SHELTER ANIMALS COUNT
THE NATIONAL DATABASE

Q1 2022 ANALYSIS

MOST TRUSTED ANIMAL SHELTERING DATA SINCE 2016

2022

Q1: JANUARY – MARCH

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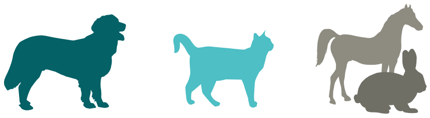
This report shows comparative data on sheltered animals from January-March 2021 and 2022. The intake and outcome data is comprised of 830 organization locations that reported complete data to Shelter Animals Count for all 6 months. The community services data is comprised of 154 organization locations that reported any community data in the time period.

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.

830
ORGANIZATIONS
with complete data for feline, canine, and/or other* species in the Intake and Outcome Database



250,000+
ANIMALS

Other* species include rabbits, equines, small mammals, farm animals, birds, reptiles & amphibians.

DEFINITIONS

Gross Intakes
Stray, relinquished by owner, owner intended euthanasia, transfers in, other intakes (born in care, seized, etc.).

Community (Net) Intakes
Total intakes, but does not include transfers in as an effort to show actual community intakes and to avoid double counting intakes when aggregating.

Intake Types % of Intake
The percentage of total intakes that were a certain intake type.

Outcomes
Includes all live outcomes and non-live outcomes.

Live Outcomes
Adoption, return to owner (RTO), return to field, transfer, and non-live outcomes.

Other Outcomes/Non-Live Outcomes
Died in care, lost in care, shelter euthanasia, and owner intended euthanasia.

Outcome Types % of Intake
The percentage of total intakes that resulted in a certain outcome.

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Shelter Animals Count is a collaborative industry-led nonprofit organization formed by a diverse group of stakeholders to create, share and steward The National Database of sheltered animal statistics, providing facts, and enabling insights that will save lives.

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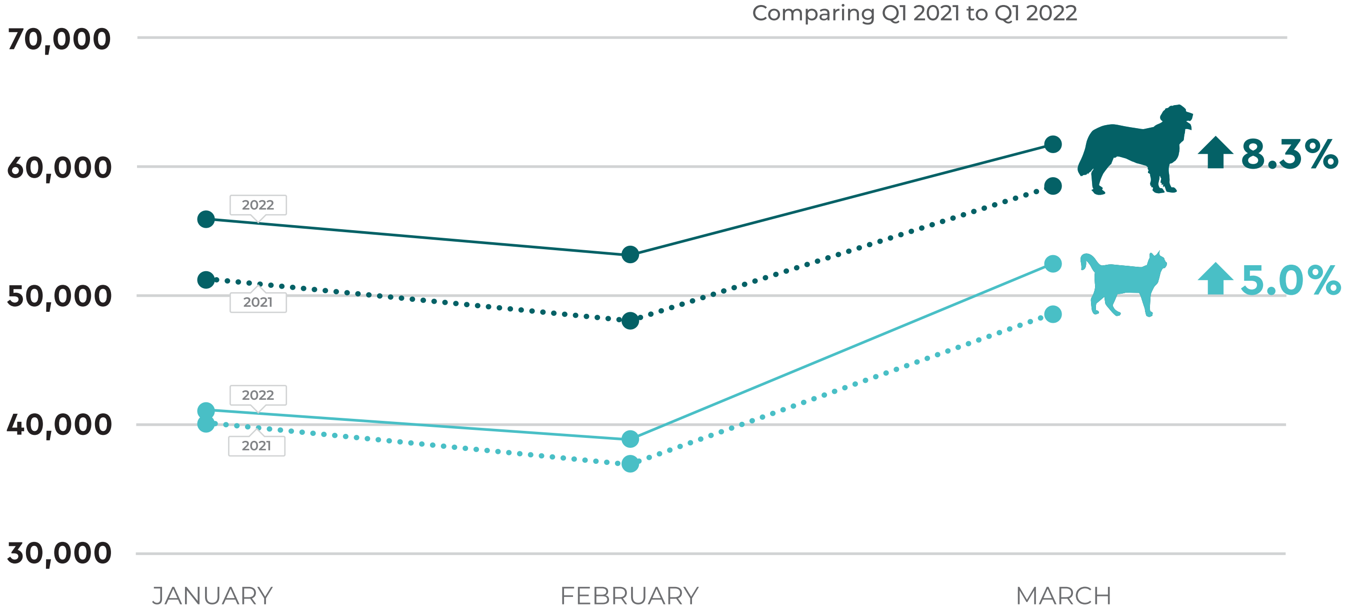
GROSS INTAKES ↑ 6.9%

Comparing Q1 2021 to Q1 2022



COMMUNITY INTAKES ↑ 10.6%

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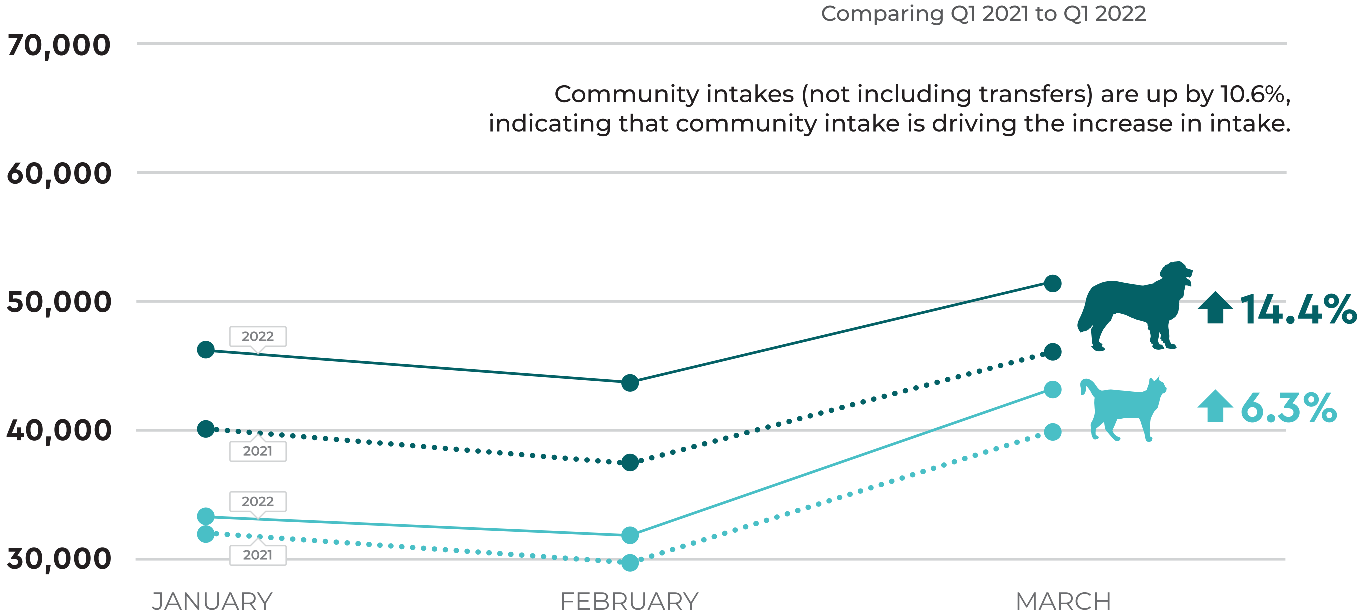

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INTAKE TYPES

as a % of total intake

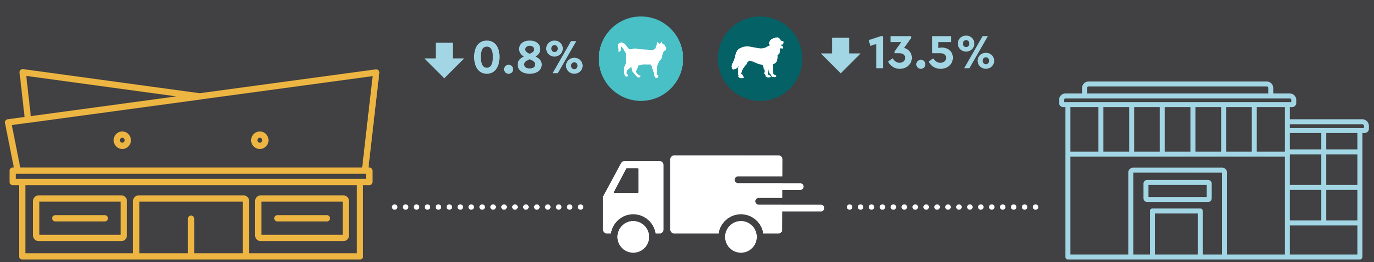
	RELINQUISHED BY OWNER	STRAY	TRANSFER IN	OWNER INTENDED EUTHANASIA	OTHER INTAKES
22	31.4%	41.1%	18.0%	1.6%	7.8%
21	30.5%	39.6%	19.0%	1.8%	9.0%
22	27.1%	43.4%	17.4%	3.2%	9.0%
21	26.7%	39.7%	21.7%	3.5%	8.3%
22	59.8%	20.3%	4.4%	3.7%	11.8%
21	51.7%	24.2%	6.3%	3.5%	14.2%

CHANGE IN INTAKE TYPES

Relinquished by Owners for felines is up 8.0% and 9.7% for canines

Strays are up 9.1% for felines and 18.5% for canines.

Other Intakes for canines is up 16.7% and felines are down 8.9%.



Transfers In are 13.5% less for dogs and 0.8% less for cats, confirming that community intake is driving intake up.

Intakes are up for all organization types, except rescues without a government contract.

Rescues without a government contract have 8.8% less intakes in Q1 2022 than Q1 2021; 5.8% less community intakes.

Intakes are 17.9% higher for government animal services; community intakes is 18.4% higher.

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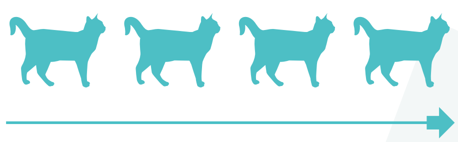
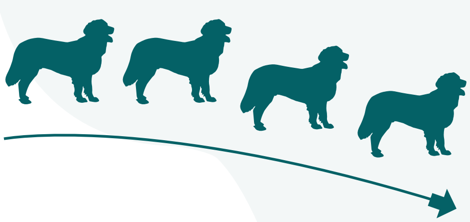
TOTAL OUTCOMES

↑ 7.4%

Overall outcomes are 7.4% higher in Q1 2022 than they were in Q1 2021.



More than 100% of felines entering shelters have an outcome, indicating that feline populations in shelters are remaining balanced. Live outcomes as a percentage of intake have increased for felines while non-live outcomes have decreased, indicating that not only is the population in shelters being managed, it is being kept in balance through live outcomes.



Canine outcomes are not occurring at the same rate as intake, leading to longer lengths of stay. 96.4% of canines entering the shelter in Q1 2022 had an outcome. Live outcomes as a percentage of intake decreased for canines indicating that canines that entered shelters had a higher chance of a non-live outcome.

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LIVE OUTCOMES

↑ 7.3%

Live outcomes are 7.3% higher in Q1 2022 than in Q1 2021.

↑ 6.9% ↑ 7.4% ↑ 15.9%

LIVE OUTCOMES as a % of total intake

		ADOPTION	RETURN TO OWNER	TRANSFER OUT	RETURN TO FIELD	OTHER LIVE OUTCOMES
	22	72%	3.3%	9.8%	6.4%	2.3%
	21	69.1%	3.5%	10.7%	6.5%	2.5%
	22	53.7%	18.1%	13.8%	0.2%	0.9%
	21	52.6%	17.5%	16.1%	0.2%	1.2%
	22	70.1%	2.3%	6.2%	0.1%	0.0%
	21	63.1%	1.7%	7.7%	0.1%	0.3%

90.5% OVERALL
LIVE OUTCOMES
as a % of total outcomes

2022	91.1%	90.1%	87.8%
2021	90.1%	91.2%	85.4%

COMMUNITY LIVE OUTCOMES

Includes adoption, return to owner (RTO), return to field, and other live outcomes. Does not include transfers out to other agencies.

↑ 9.6%

This increase indicates that community support is driving the increase in live outcomes for canines, felines and other species.

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ADOPTIONS ⬆ 10.2%

As a percentage of intake, adoptions are up from 59.9% to 61.8%

	Cat	Dog	Other
% change of adoptions	⬆ 9.5%	⬆ 10.7%	⬆ 19.2%
2022 (% of intake)	72.0%	53.7%	70.1%
2021 (% of intake)	69.1%	52.6%	63.1%

⬆ 9.5%
% change of cat adoptions

⬆ 10.7%
% change of dog adoptions

⬆ 19.2%
% change of other adoptions

⬆ 11.8%
Return to owner is up 11.8% for dogs.

⬆ 3.2%
Return to field is up 3.2% for cats.

TRANSFERS OUT

Transfers out have decreased as a percentage of intake for all species.

13.6% ➡ 12.0%
2021 2022

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NON-LIVE OUTCOMES ▲ 8.6%

Non-live Outcomes are up from Q1 2021, which is being driven by canines. Felines and other species both saw a decrease.

▼ 5.0%

▲ 22.2%

▼ 6.3%

9.5% OVERALL NON-LIVE OUTCOMES
as a % of total outcomes

2022	8.9%	9.9%	12.2%
2021	9.9%	8.8%	14.6%

NON-LIVE OUTCOMES
as a % of total intake

Felines have seen decreases in all Non-live Outcome subtypes and the rates of intakes for these subtypes is also slightly lower.

Shelter Euthanasia (as a percentage of intake) for canines is up from 4.6% to 5.9%, indicating that more canines that entered the shelters in Q1 2022 were euthanized than in Q1 2021.

	DIED IN CARE	LOST INCARE	SHELTER EUTHANASIA	OWNER INTENDED EUTHANASIA
22	1.4%	0.2%	6.2%	1.4%
21	1.6%	0.2%	6.9%	1.6%
22	0.7%	0.1%	5.9%	2.9%
21	0.7%	0.1%	4.6%	3.1%
22	2.5%	0.1%	5.8%	2.5%
21	2.8%	7.1%	0.2%	2.3%

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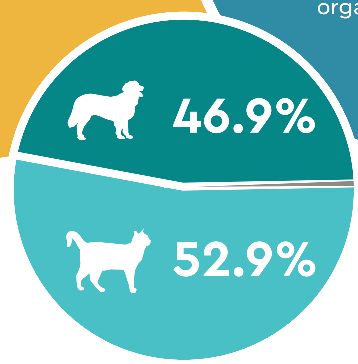
COMMUNITY SERVICES

78,000+
SERVICES REPORTED

250%
INCREASE FROM Q1 2021

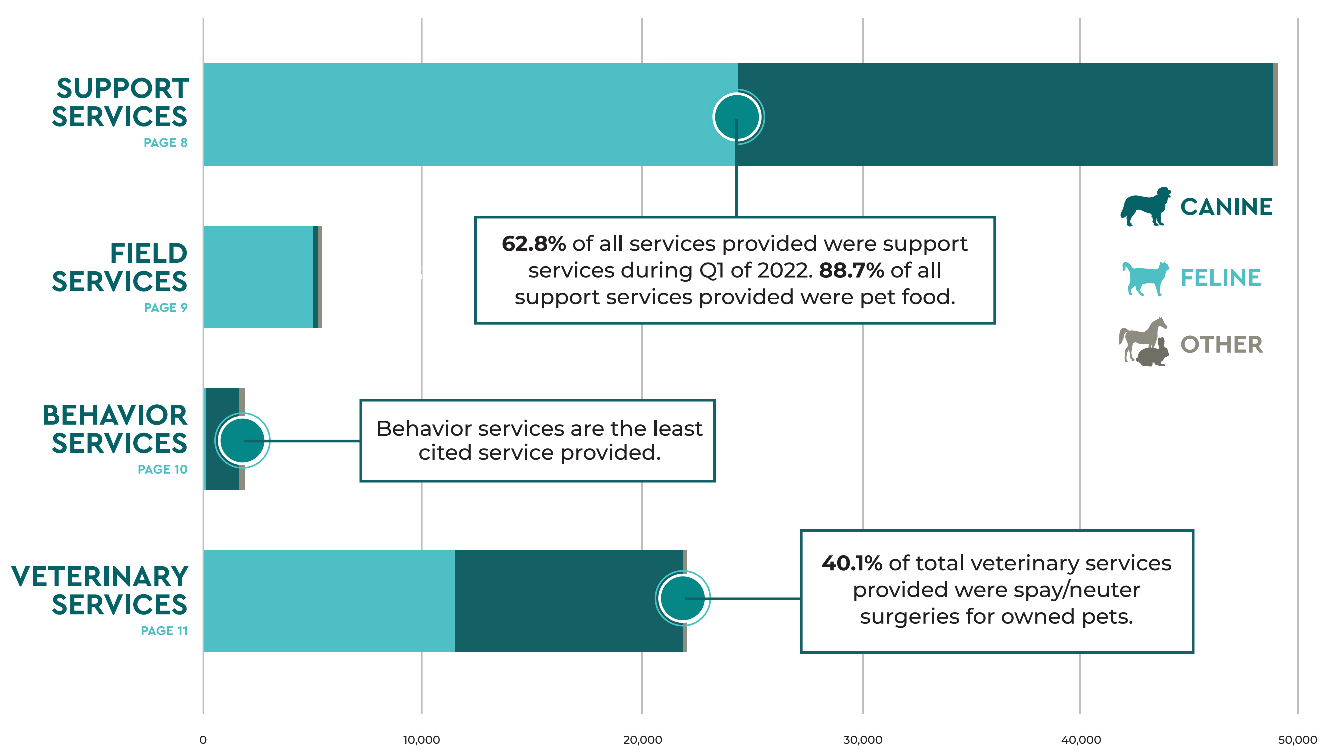
Note that this is an increase in reporting of services. Not necessarily that organizations are providing more services.

THIS DATABASE DOES NOT TRACK SERVICES PROVIDED TO ANIMALS COUNTED AS AN INTAKE.



Cats and dogs are the primary recipients of services provided in Q1 of 2022.

TOTALS BY SPECIES & SERVICE TYPE



62.8% of all services provided were support services during Q1 of 2022. **88.7%** of all support services provided were pet food.

Behavior services are the least cited service provided.

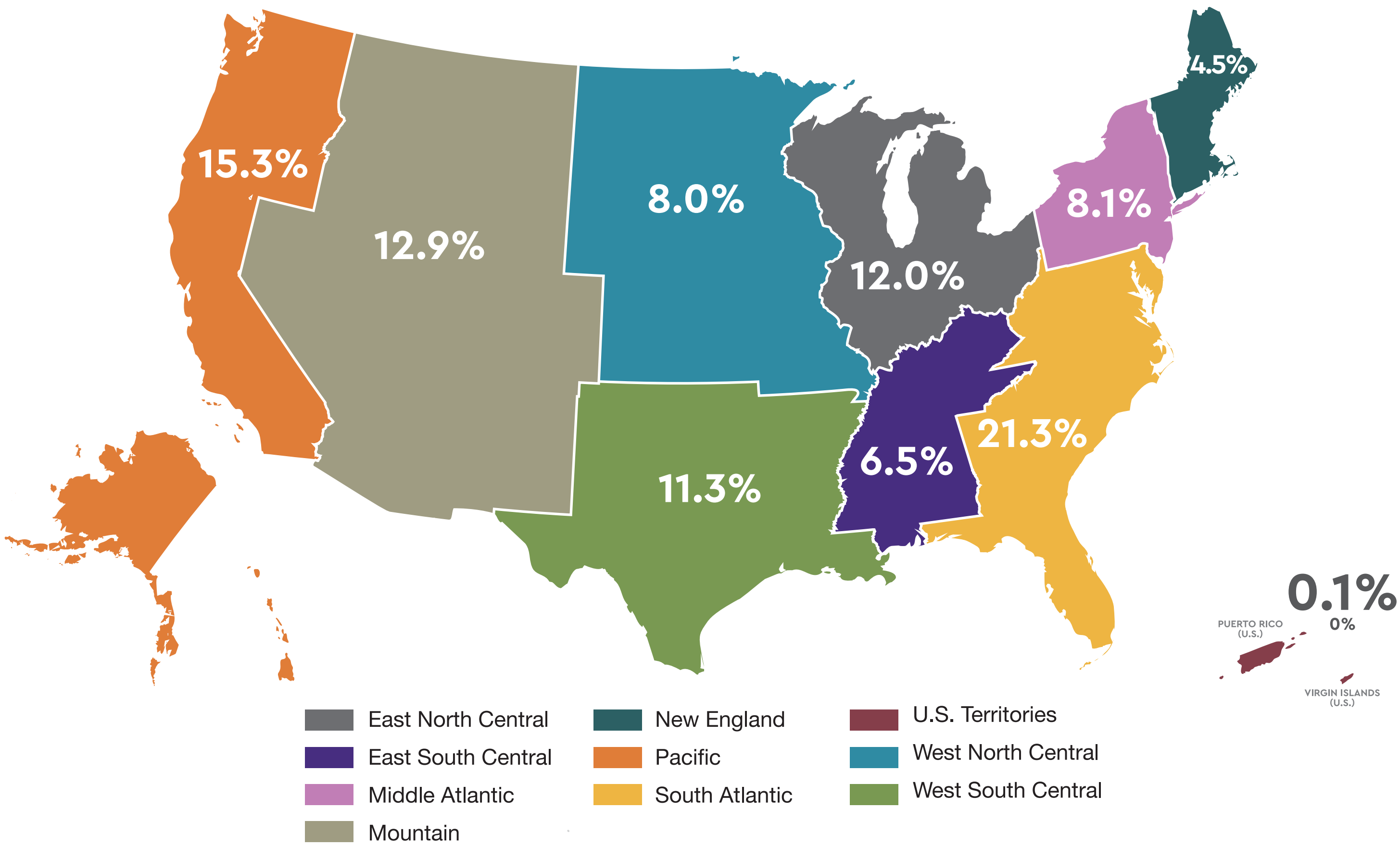
40.1% of total veterinary services provided were spay/neuter surgeries for owned pets.

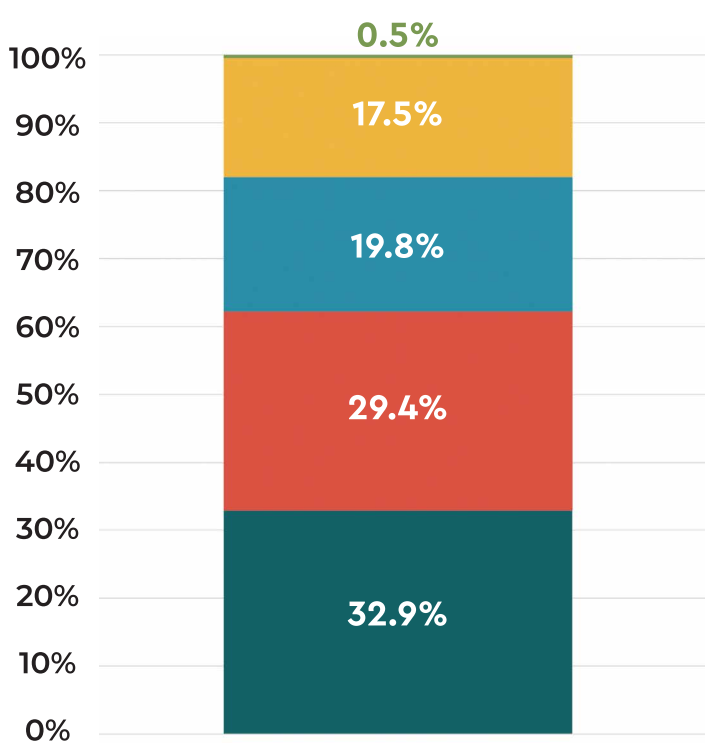
The National Database as of 4/15/22. Community Services Database (CSD). 78,000+ services reported January-March 2022.

ORGANIZATIONS BY REGION

% of organizations in dataset by region

Regions are defined by the US census bureau. Territories are defined as their own region as they are not included in the census bureau.





ORGANIZATION TYPES

Rescues without a government contract are the highest represented group, followed closely by private shelters without a government contract.

- Rescues with a Government Contract
- Government Animal Services
- Shelters with Government Contract
- Shelters without a Government Contract
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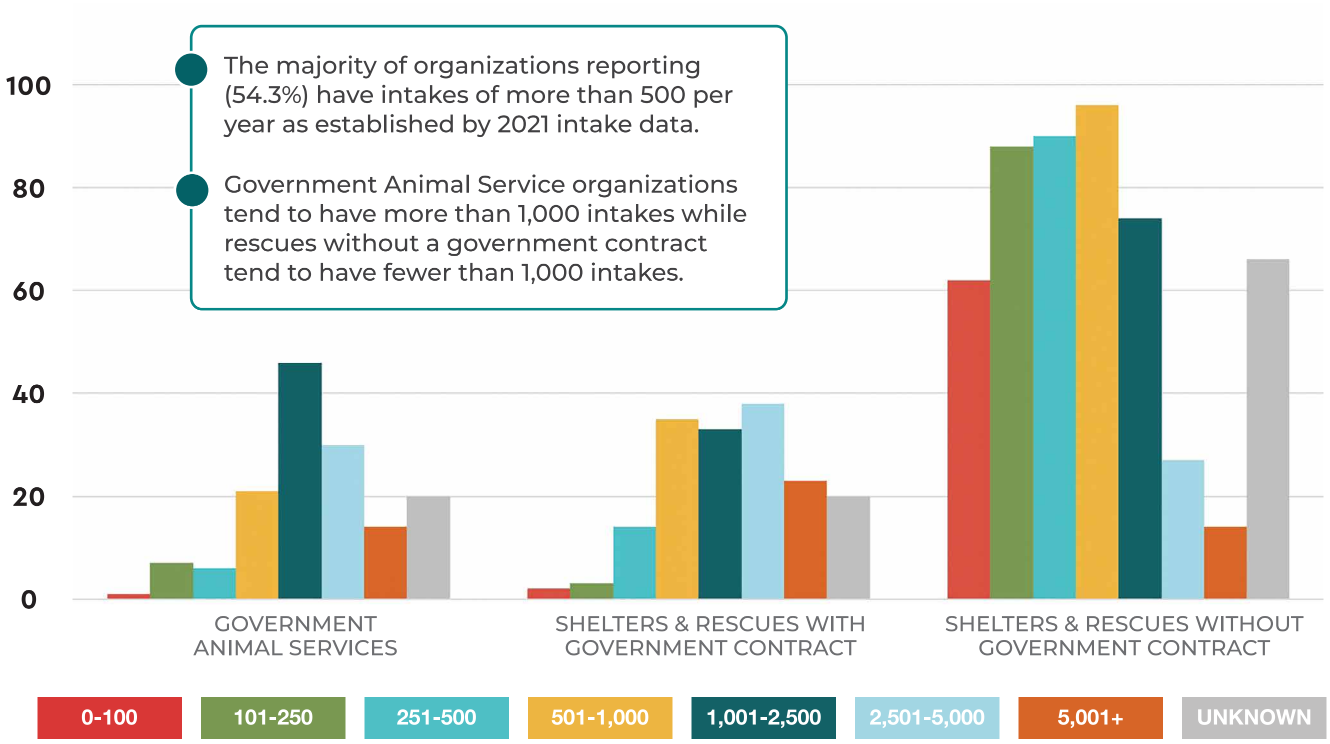
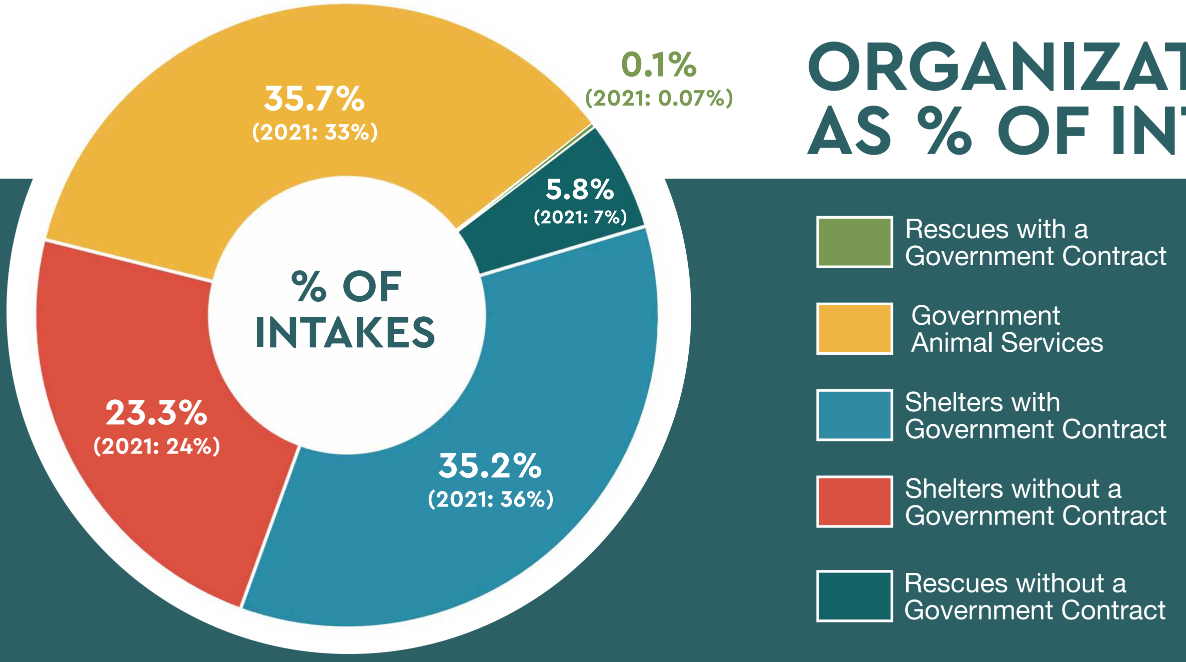
ORGANIZATIONS BY TYPE & INTAKE BAND



ORGANIZATIONS AS % OF INTAKE



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