



State by State No-Kill Rankings

State Name	Population	Priority Rank	No-Kill Gap (Total Killed)	Killed Per (000) Population	YOY Killed Reduction	YOY Killed Reduction %	Total Intake (Net)	Save Rate	% No-Kill Shelters
Texas	29,570,729	1	52,106	1.76	44,601	-46.12%	547,038	81.64%	32.66%
California	39,740,046	2	39,111	0.98	61,128	-60.98%	456,717	82.07%	42.15%
North Carolina	10,644,954	3	27,031	2.54	20,621	-43.27%	186,425	76.30%	29.77%
Florida	21,908,282	4	24,289	1.11	21,214	-46.62%	283,942	82.65%	55.92%
Alabama	4,920,630	5	16,825	3.42	6,870	-28.99%	101,769	74.44%	31.52%
Louisiana	4,646,225	6	15,288	3.29	16,862	-52.45%	80,671	71.58%	31.25%
Georgia	10,769,971	7	14,735	1.37	14,510	-49.62%	165,636	82.68%	37.11%
Oklahoma	3,979,649	8	11,560	2.90	6,830	-37.14%	89,353	77.83%	38.66%
Illinois	12,606,840	9	10,365	0.82	1,028	-9.02%	112,375	81.77%	65.91%
Michigan	9,998,075	10	9,714	0.97	4705	-32.63%	116,076	83.76%	68.46%
Hawaii	1,415,293	11	9,168	6.48	5562	-37.76%	31,353	60.95%	25.00%
Indiana	6,774,590	12	8,552	1.26	2463	-22.36%	102,311	82.79%	31.40%
South Carolina	5,239,980	13	8,005	1.53	2906	-26.63%	100,473	83.05%	41.67%
Kentucky	4,481,065	14	7,132	1.59	5065	-41.53%	99,774	84.38%	42.99%
Virginia	8,599,585	15	6,940	0.81	6229	-47.30%	113,153	84.84%	60.26%
Arkansas	3,030,536	16	6,718	2.22	4699	-41.16%	48,657	78.50%	46.74%
Pennsylvania	12,804,019	17	6,529	0.51	1652	-20.19%	83,515	82.35%	34.74%
Arizona	7,438,466	18	6,325	0.85	2458	-27.99%	102,942	85.68%	43.94%
New Mexico	2,093,571	19	6,069	2.90	4623	-43.24%	74,195	83.04%	39.13%
Maryland	6,070,335	20	5,619	0.93	3553	-38.74%	55,710	79.49%	37.50%
Mississippi	2,970,775	21	5,417	1.82	3769	-41.03%	51,262	80.55%	26.56%
Tennessee	6,911,029	22	4,740	0.69	6142	-56.44%	103,188	87.27%	51.00%
Ohio	11,709,079	23	3,836	0.33	3486	-47.61%	118,385	89.07%	50.96%
Missouri	6,158,575	24	3,777	0.61	2714	-41.81%	102,186	89.87%	82.29%
Nevada	3,154,232	25	3,615	1.15	441	-10.87%	48,515	84.29%	60.00%
Minnesota	5,692,581	26	3,380	0.59	625	-15.61%	62,903	83.85%	29.59%
New York	19,402,459	27	2,992	0.15	2475	-45.27%	80,855	85.57%	39.38%
New Jersey	8,883,587	28	2,918	0.33	2226	-43.27%	63,736	87.28%	58.02%
West Virginia	1,775,326	29	2,739	1.54	3227	-54.09%	40,429	84.54%	42.59%
Nebraska	1,949,460	30	2,378	1.22	1182	-33.20%	29,638	82.82%	18.64%
Iowa	3,167,369	31	2,350	0.74	-310	15.20%	38,969	85.25%	40.32%
Kansas	2,916,554	32	1,971	0.68	2193	-52.67%	56,391	87.24%	35.40%
South Dakota	894,793	33	1,824	2.04	-14	0.77%	14,025	77.26%	21.74%
Idaho	1,832,352	34	1,728	0.94	1389	-44.56%	34,169	86.52%	63.64%
Wisconsin	5,842,178	35	1,704	0.29	2272	-57.14%	64,554	88.16%	54.67%
Massachusetts	6,928,237	36	1,620	0.23	1160	-41.73%	27,575	84.24%	21.11%
Washington	7,765,146	37	1,498	0.19	1688	-52.98%	71,362	89.20%	69.84%
Colorado	5,871,541	38	1,376	0.23	3280	-70.45%	90,926	89.13%	84.21%
Utah	3,282,329	39	829	0.25	1161	-58.34%	44,767	87.92%	70.00%
Alaska	729,610	40	617	0.85	500	-44.76%	10,449	85.16%	35.00%
Oregon	4,281,747	41	612	0.14	1163	-65.52%	40,064	89.81%	58.70%
Wyoming	578,413	42	562	0.97	329	-36.92%	17,044	87.92%	48.39%
District of Columbia	717,717	43	553	0.77	150	-21.34%	5,339	78.39%	0.00%
North Dakota	769,144	44	510	0.66	-362	244.59%	8,489	88.61%	47.06%
Montana	1,081,656	45	444	0.41	42	-8.64%	17,802	90.66%	44.12%
Connecticut	3,557,073	46	281	0.08	-49	21.12%	14,423	91.99%	80.19%
Maine	1,348,491	47	199	0.15	94	-32.08%	17,728	92.45%	83.33%
Vermont	623,325	48	53	0.09	-1	1.92%	5,510	91.63%	92.31%
Rhode Island	1,060,191	49	18	0.02	68	-79.07%	5,727	92.23%	90.00%
New Hampshire	1,367,197	50	0	0.00	159	-100.00%	8,573	92.62%	100.00%
Delaware	985,717	50	0	0.00	0	0.00%	12,835	90.89%	100.00%

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