs@yahoo.com	740-392-2287
Knox	Shady Owl Ranch			Y		shadyowranch@gmail.com	530-227-4288
Lake	Mentor Community Cats			Y		mentorcommunitycats@gmail.com	440-973-6867
Lake	Willowick Community Cats			Y		willowickcats@gmail.com	440-467-2287
Lake	Ohio Paws with Purpose	Y	vouchers			willowickpetfoodpantry@gmail.com	440-520-4881
Lake	Eastlake Community Cats			Y			
Lake	Painesville Community Cats			Y			
Lake	Fairport Harbor Community Cats			Y			
Lake	Lake Humane Society	Y				info@lakehumane.org	440-951-6122
Lake	Purrfect Partners Ohio			Y			
Lake	Holy Cat Whiskers			Y			
Lake	Mentor/Willowick/Eastlake/Painesville/Fairport Harbor			Y		mentorcommunitycats@gmail.com	
Licking	Licking County TNRProgram	Y	vouchers	Y		lickingcountytnr@gmail.com	614-506-4126
Licking	Nomad, Inc.	Y	mobile clinic serving central Ohio			robert.wirick@yahoo.com	740-323-0963
Licking	Licking County Humane Society	Y				info@lchspets.org	740-323-2100
Logan	Rascal Charities	Y	via the Rascal Unit				
Logan	Logan County TNR Project			Y		logancountytnrproject@gmail.com	
Lorain	Community Action to Save Strays (CATSS)			Y		catssoberlin@gmail.com	440-506-5014
Lorain	Friendshp Animal Protective League			Y		tnr@friendshipapl.org, clinic@friendshipapl.org, humane@friendshipapl.org	440-322-4321
Lucas	Humane Ohio	Y	serves NW Ohio and beyond	Y	Pay-to-Spay Program	info@humaneohio.org	419-266 - 5607
Lucas	Planned Pethood	Y				pets@plannedpethood.org	419-826-3499
Madison	Black and Orange Cat Foundation			Y		bandocats@gmail.com	614-873-0880
Mahoning	Angels for Animals	Y				info@angelsforanimals.org	330-549-1111
Mahoning	Youngstown Community Cat TNR			Y		https://www.facebook.com/YoungstownCommunityCatTNR/ - facebook page	
Medina	AlterPet	Y	vouchers for private vets and Mission Possible			alterpet@aol.com	330-321-6243; 419-853-4043
Medina	Medina Meow Fix			Y		medinameowfix@gmail.com	330-441-8817
Medina	Mission Possible	Y					
Medina	Kitten Crazy	Y	offers limited number of sterilizations for TNR via Mission Possible			wendy@kittenkrazy.org	330-591-4408
Miami	Miami County Animal Shelter	Y				animalshelter@miamicountyohio.gov	937-332-6919
Miami	DREAM	Y				petsrrpassion@gmail.com	
Miami	9 Lives TNR			Y		kpacker233@hotmail.com	937-489-0829
Miami	TippKitty TNR			Y		tipkittytnr@yahoo.com	937-654-3030
Montgomery	Gem City Kitties	Y				meow@gemcitykitties.org	937-949-9170
Montgomery	Humane Society of Greater Dayton	Y		Y		info@hsgdayton.org	937-268-7387
Montgomery	Wonder Dogs/Rascal Charities	Y	via the Rascal Unit			http://www.wonderdogsrescue.org/clinic	
Montgomery	Pet Advocate League			Y		info@petadvocateleague.org	
Montgomery	Pets in Stitches	Y				contact@petsinstitches.com	937-630-3320
Montgomery	SICSA Pet Adoption Center	Y				info@sicsa.org	937-294-6505

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Montgomery	TipKitty TNR in Miami County*			Y			
Morgan	MoCo Kitty Control	Y	via the Rascal Unit	Y	loan traps	mocokittycontrol@gmail.com	740-962-3711; 740- 559-2816
Morrow	Humane Society of Morrow County	Y	via the Rascal Unit			info@hsofmc.org	419-947-5791
Muskingum	New Concord Feral Cats			Y		https://www.facebook.com/NewConcordFeralCats / - facebook page	
Muskingum	PAWS of Muskingum County	Y	via the Rascal Unit				
Ottawa	Humane Ohio in Lucas County*	Y					
Paulding	Friends of Felines Rescue	Y				fofrescue@gmail.com	419-393-2400
Pickaway	Circle Area Humane Society	Y	via the Rascal Unit			cahs1@frontier.com	740-474-8690
Portage	Portage Animal Protective League	Y				lowry@portageapl.org	330-296-4022
Richland	Stop the Overpopulation of Pets, Inc.	Y		Y	loan traps	catfix1@gmail.com	419-774-1738
Richland	Humane Society of Richland County	Y	via the Rascal Unit			AdoptOurStrays@yahoo.com	419-774-4795
Richland	Forgotten Felines			Y		http://www.facebook.com/F.FelinesTNR/	
Ross	Purrfect Companions Cat Resource Center	Y	vouchers and the Rascal Unit				
Ross	Fayette (County) Regional Humane Society*			Y			
Sandusky	Humane Society of Sandusky County	Y				humanesocietyofsanduskycounty@yahoo.com	419-334-4517
Shelby	Shelby County Animal Shelter	Y	via NOMAD	Y		shelbeycountyanimalshelter@yahoo.com	937-498-7201
Stark	AlterCare Clinic	Y				altercareac@gmail.com	234-804-3064
Stark	Carnation Community Cats			Y		carnationcats@yahoo.com	330-821-1045
Summit	One of a Kind Pet Rescue	Y				directorofoperations@oneofakindpets.com	330-865-6890
Summit	Riggi Rescue			Y		riggirescue@gmail.com	
Trumbull	Steel Valley Spay Neuter Clinic	Y					(330) 545-2255
Trumbull	TNR of Warren	Y	via the Rascal Unit	Y		tnrofwarren@yahoo.com	(330) 330-8166
Tuscarawas	Tuscarawas County TNR Project			Y		tctnr@aol.com	
Union	Union County Humane Society	Y				info@uchspets.org	937-642-6716
Van Wert	Van Wert County Humane Society	Y	vouchers			staff@vwchs.org	419-238-5088
Warren	Humane Association of Warren County	Y	via Ohio Alleycat Resource	Y	monthly event	contact form at: https://www.homelesspets.org/	513-695-1176
Washington	Save A Kitty Feral Cat Program in Parkersburg, WV*	Y	via the Rascal Unit				
Wayne	Wayne County Humane Society	Y	via the Rascal Unit			info@wchs.org	330-262-0152
Williams	Williams County Dog Warden			Y	limited ability to do TNR	dogwarden@wmsco.org	P: 419-636-4659 F: 419-636-0643
Williams	Williams County Humane Society	Y				WCHS123@GMAIL.COM	419-636-2200
Williams	Hope for Animals	Y				contact@wyhumane.org	
Wood	Humane Ohio in Lucas County*	Y					
Wyandot	Wyandot County Humane Society, Inc./Equine Rescue/HOPE Spay/Neuter Clinic	Y				wyhumaneone@cs.com contact@wyhumane.org	419-294-4477

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*Served by a resource located outside of the county limits.

Spay-Neuter Services:
Organization that performs sterilization surgeries or one that provides a direct connection to such services (oftentimes by hosting spay-neuter events).

TNR Services:
Entity that traps community cats and/or transports them to/from spay-neuter surgery or one that loans traps or otherwise directly assists with TNR.



Appendix B: Ohio Counties by Tier (population/community cat resource)

Tier	Ohio County (population)	Spay-Neuter Services	TNR Resources	Total Community Cat Resources	Number of residents per resource	Tier	Ohio County (population)	Spay-Neuter Services	TNR Resources	Total Community Cat Resources	Number of residents per resource
1	Morgan (15K)	1	1	2	7,254	2	Allen (102K)	2	0	2	51,176
	Defiance (38K)	3	1	4	9,522		Ashland (53K)	1	0	1	53,484
	Coshocton (37K)	2	1	3	12,220		Huron (58K)	1	0	1	58,266
	Williams (37K)	2	1	3	12,331		Pickaway (58K)	1	0	1	58,457
	Champaign (39K)	2	1	3	12,962		Sandusky (59K)	1	0	1	58,518
	Clinton (42K)	2	1	3	13,989		Union (59K)	1	0	1	58,988
	Harrison (15K)	1	0	1	15,040		Washington (60K)	1	0	1	59,911
	Hardin (31K)	1	1	2	15,682		Trumbull (198K)	2	1	3	65,991
	Erie (74K)	3	1	4	18,567		Montgomery (532K)	5	3	8	66,461
	Paulding (19K)	1	0	1	18,672		Clark (134K)	1	1	2	67,042
	Fulton (42K)	2	0	2	21,063	Hancock (76K)	0	1	1	75,783	
	Highland (43K)	1	1	2	21,581	Tuscarawas (92K)	0	1	1	91,987	
	Brown (43K)	1	1	2	21,716	Geauga (94K)	1	0	1	93,649	
	Wyandot (22K)	1	0	1	21,772	Butler (383K)	3	1	4	95,784	
	Belmont (67K)	2	1	3	22,335	3	Cuyahoga (1.2M)	4	7	11	112,279
	Logan (46K)	1	1	2	22,836		Mahoning (229K)	1	1	2	114,342
	Lake (230K)	2	8	10	23,015		Wayne (116K)	1	0	1	115,710
	Shelby (49K)	1	1	2	24,295		Warren (235K)	1	1	2	117,301
	Ashtabula (97K)	2	2	4	24,310		Wood (131K)	1	0	1	130,817
	Fairfield (158K)	3	3	6	26,262		Lucas (428K)	2	1	3	142,783
Miami (107K)	2	2	4	26,747	Franklin (1.3M)		6	3	9	146,306	
Henry (27K)	1	0	1	27,006	Lorain (310K)		0	2	2	154,917	
Adams (28K)	1	0	1	27,698	Portage (162K)		1	0	1	162,466	
Hocking (28K)	1	0	1	28,264	Stark (371K)		1	1	2	185,303	
Van Wert (28K)	1	0	1	28,275	4	Hamilton (817K)	2	2	4	204,368	
Fayette (29K)	0	1	1	28,525		Summit (541K)	1	1	2	270,507	
Gallia (30K)	1	0	1	29,898	5 ~ R E S O U R C E D E S	Auglaize (46K)	0	0	0		
Richland (121K)	2	2	4	30,288		Carroll (27K)	0	0	0		
Knox (62K)	1	1	2	31,161		Crawford (41K)	0	0	0		
Jackson (32K)	1	0	1	32,413		Guernsey (39K)	0	0	0		
Athens (65K)	1	1	2	32,664		Jefferson (65K)	0	0	0		
Greene (169K)	3	2	5	33,787		Lawrence (59K)	0	0	0		
Columbiana (102K)	1	2	3	33,961		Marion (65K)	0	0	0		
Morrow (35K)	1	0	1	35,328		Meigs (23K)	0	0	0		
Ross (77K)	1	1	2	38,333		Mercer (41K)	0	0	0		
Ottawa (41K)	1	0	1	40,525		Monroe (14K)	0	0	0		
Clermont (206K)	3	2	5	41,286	Noble (14K)	0	0	0			
Delaware (209K)	2	3	5	41,835	Perry (36K)	0	0	0			
Muskingum (86K)	1	1	2	43,108	Pike (28K)	0	0	0			
Holmes (44K)	1	0	1	43,960	Preble (41K)	0	0	0			

2	Licking (177K)	3	1	4	44,216	E R T S	Putnam (34K)	0	0	0	
	Madison (45K)	0	1	1	44,731		Scioto (75K)	0	0	0	
	Medina (180K)	3	1	4	44,937		Seneca (55K)	0	0	0	
	Darke (51K)	0	1	1	51,113		Vinton (13K)	0	0	0	

Tier 1: 50,000 or fewer residents/resource
Tier 2: 51,000 to 100,000 residents/resource

Tier 3: 101,000 to 200,000 residents/resource
Tier 4: More than 200,000 residents/resource

Tier 5: No resources (Desert)