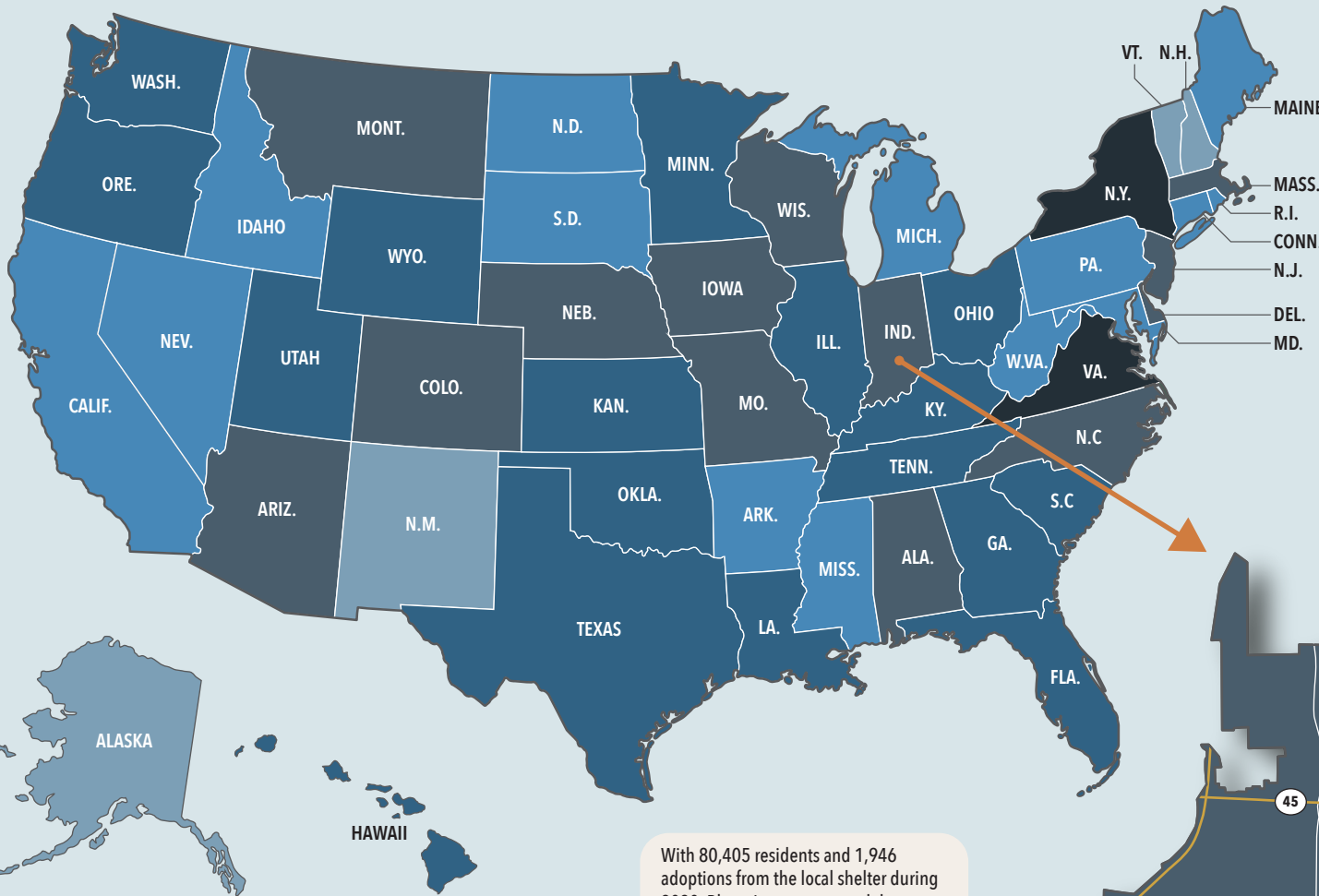


Who really lets the dogs out?

Pets are a growing part of American culture - the number of households with pets has increased 6% over the last nine years, and the pet industry reached nearly \$100 billion in annual sales last year. This phenomenon has led to shelters across the country showing higher adoption rates as Americans continue fulfilling their needs for more furry friends, especially as the pandemic pushed people to adopt a animal to spend time with during quarantine periods. Some states adopt a little more enthusiastically than others, and state population doesn't seem to be a factor. By comparing the total number of recorded adoptions to each state's population, a ranking can be established that shows which states adopted most heavily over 2020. With well over half the states showing rates of over 500 adoptions per capita, it looks like the "adopt, don't shop" mindset is here to stay.

Adoptions per 100,000 residents, 2020



The Top Five

1. Virginia

(10,413)
per capita

2. New York

(8,180)
per capita

3. Alabama

(3,457)
per capita

4. North Carolina

(3,313)
per capita

5. Wisconsin

(2,804)
per capita

Indiana
places **10th**
in the country
for adoptions per capita

With 80,405 residents and 1,946 adoptions from the local shelter during 2020, Bloomington outpaced the statewide average with a rate of 2,420 adoptions per 100,000 citizens*.

The City of Bloomington Animal Shelter is operated by the city Animal Care and Control and offers pet adoption, foster programs, animal behavior assistance, and local resources for pets like minor medical care.

*Though Bloomington does not hold 100,000 residents, the calculations remained the same to keep the data proportionate.

