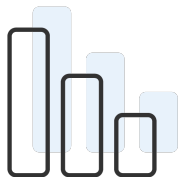




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THE NATIONAL DATABASE

COVID-19 Impact Report: January – June 2019/2020/2021 Year Over Year Comparison



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Executive Summary



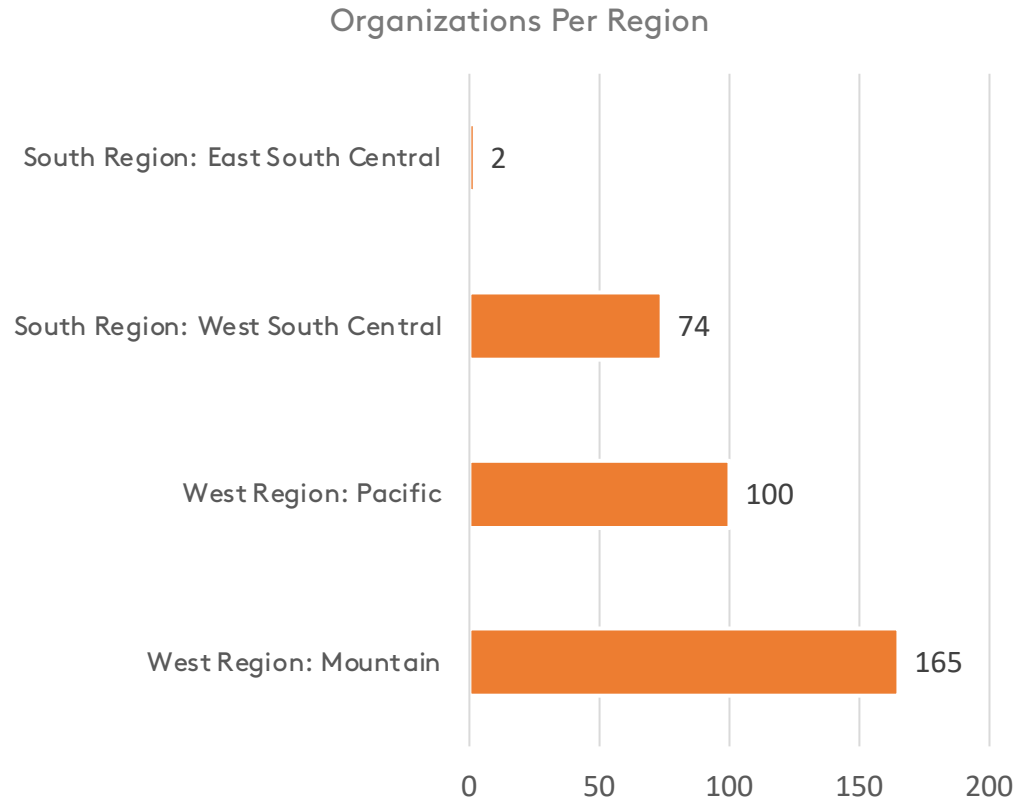
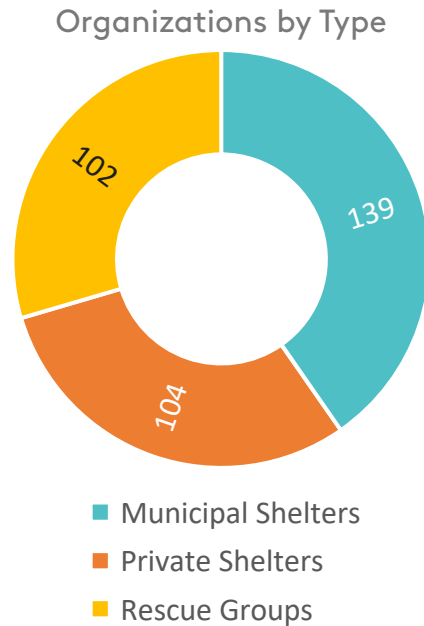
The following report provides a look at comparative data on sheltered animals from the first six months of each of the last three years: 2019, 2020 and 2021. The data was limited to organizations that reported complete data to SAC for all 18 months (n=341). The goal of this report is to give a comparative overview of how the COVID-19 pandemic may have affected the rates at and methods by which animals are moving in and out of shelters in the United States.

It is worth pointing out both the limitations of the dataset. Since there is no national requirement for reporting, all the data is self-reported and contains natural under and over sampling biases in both the geographic and organization type dimensions. In other words, some areas had a greater level of reporting than others.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **The data shows live outcomes are up, as a percentage of overall intake.** In 2019, 85% of shelter pets had a live outcome. In 2020, about 89% of shelter pets had a live outcome. In 2021, that number is about 90%; a small but notable increase.
- **Despite a number of alarmist headlines, pet owners and adopters do not appear to be returning or surrendering animals *en masse*.** 2021 saw only a 0.56% (less than 1%) increase in intake over 2020. From 2019 to 2021, we see nearly a 25% drop in intakes. "Owner surrenders"—pets given up by their owners to animal shelters—are down 23% in 2021, from 2019.
- **While lower intake means fewer animals available to be adopted, the data shows a greater percentage of the animals who are in shelters are getting adopted.** In 2019, 53% of shelter pets were adopted, and in 2021 that has increased to almost 58%.
- **Shelter euthanasia has continued to decrease through 2020 and into 2021.** In 2021, 7% of all outcomes were shelter euthanasia. That number was 11% in 2019, and 8% in 2020.

COVID-19 Impact Report Reporting Demographics



The **September 2021 COVID-19 Impact Report** represents 341 organizations reporting data for all months January - June 2019, January - June 2020, and January - June 2021 data to **Shelter Animals Count** as of 07/12/2021. While this is national data, not all geographic regions are represented equally.

The data reflected in this report is a subset of data from **The National Database**. To view the interactive COVID-19 Impact Dashboard comparing a full year of 2020 to 2019 data, or to see all available data from over 5,000 organizations, visit shelteranimalscount.org

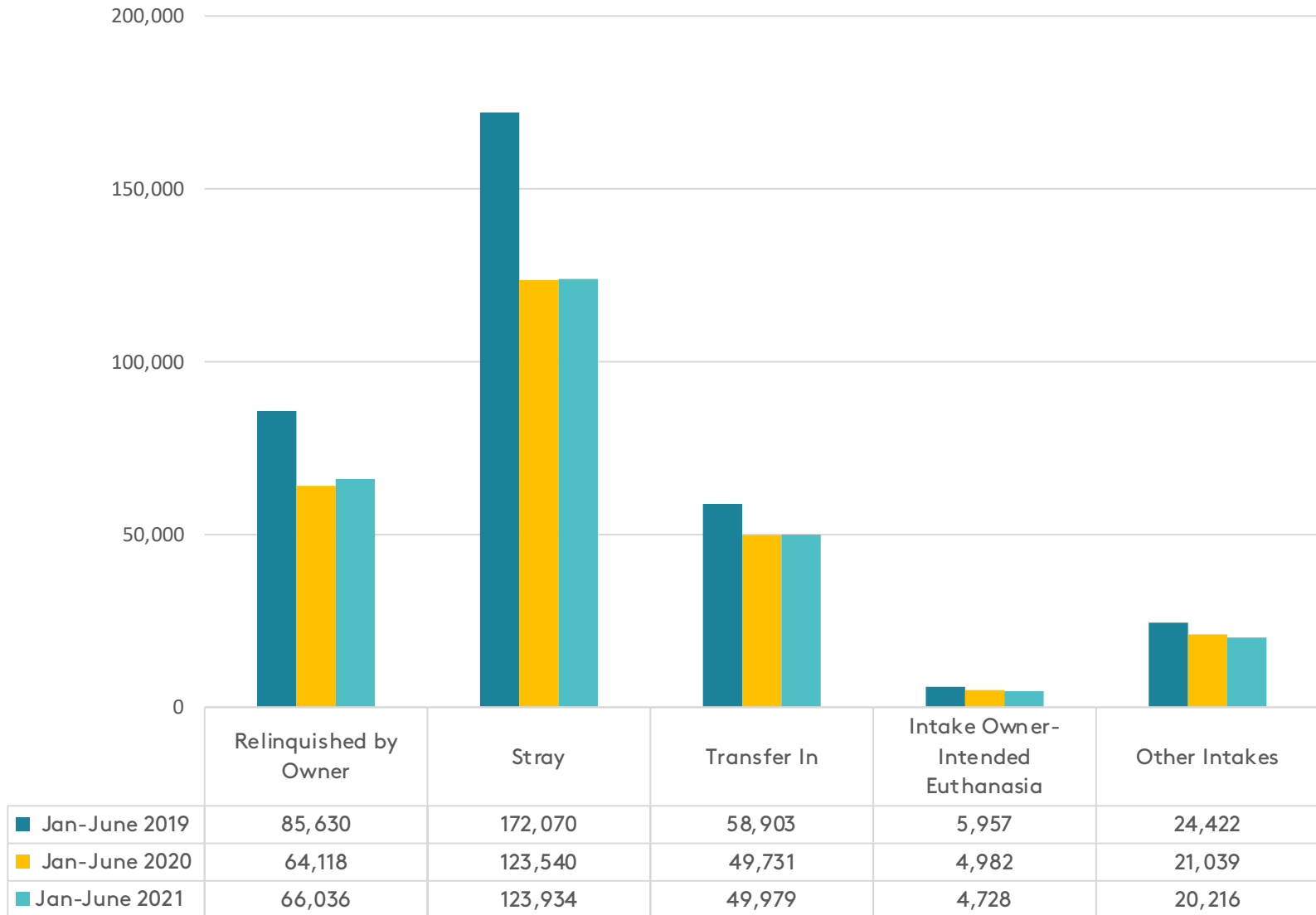
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January – June, 2019 – 2021 Intake & Outcome Comparison

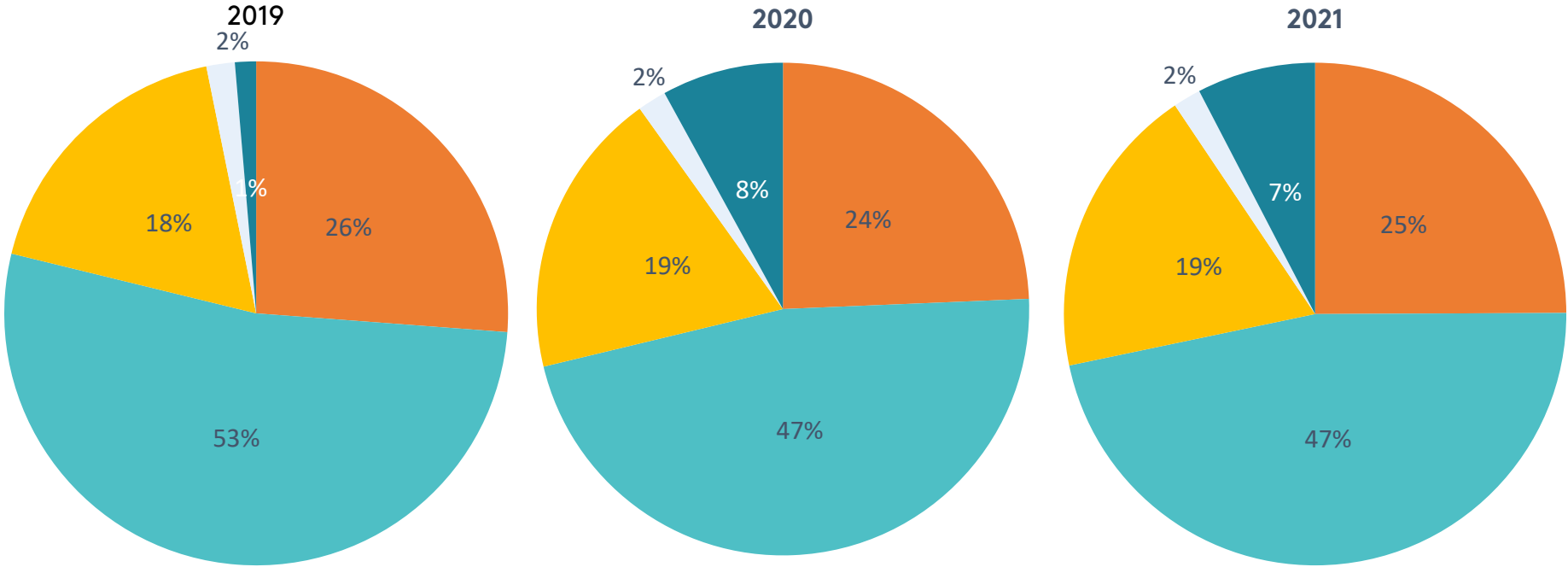


	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	TOTALS
2019 Total Intake	50,646	44,581	53,432	58,984	70,021	69,318	346,982
2020 Total Intake	49,188	46,380	40,914	30,344	44,287	52,297	263,410
2021 Total Intake	37,354	34,525	40,962	45,596	53,237	53,219	264,893
2019 Total Live Outcomes	45,115	40,497	45,368	42,352	48,181	53,831	275,344
2020 Total Live Outcomes	46,593	44,569	39,074	26,349	31,811	39,581	227,977
2021 Total Live Outcomes	36,588	31,472	32,948	33,025	37,742	41,043	212,818
2019 Other Outcomes	6,692	5,624	6,830	7,610	9,801	11,862	48,419
2020 Other Outcomes	5,526	5,084	4,969	3,343	4,442	5,802	29,166
2021 Other Outcomes	3,238	2,931	3,643	4,124	5,216	6,315	25,467

COVID-19 Impact Report – Intake Category Comparison 2019, 2020 & 2021 Jan. - June



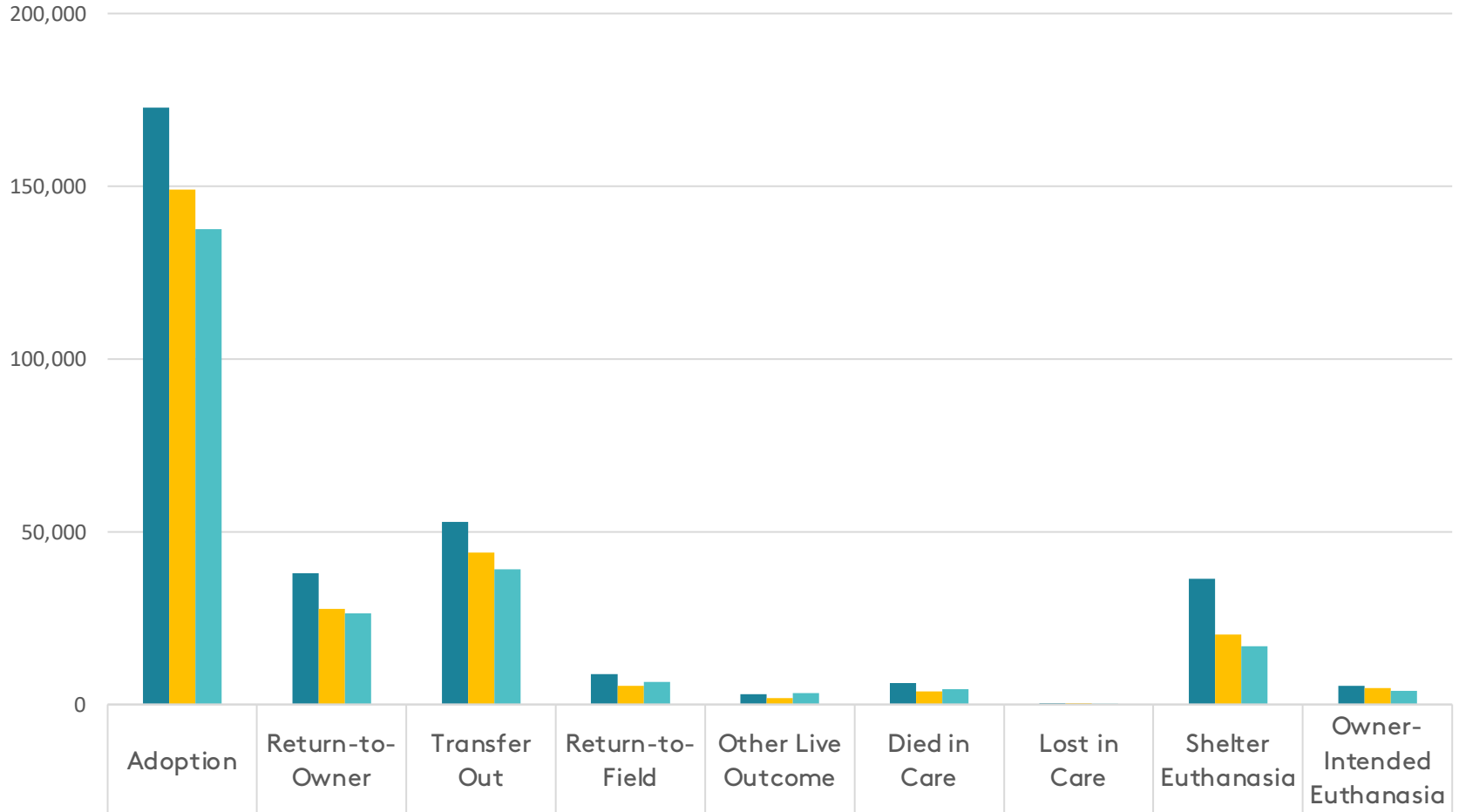
COVID-19 Impact Report – Intake by Type 2019, 2020 & 2021



■ Relinquished by owner ■ Stray ■ Transfer In ■ Owner-Intended Euthanasia ■ Other Intakes

	Relinquished by Owner	Stray	Transfer In	Owner-Intended Euthanasia (OIE)	Other Intakes
2019	85,630	172,070	58,903	5,957	24,422
2020	64,118	123,540	49,731	4,982	21,039
2021	66,036	123,934	49,979	4,728	20,216

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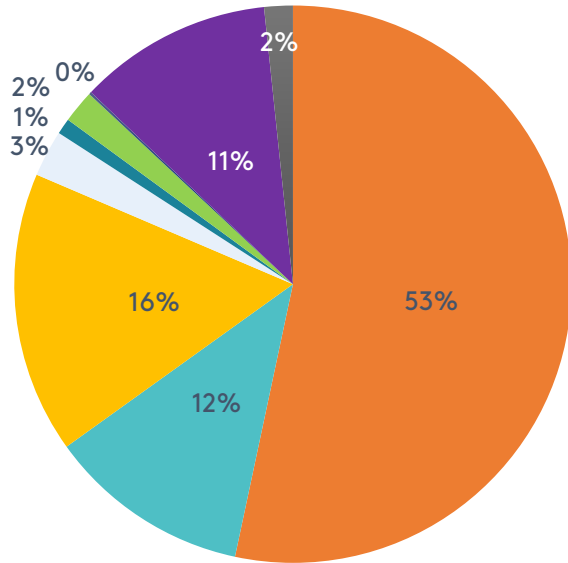


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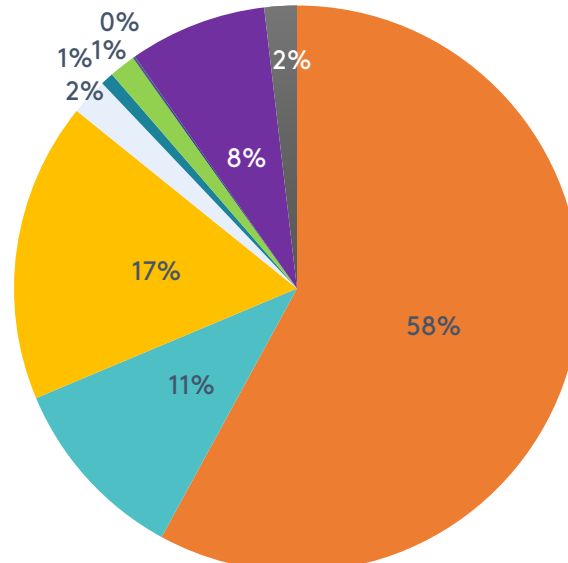
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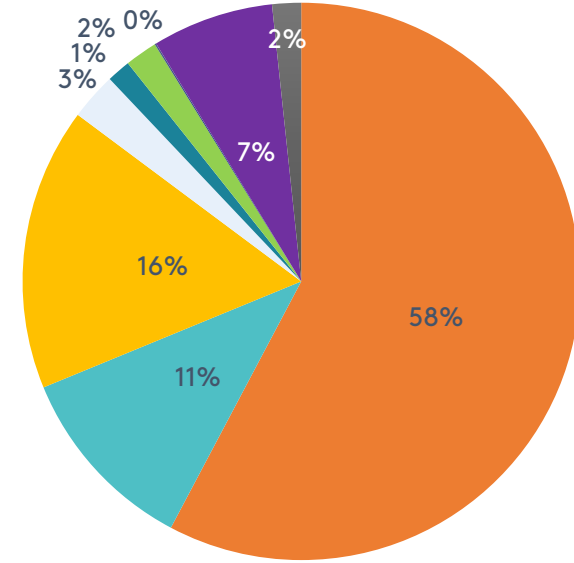
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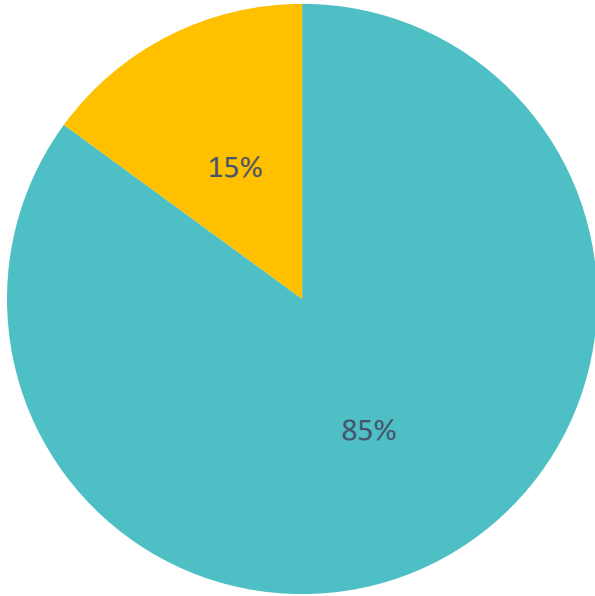
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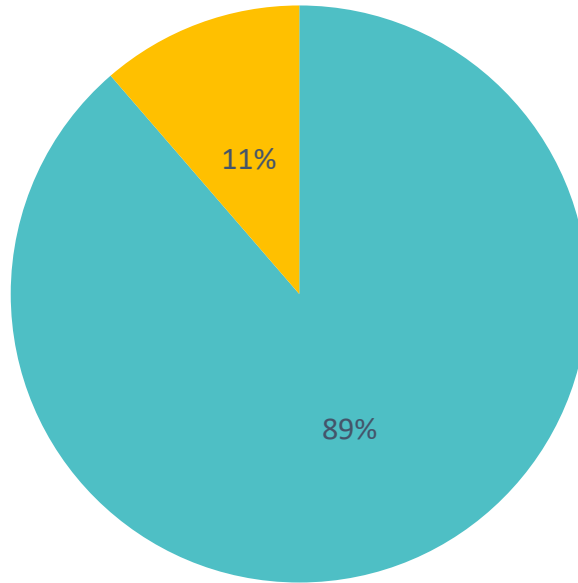
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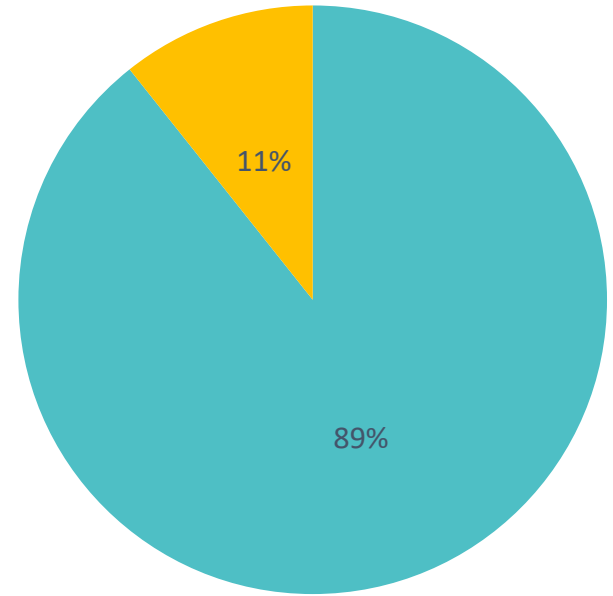
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■ Live Outcomes ■ Other Outcomes

	Live Outcome	Other Outcome
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2020	227,977	29,166
2021	212,818	25,467