



Comparison of animal shelter statistics, 1993-2021

The following results are from Humane Canada's survey of humane societies and SPCAs in Canada. Other establishments that also shelter homeless animals, such as individual private shelters, rescue and foster groups, and municipal animal services were not targeted by the survey. Nevertheless, this data set represents the best information about companion animals in Canadian shelters of which Humane Canada is aware. Percentages represent outcome relative to number admitted. For the years 2012 and later, the percentage relative to total number in shelter is also given in parentheses.

DOGS

	Admitted	Reclaimed	Adopted	Euthanized
1993	102,132	24%	39%	30%
1995	29,108	35%	37%	26%
1997	83,133	28%	37%	31%
1998	85,564	28%	38%	26%
1999	55,290	26%	38%	27%
2000	73,655	24%	36%	23%
2001	39,531	24%	49%	23%
2002	58,052	25%	46%	19%
2003	38,105	16%	53%	21%
2004	37,774	19%	49%	19%
2007	48,333	28%	43%	21%
2008	36,651	30%	49%	19%
2010	43,121	28%	52%	14%
2011	54,978	28%	45%	16%
2012	53,085	28% (26%)	48% (45%)	17% (15%)
2013	46,578	28% (25%)	49% (45%)	17% (16%)
2014	38,630	31% (28%)	47% (42%)	11% (10%)
2015	35,550	31% (29%)	50% (48%)	13% (12%)
2016	31,722	30% (28%)	52% (48%)	10% (9%)
2017	33,740	30% (28%)	48% (45%)	12% (11%)
2018	29,955	28% (27%)	49% (47%)	12% (11%)
2019	27,945	29% (28%)	48% (45%)	10% (10%)
2020	20,239	30% (29%)	48% (46%)	12% (12%)
2021	20,974	33% (31%)	46% (44%)	11% (10%)



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	Admitted	Reclaimed	Adopted	Euthanized
1993	176,185	3.8%	28%	60%
1995	39,927	4.2%	35%	58%
1997	140,205	5.1%	32%	60%
1998	136,316	5.1%	33%	54%
1999	94,269	4.5%	32%	56%
2000	120,422	4.7%	34%	49%
2001	74,087	3.6%	38%	51%
2002	105,603	3.9%	37%	48%
2003	71,126	3.2%	45%	41%
2004	72,261	3.4%	45%	43%
2007	109,347	3.8%	38%	51%
2008	84,301	3.8%	41%	54%
2010	91,853	3.8%	46%	46%
2011	123,746	4.8%	45%	42%
2012	119,198	3.7% (3.7%)	46% (42%)	44% (41%)
2013	103,433	3.5% (3.2%)	53% (47%)	37% (33%)
2014	85,392	5.0% (4.5%)	58% (53%)	27% (24%)
2015	82,436	5.3% (5.0%)	61% (57%)	21% (20%)
2016	85,546	5.3% (4.9%)	63% (58%)	21% (19%)
2017	87,737	5.8% (5.4%)	64% (60%)	19% (17%)
2018	81,602	5.1% (4.8%)	66% (62%)	16% (15%)
2019	78,462	5.3% (5.3%)	63% (60%)	15% (14%)
2020	58,793	8.0% (7.5%)	69% (65%)	15% (14%)
2021	60,677	7.2% (6.8%)	66% (62%)	12% (11%)