



NE Federation of Humane Societies Conference Leadership Day

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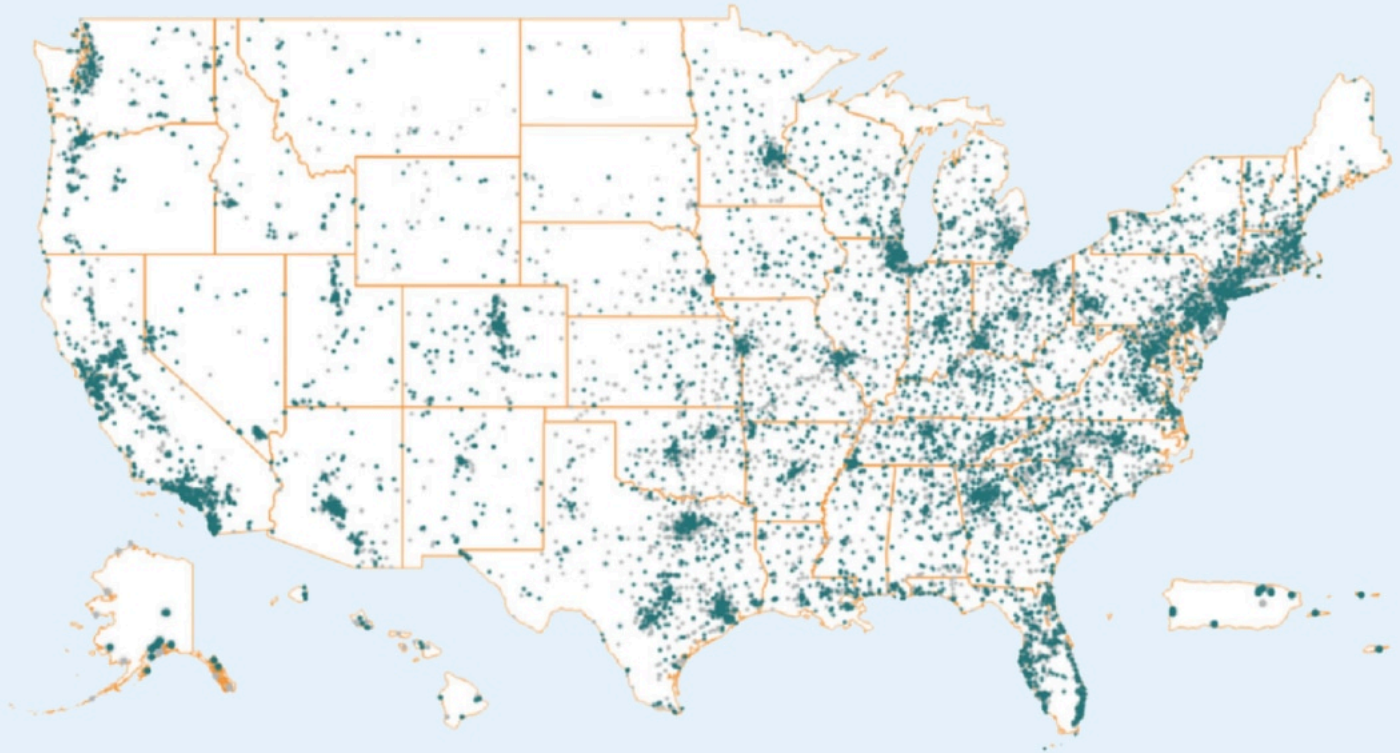
Shelter Animals Count at the ASPCA

March 16, 2026

Who is Shelter Animals Count?

Shelter Animals Count, a program of the ASPCA, is the trusted source for collecting and sharing neutral, credible and accessible data to positively impact animals and communities.

- SAC at the ASPCA collects and analyzes data from thousands of shelters, rescues, and other animal sheltering organizations – only organization analyzing data for rescue groups
- Analysis of data for nearly 14,000 organizations
- Only national database for the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, and US Territories
- Includes all species and organization types



Top Reasons to Contribute Data

- ✓ **It's FREE to Contribute**
- ✓ **Receive Data Dashboards of your organization's data for your website**
- ✓ **Participation qualifies you for funding opportunities**
- ✓ **Access data on national and local trends**
- ✓ **View data from organizations with similar demographics, geography and other variables**
- ✓ **Data remains confidential. SAC never shares individual organizational data without permission from the org**

You get to be a part of the national story



Shelter Animals Count's Public Resources

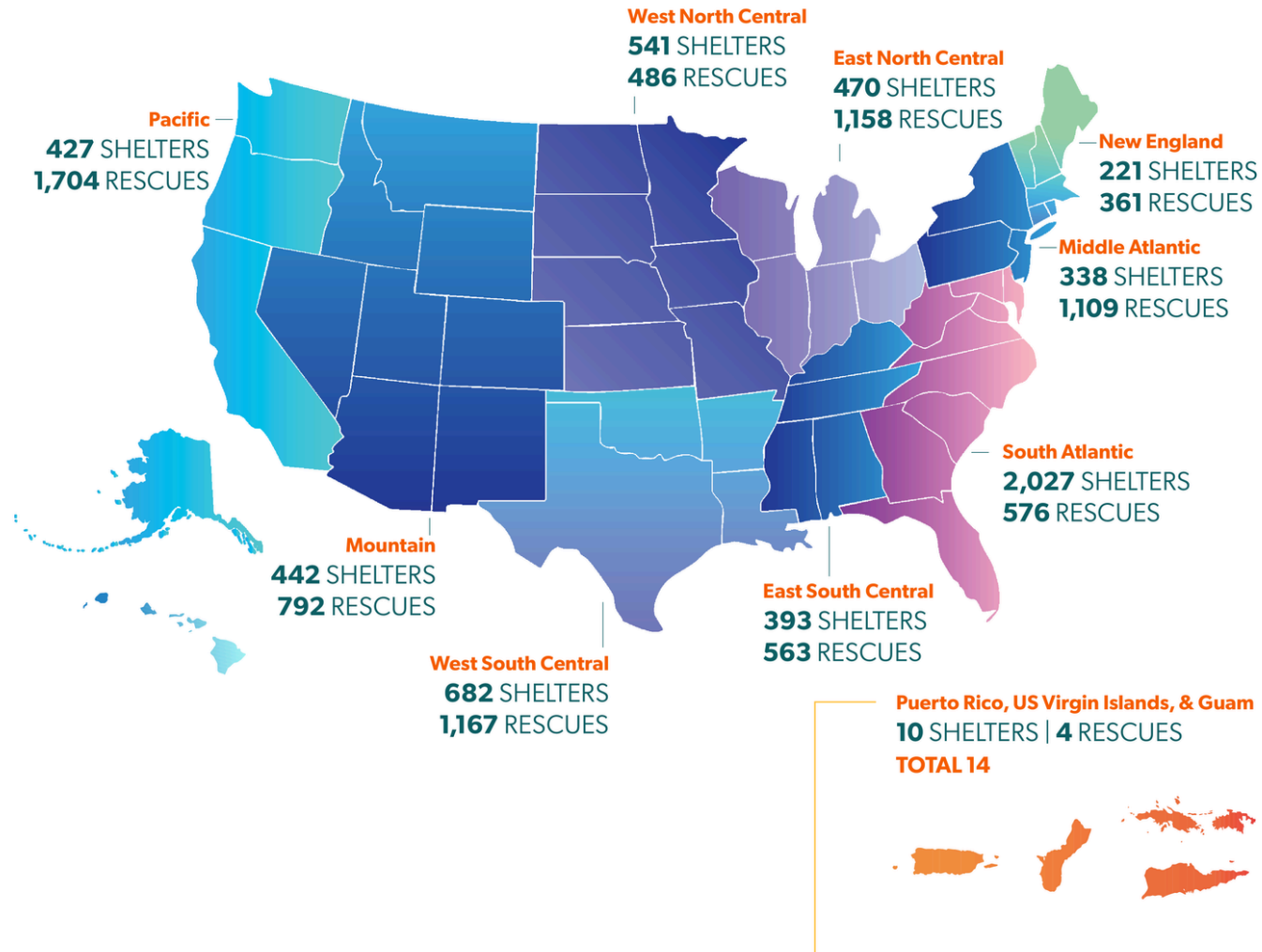
Public Dashboards

National Animal Welfare Statistics Dashboard
 State Data Dashboards and Per Capita Data (US)
 Intake and Outcome Dashboard
 Community Services Dashboard

Reports

Annual Report
 Mid-Year Report
 Topical Data Reports





13,471 Animal Sheltering Organizations

9,371 Rescues | 4,100 Shelters

New England State Data

State	Shelter & Rescue Locations	% Reporting to SAC
Connecticut	212	31%
Massachusetts	159	58%
Maine	55	66%
New Hampshire	54	69%
Rhode Island	55	29%
Vermont	47	55%
New England Total	582	47%

NE Org Type Data

Type of Org	Total in NE	% Reporting to SAC
Government Shelter	100	18%
Shelter with Contract	25	88%
Private Shelter	96	91%
Rescue	361	40%
New England Total	582	47%

- **Stray Rate vs Adoption Rates**

Lowest stray intake share nationally at 40%(-8pp below) and high adoption rates (+6pp above national) help reduce intake pressure and support higher live outcomes (+2pp above national).

- **Org Type Success**

Strong adoption performance across all organization types, including the highest contract adoption rate nationally (76% versus ~60% nationally)

- **Lower Non-Live Outcomes**

New England has the **Second-Lowest Combined Dog and Cat Non-Live Rate Nationally (9%)**. Mid-Atlantic (8%) is the only region with a lower non-live rate.

Strengths

- **Potential For Growth**

Continued growth in adoptions could further strengthen already strong live outcomes (New England has the lowest strays, highest transfers in but not the highest adoption rate, means there is still potential for growth).

- **Transfer Support**

Continue support for transfer partnerships to help continue driving adoptions and alleviate pressure from high intake regions

Opportunities

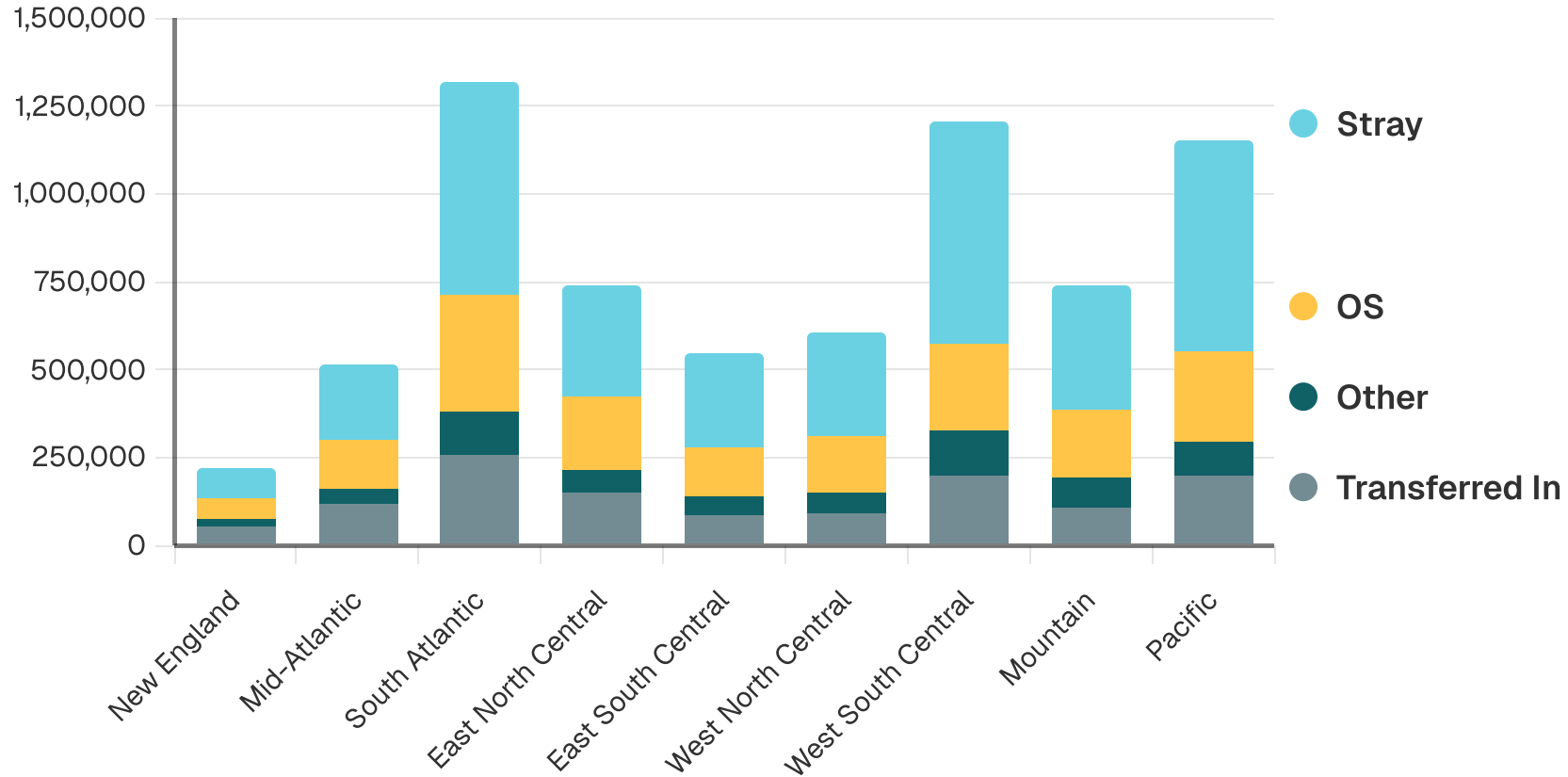


New England vs National

2025

	NE	National	Difference
Total Intakes	222K	7M	3% of national
Adoption Rate	68%	60%	+8%
RTO Rate	8%	9%	-1%
RTF Rate	3%	4%	-1%
Transfer In Rate	23%	18%	6%
Transfer Out Rate	11%	13%	-2%
Non-Live Rate	9%	11%	-2%
Euth Rate	7%	9%	-2%

Dog and Cat Intakes by Type and Region - 2025

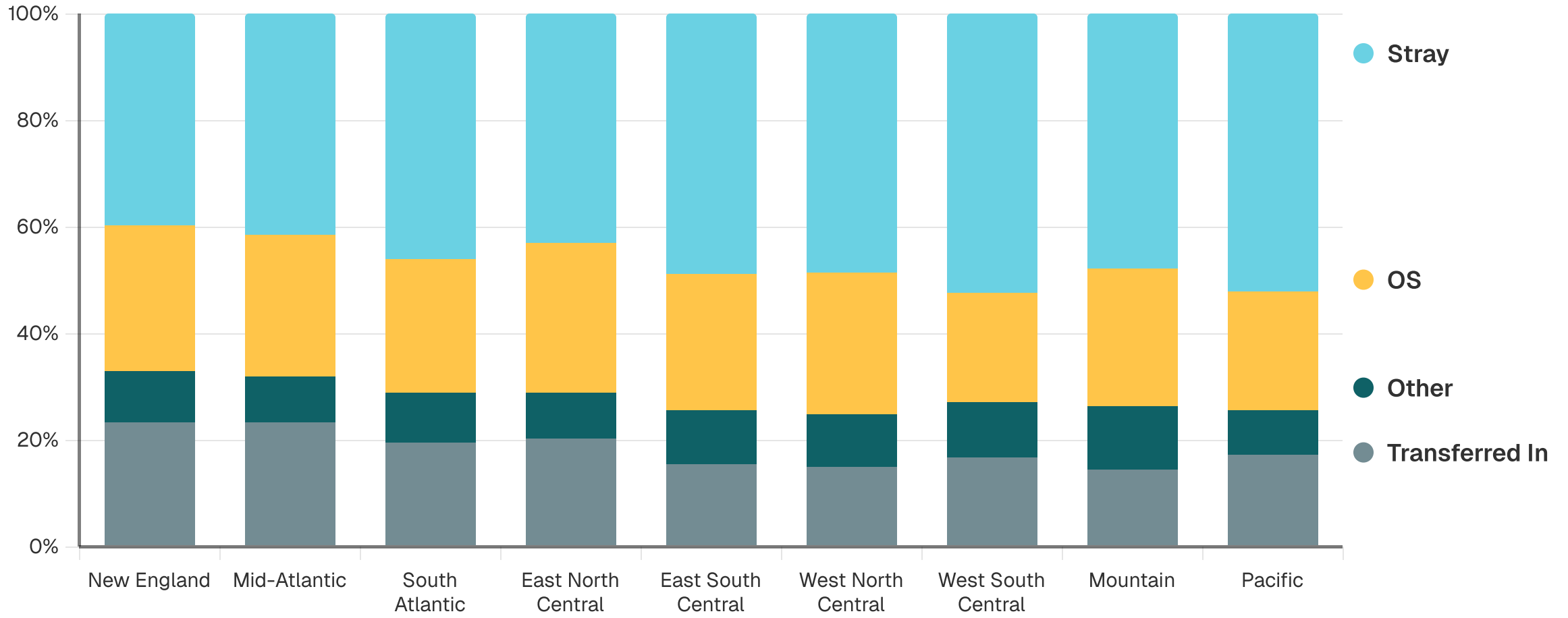


NE has the highest combined dog and cat transfer in rate at 23% (52k animals)

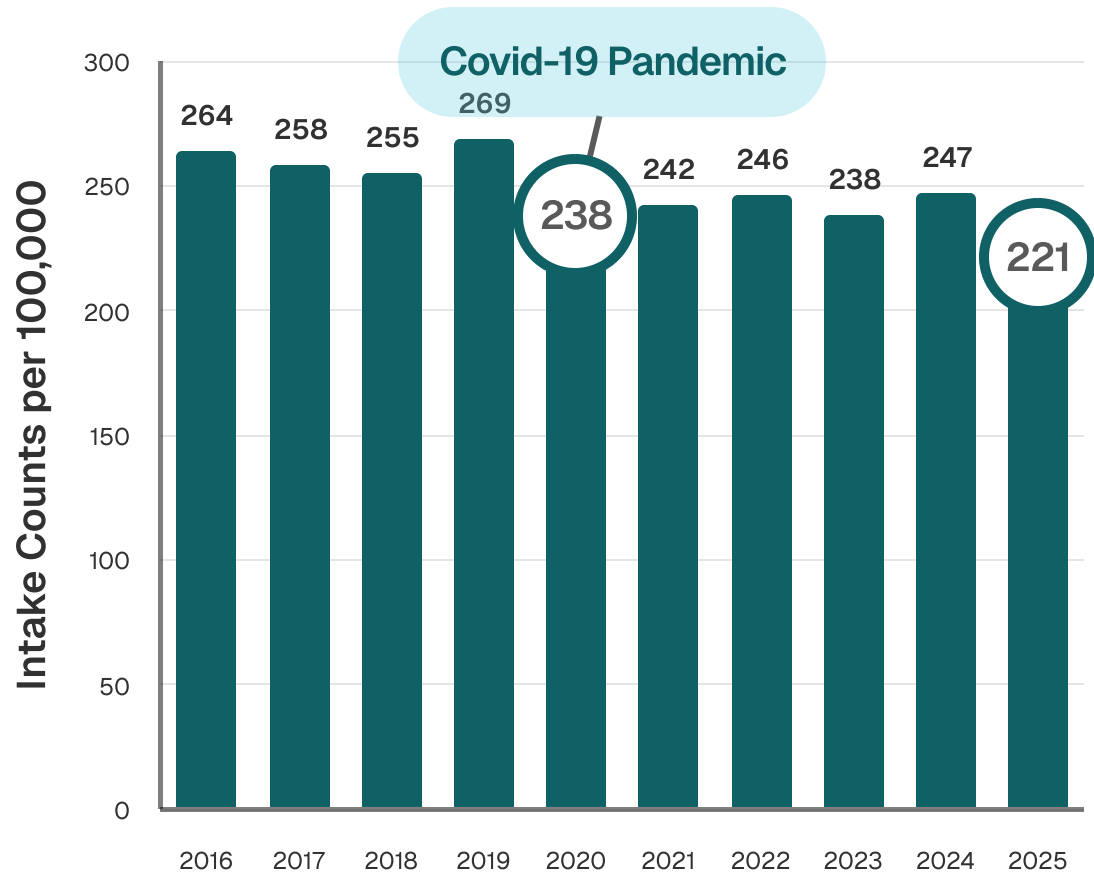
1 in 4 animals are transferred in

National Transfer Rate: 18%

Dog and Cat Intakes by Type and Region - 2025



Dog and Cat Total Intakes - New England Region

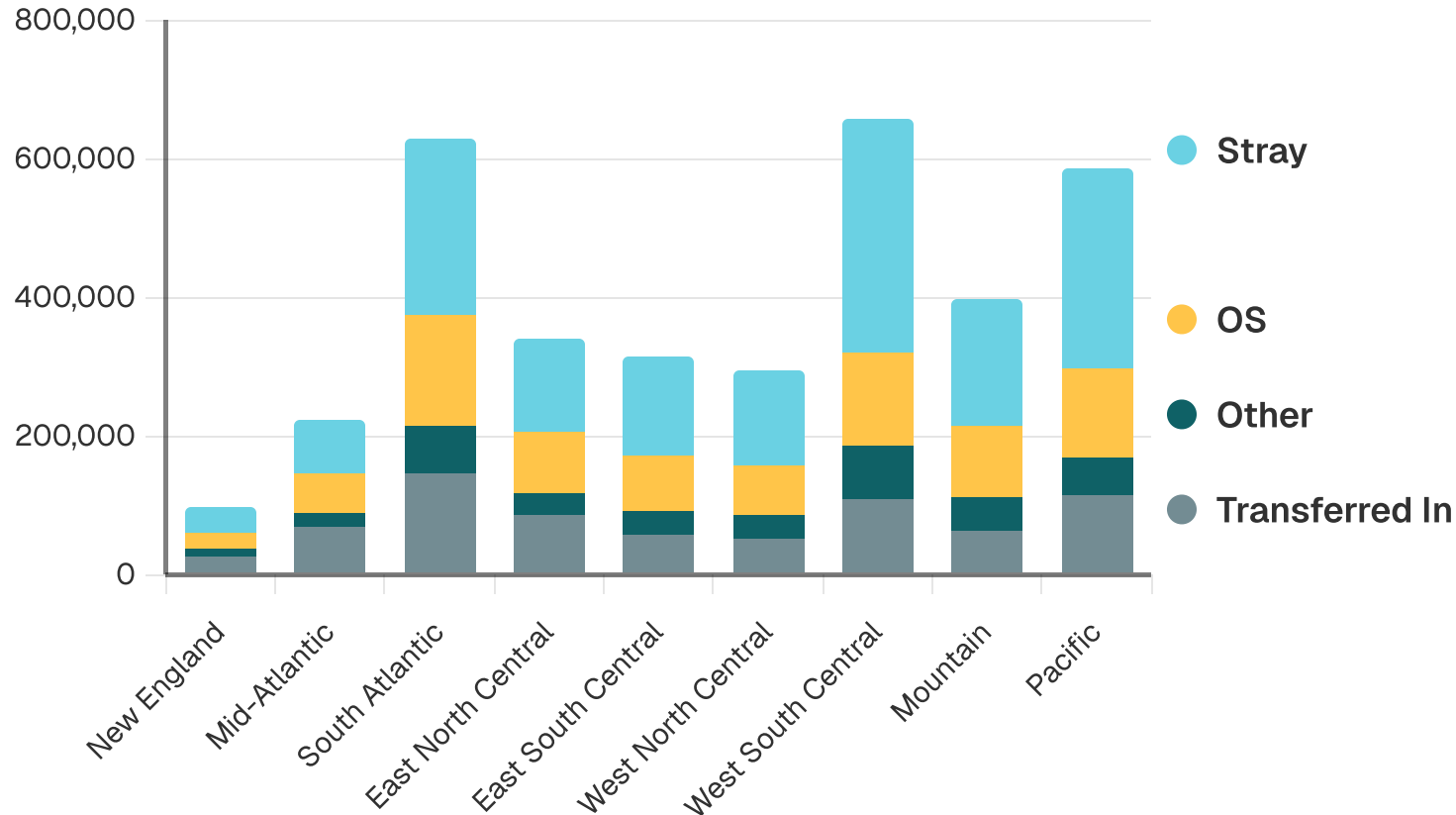


**2025
Total
Intakes -
221,680**

3% of national intakes

**2025
Community
Intakes:
193,077**
(minus transfers)

Dog Intakes by Type and Region - 2025



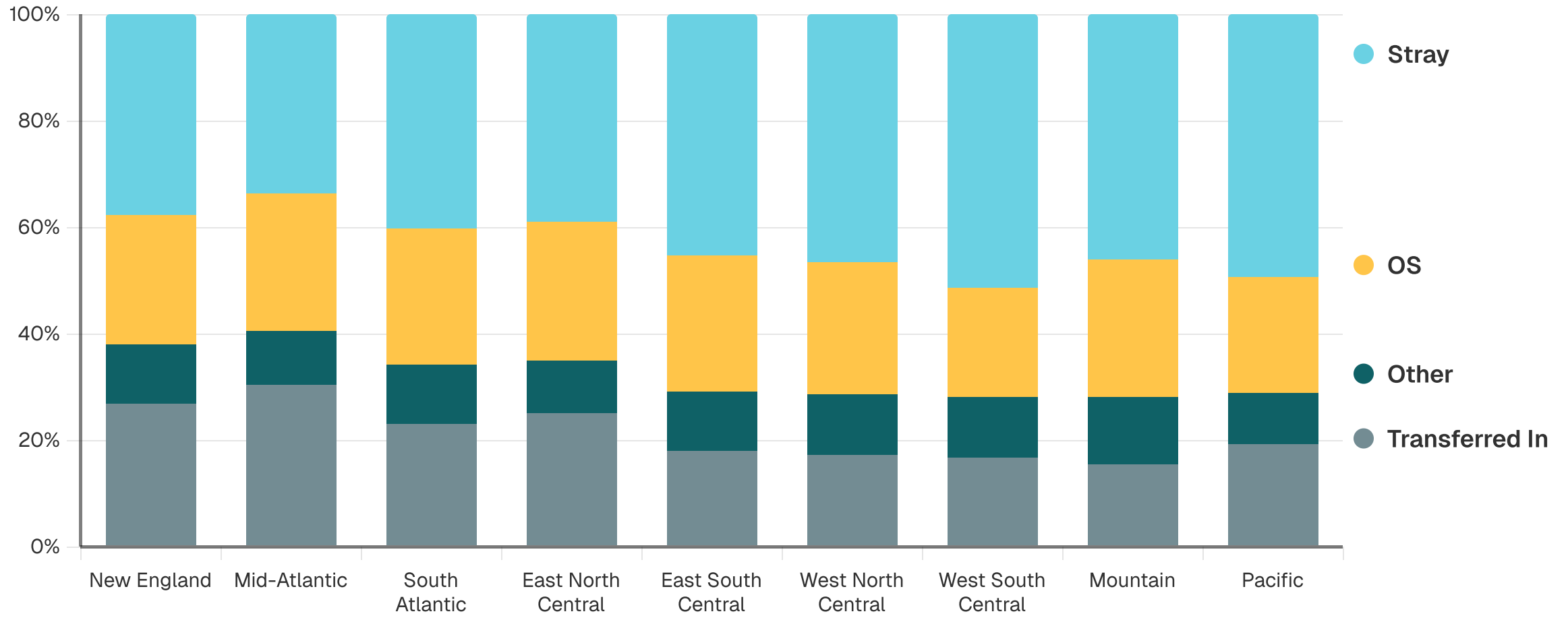
Dog community intakes have declined by 22% since 2019.

92,346 (2019) to 71,722 (2025)

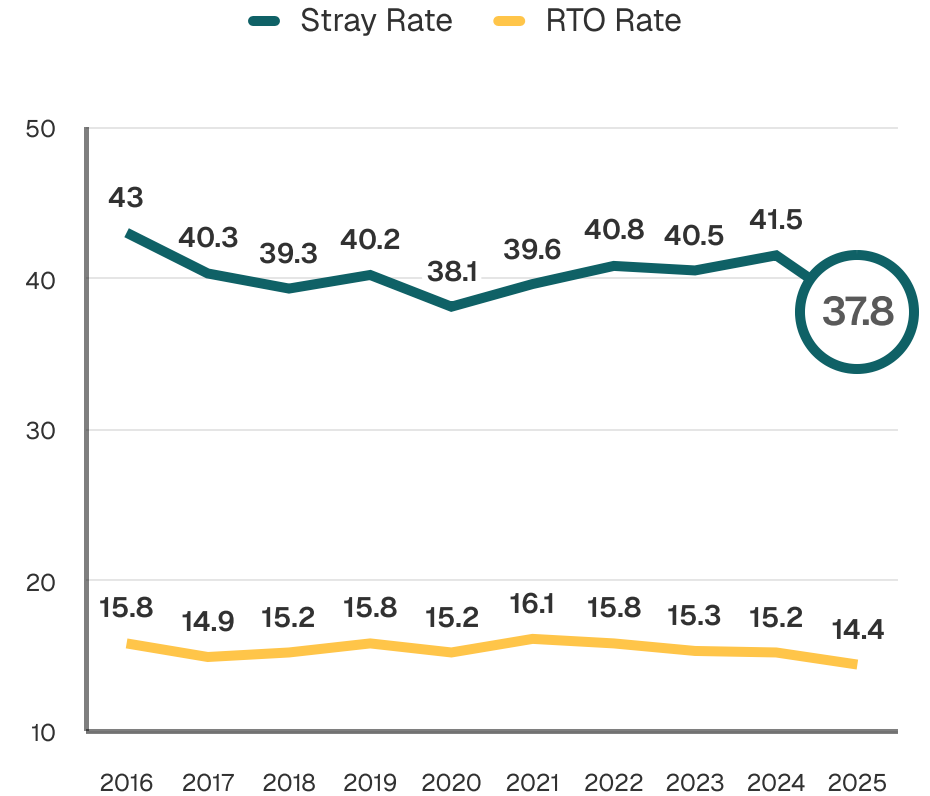
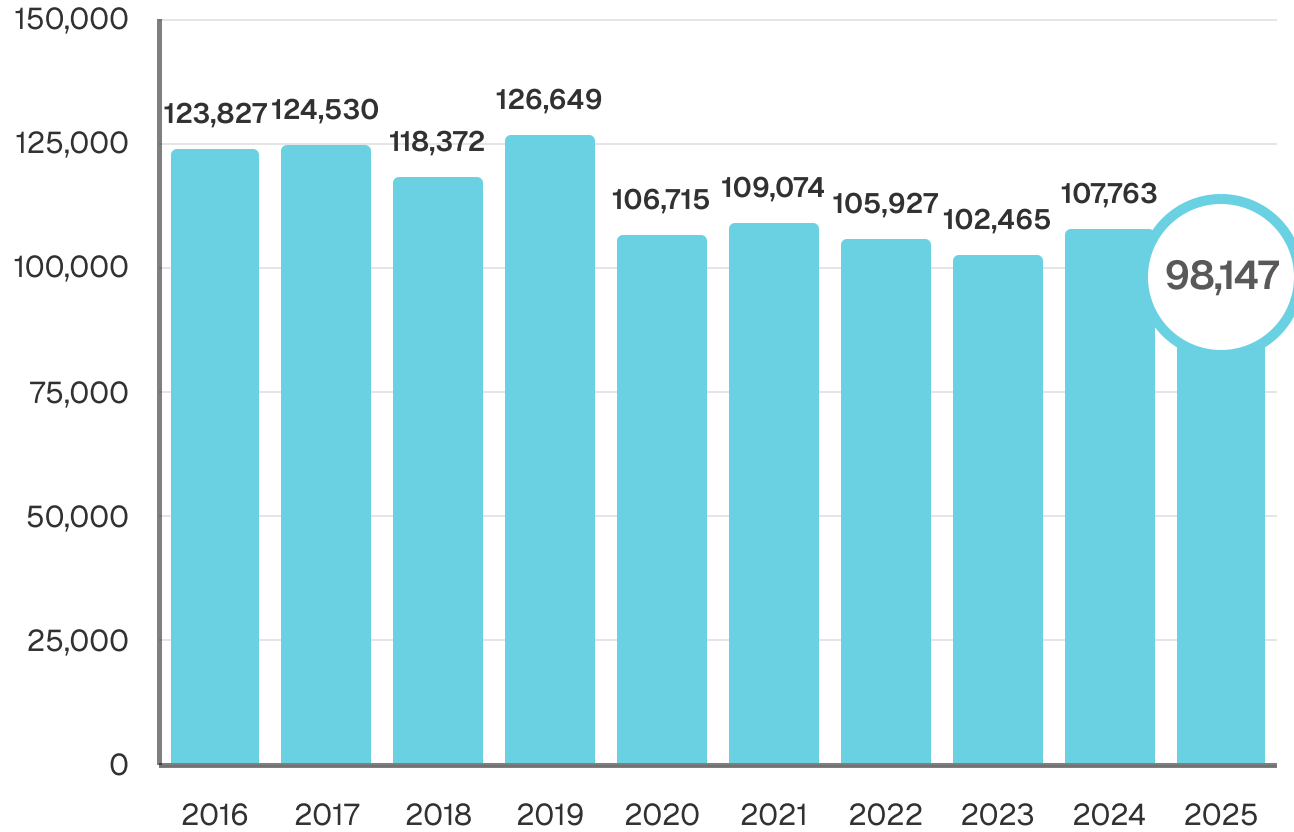
2025 Intake Types

Stray	OS	Other	Transferred In
37,000	24,000	11,000	26,000

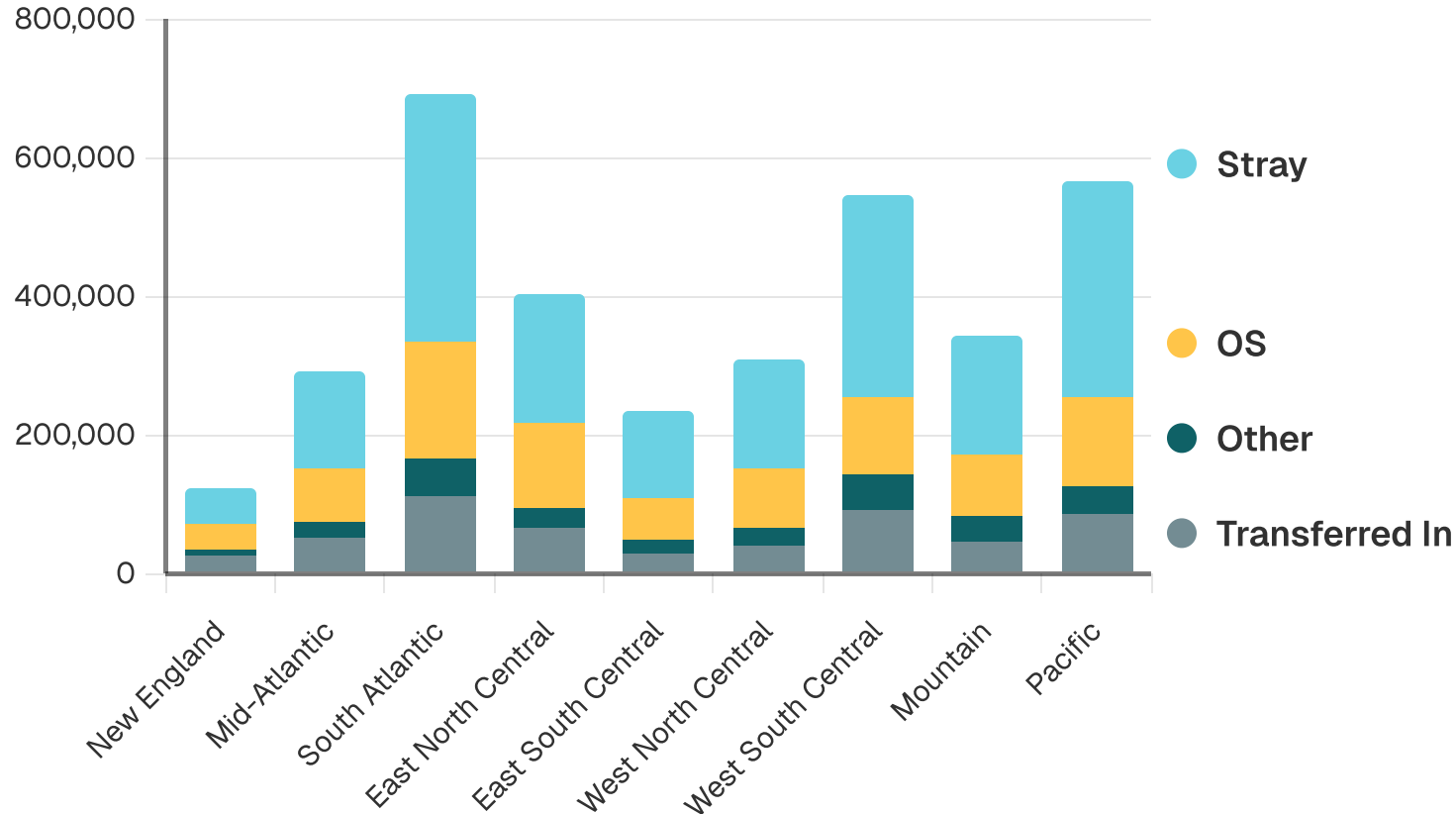
Dog Intakes by Type and Region - 2025



Dog Total Intake Trends



Cat Intakes by Type and Region - 2025



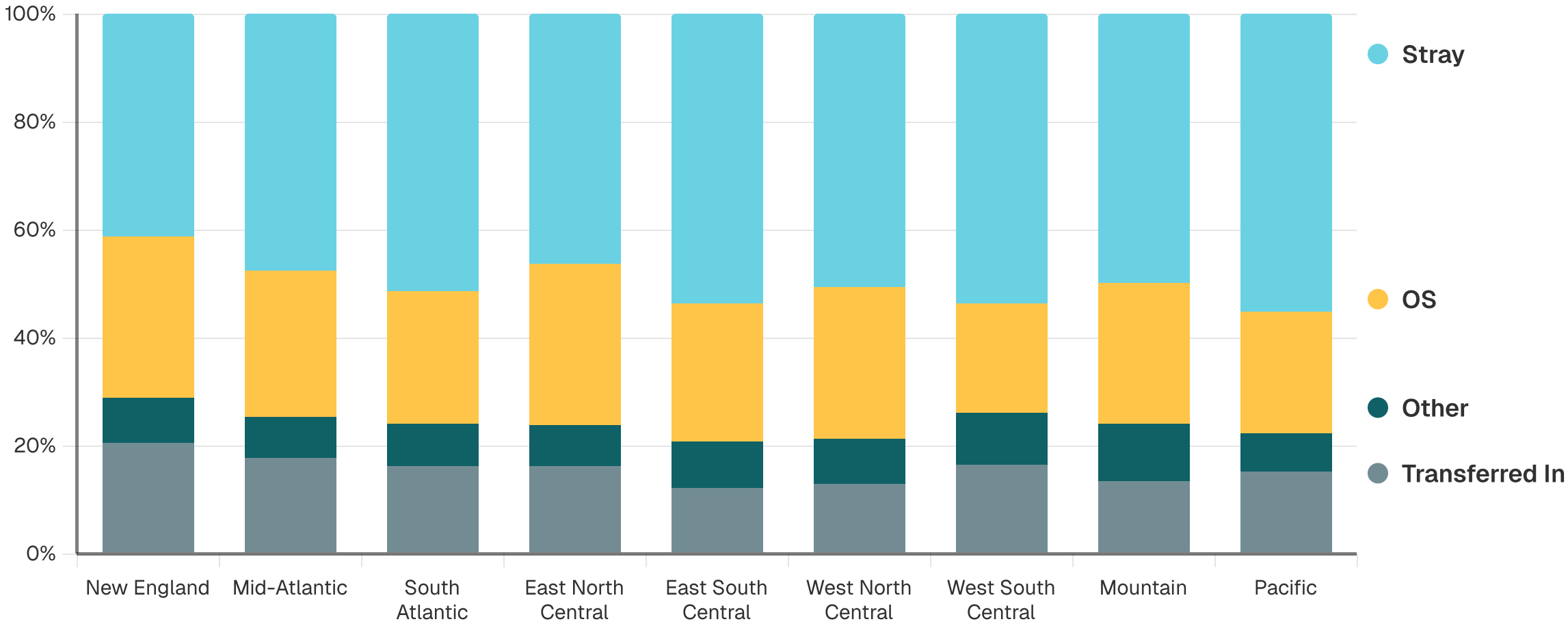
Cat community intakes have declined by 16% since 2019.

116,194 (2019) to 98,118(2025)

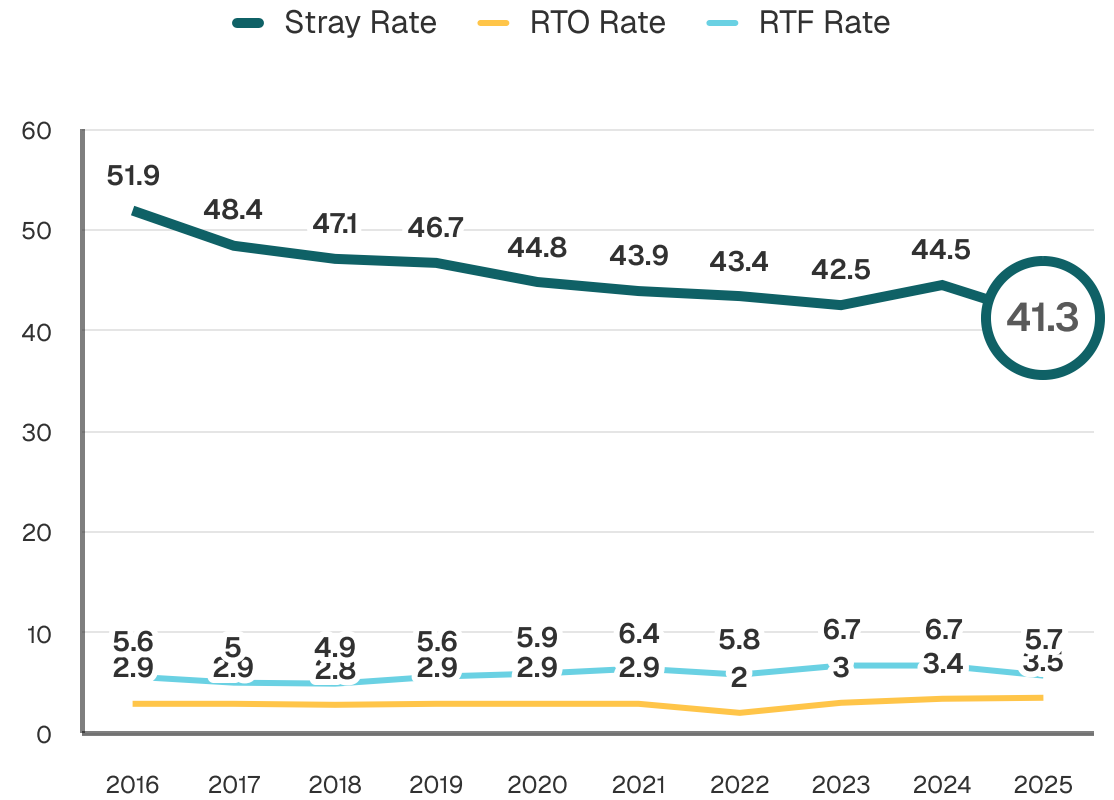
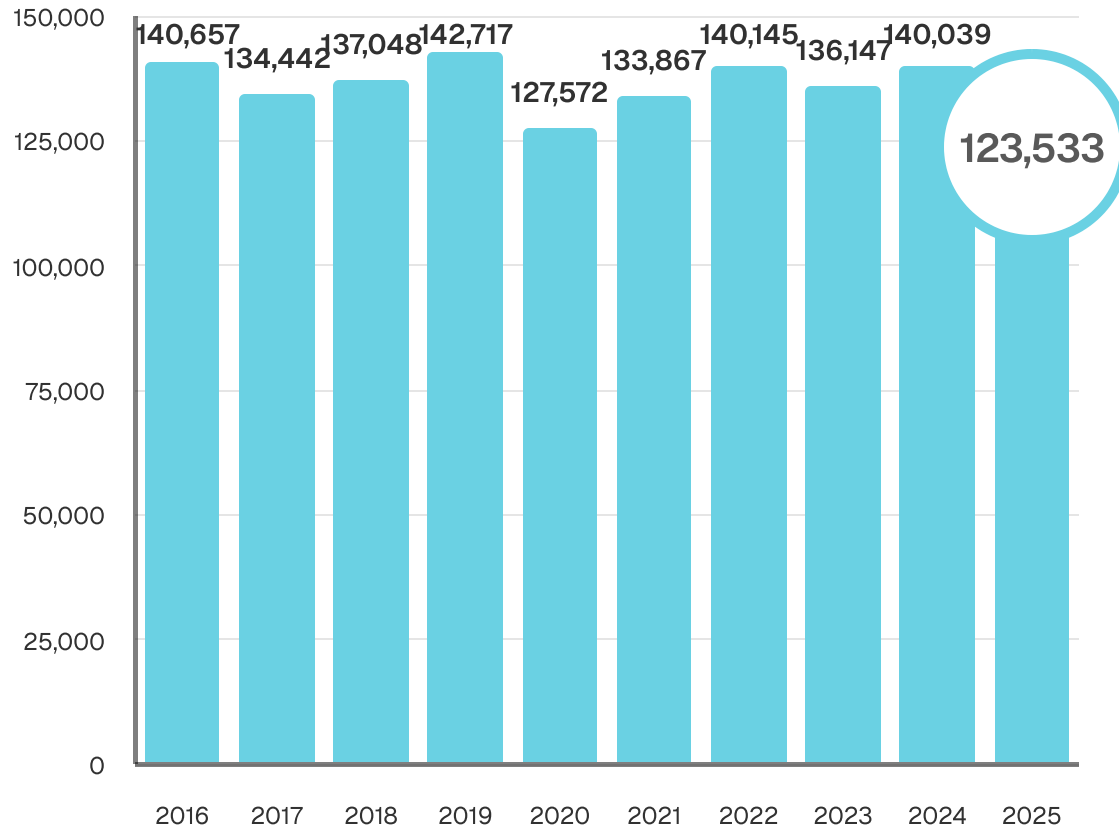
2025 Intake Types

Stray	OS	Other	Transferred In
51,045	36,926	10,147	25,415

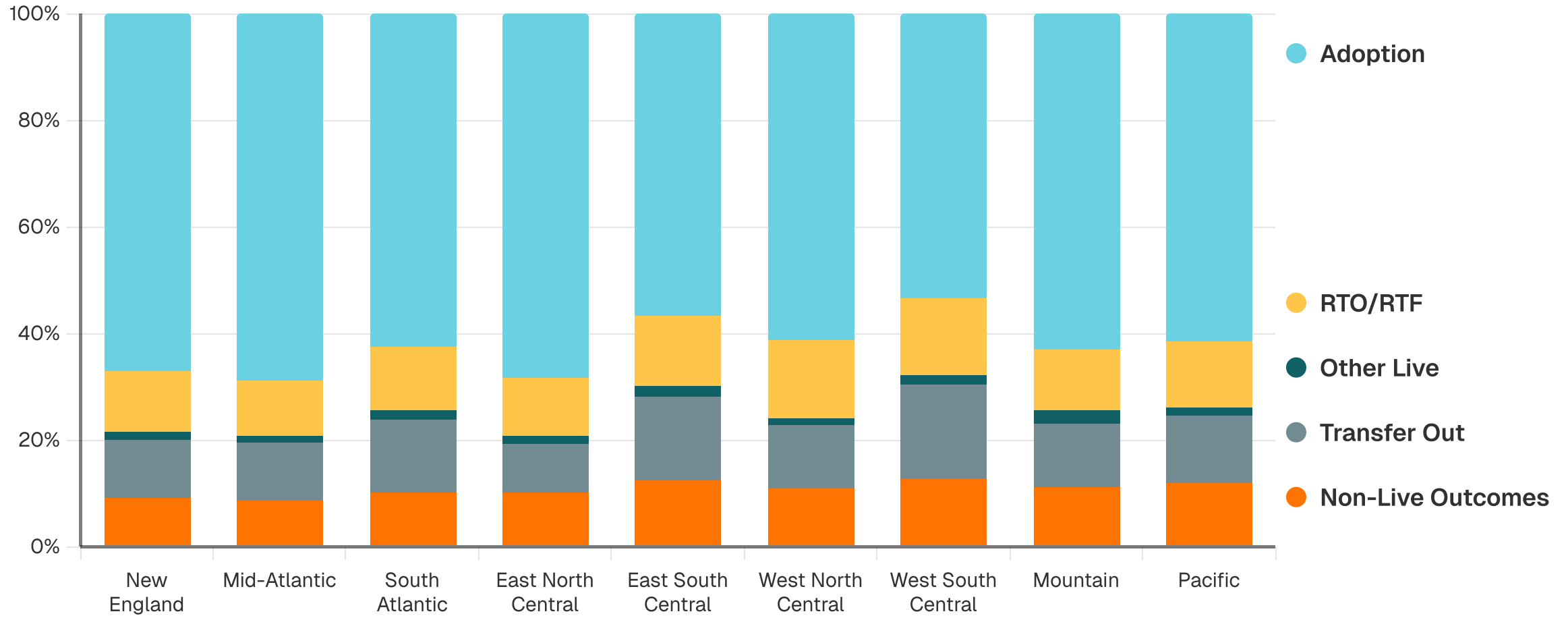
Cat Intakes by Type and Region - 2025



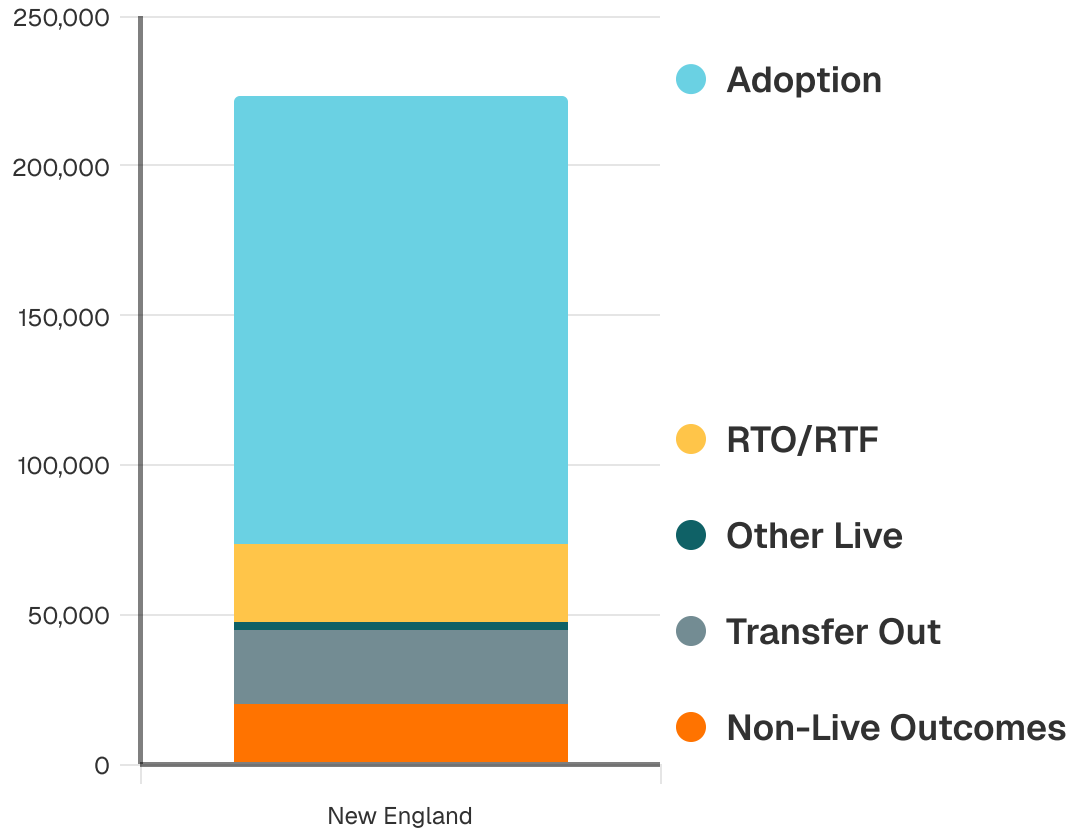
Cat Total Intake Trends



Dog and Cat Total Outcomes by Type and Region



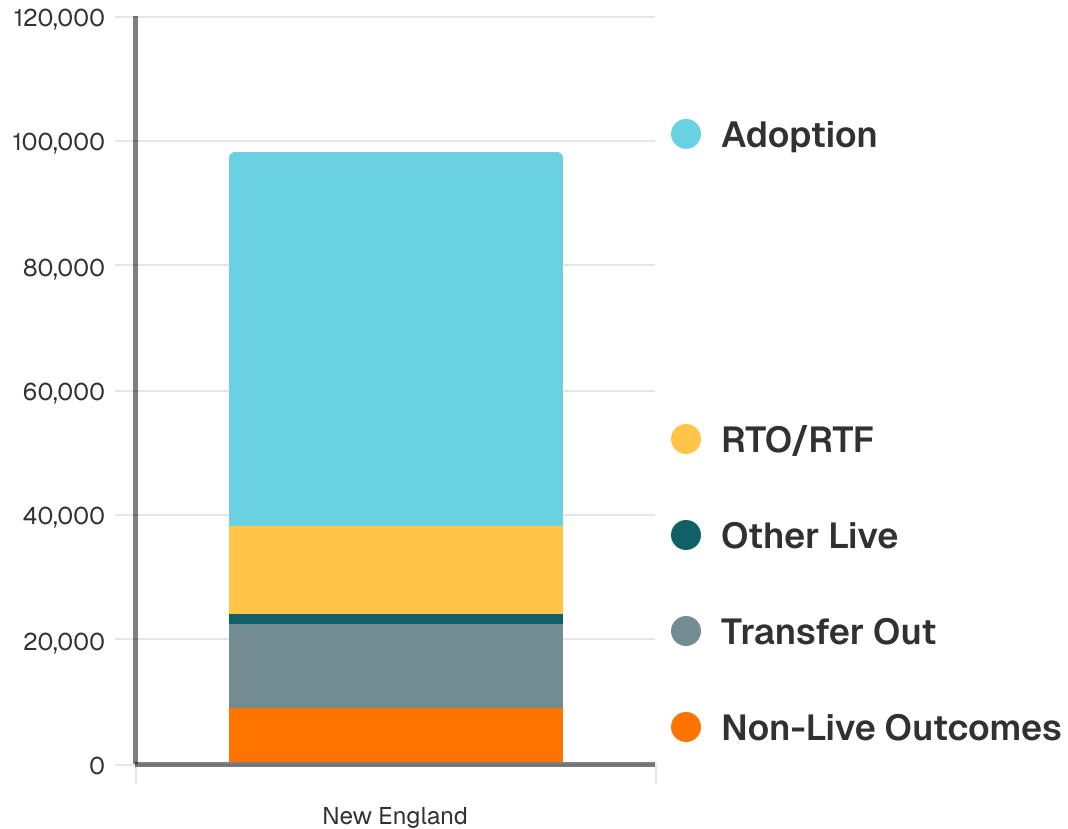
Dog and Cat Total Outcomes - NE



NE has the Highest Combined Dog and Cat Live Outcome Rate Nationally (91%).

New England's live outcome rate is 4 percentage points above the national average of 87%

Dog Total Outcomes by Type and Region



Adoption Rate: 61%

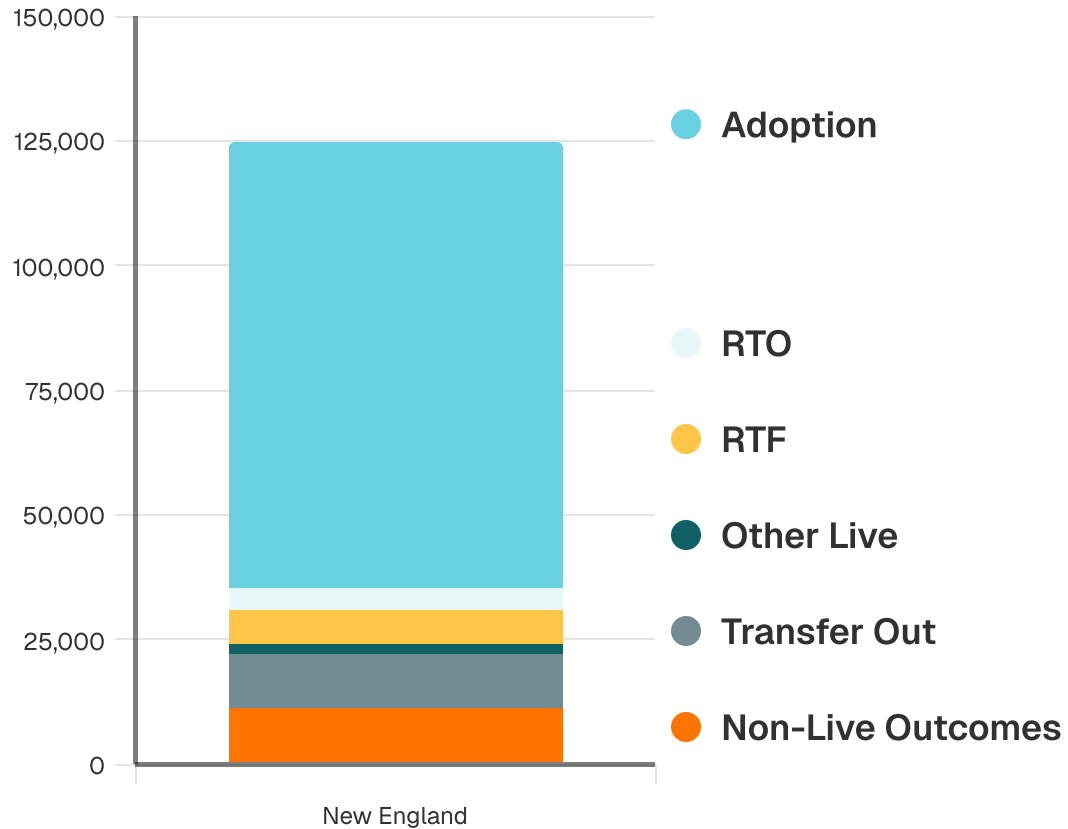
Compared to 57% National

Increase of 2% from 2019

LOS from Intake to Adoption: 12 Days

National: 13 Days

Cat Total Outcomes by Type and Region



Adoption Rate: 73%

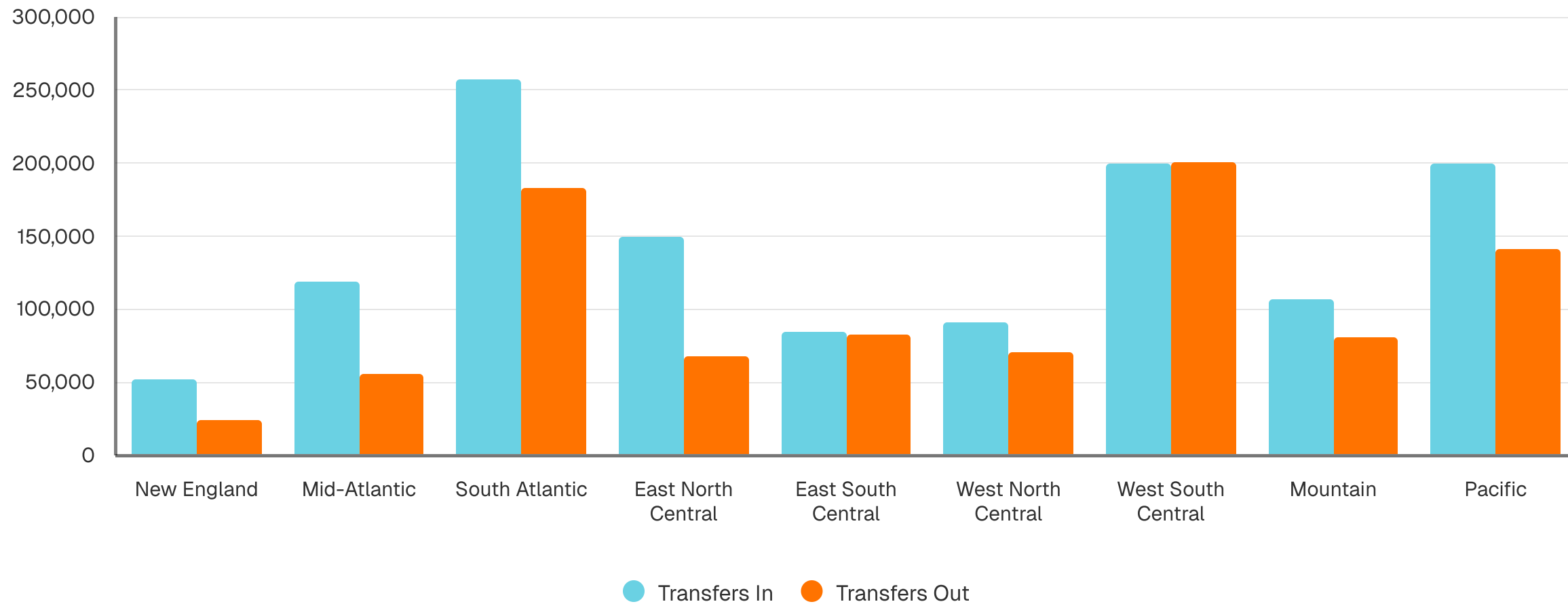
Compared to 63% National

Increase of 8% from 2019

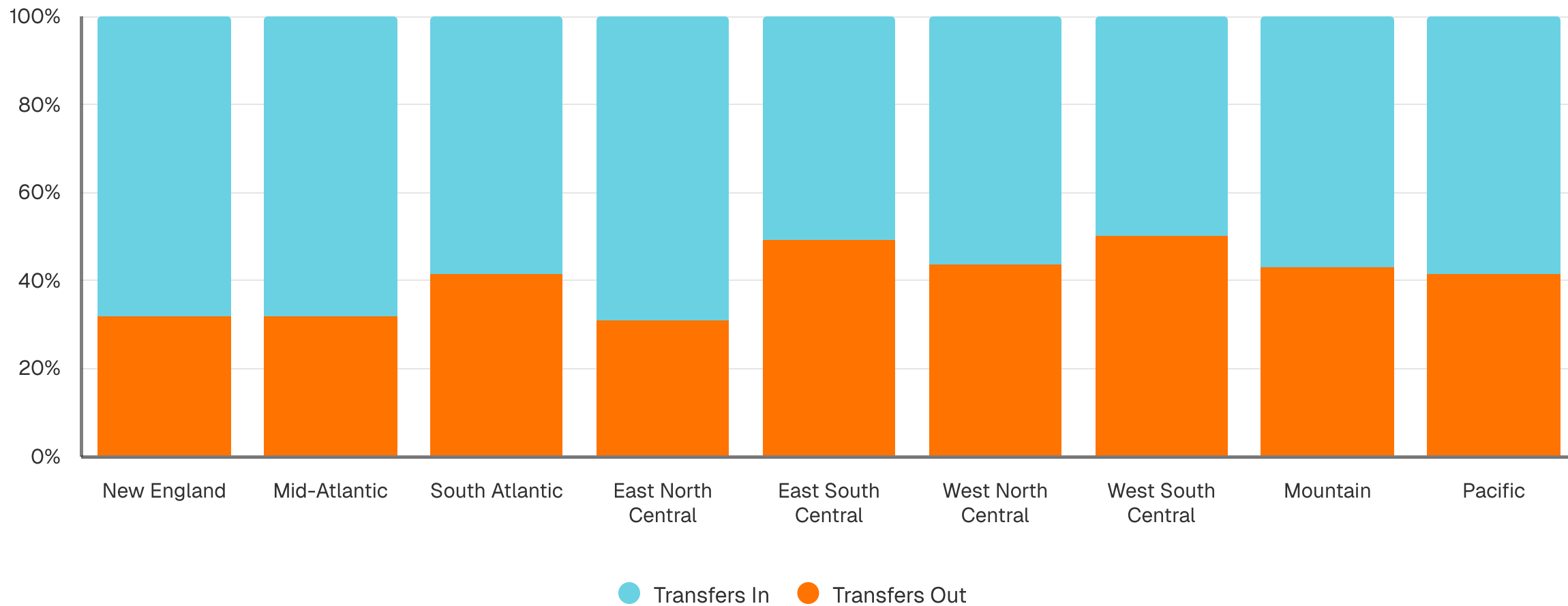
LOS from Intake to Adoption: 12 Days

National: 14 Days

Transfers



Transfers



Non-Live Outcome Rates

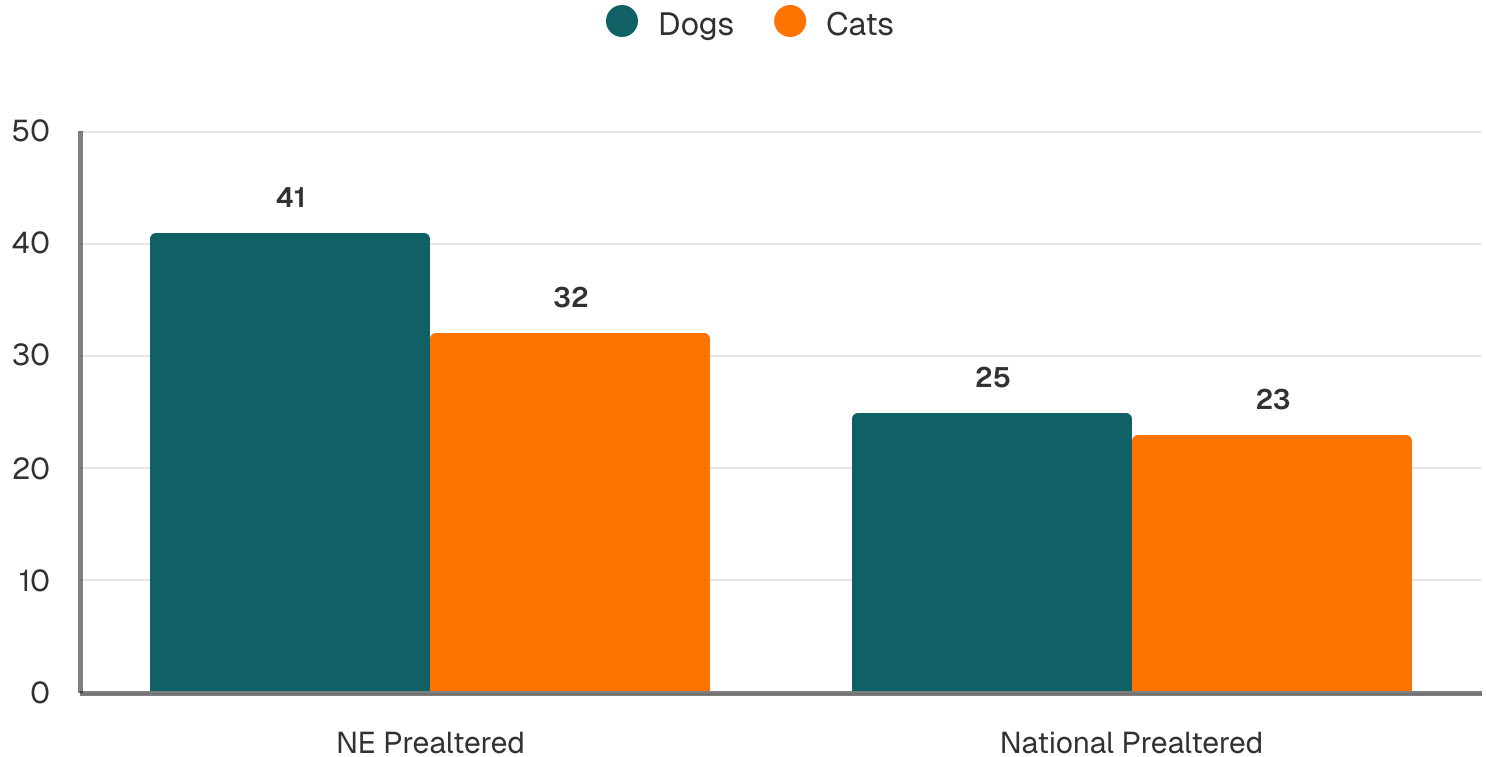
	Dog 2019	Dog 2024	Dog 2025
Euthanasia	6%	9%	8%
Died/Lost in Care	1%	1%	1%

	Cat 2019	Cat 2024	Cat 2025
Euthanasia	10%	7%	6%
Died/Lost in Care	2%	2%	2%

Stats at a Glance

- **NE Cat Non-Live Rate Decreased Since 2019.** Cat non-live rate declined from 13% in 2019 to 9% in 2025, a 4-percentage point reduction.
- **NE has the Second-Lowest Combined Dog and Cat Non-Live Rate Nationally (9%).** Mid-Atlantic (8%) is the only region with a lower non-live rate. New England is 2 percentage points below the national average of 11% non-live rate.

Altered Status at Intake



25%
↑ 0.1% from 2024 ↓ 7.7% from 2019

2025
Altered Status
at Intake
Pets Spayed/Neutered
at Time of Intake

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23%
↑ 0.6% from 2024 ↓ 2.9% from 2019

The infographic features a central circular graphic with icons for a dog, a heart, a paw print, a cat, and a bar chart. The text is arranged around this central graphic, providing the 2025 percentage and year-over-year changes for both Dogs and Cats.

The National Picture Needs You

- It's free to contribute
- Every organization matters—no matter how big or small
- The field is still experiencing a crisis—your data helps explain trends and why that is
- The more contributions we have, the stronger the voice
- Help ensure you regions, states, and communities are represented

Org Distribution by Intake





Reflections on New England Data

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