



2019 Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*) Population Status Update

- 2019 Range-wide Population: 537,297 bats occurring within 223 hibernacula in 16 states
- 3 Most Populous States: Missouri (195,157), Indiana (184,848) and Illinois (78,403)
- Number of Hibernacula by Current Population Status:
 - “Extant” (≥1 *M. sodalis* documented within past 10 yrs.): 344
 - “Historic” (surveys conducted within past 10 yrs., but no *M. sodalis* observed): 111
 - “Uncertain” (old records exist, but site hasn’t been surveyed within past 10 yrs.): 94
- Total Number of Hibernacula with 1 or more *M. sodalis* ever recorded: 549
- States with most Hibernacula: KY (126), MO (92), TN (54), WV (40), AR (39) and IN (37)
- % Change in Range-wide Population since 2007 (i.e., since arrival of WNS in NY): -19.2%
- States with Largest Net Loss of Indiana Bats since 2007 (% decline since 2007):
 1. Indiana: -53,220 (-22%)
 2. New York: -39,367 (-75%)
 3. Missouri: -18,157 (-9%)
 4. Kentucky: -15,220 (-21%)
 5. West Virginia: -14,125 (-96%)
 6. Tennessee: -6,509 (-73%)
 7. Ohio: -4,739 (-62%)
 8. Pennsylvania: -1,027 (-99%)

TABLE 1. Top 10 Largest Indiana Bat Hibernacula (out of 223) in 2019.

Hibernaculum Name	State	2019 Pop. Size	% of 2019 Overall Pop.	%Change From 2017 Pop.
1. Sodalis Nature Preserve	MO	180,801	34%	-8%
2. Jug Hole	IN	79,358	15%	+16%
3. Magazine Mine	IL	69,090	13%	0%
4. Wyandotte	IN	55,095	10%	+9%
5. Bat (Carter Caves SRP)	KY	26,237	5%	+3%
6. Ray's	IN	25,693	5%	-18%
7. Coon	IN	14,728	3%	-23%
8. Barton Hill Mine	NY	12,570	2%	+13%
9. Saltpeter	KY	11,806	2%	-20%
10. Brainerd	IL	5,900	1%	0%
All Others Combined (n=213)	Multiple	56,721	10%	-14%
Totals		537,297	100%	

TABLE 2. Percentage of 2019 Range-wide Population by Hibernaculum Priority Number.

Priority Number	# of Sites	2019 Population Size	% of 2019 Range-wide Pop.
P1A	14	477,017	88.8
P1B	13	7,771	1.4
P2A	33	44,843	8.3
P2B	26	1,004	0.2
P3	167	6,252	1.2
P4	296	410	0.1
Totals	549	537,297	100%

P1A = recorded pop. ≥10,000 bats with ≥5,000 over past 10 yrs.; P1B = recorded pop. ≥10,000 bats with <5,000 over past 10 yrs.; P2A = recorded pop. ≥1,000 bats with ≥500 over past 10 yrs.; P2B = recorded pop. ≥1,000 bats with <500 over past 10 yrs.; P3 = recorded pop. ≥50 bats; P4 = recorded pop. <50 bats.



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TABLE 3. 2019 Population Estimates for the Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*) by USFWS Region

Estimates are primarily based on winter surveys conducted in January and February of 2019 at known Priority 1 & 2 hibernacula throughout the species' range. Additional data from Priority 3 and 4 hibernacula were included when available.

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USFWS Region	State	2011	2013	2015	2017	2019	% Change from 2017	% of 2019 Total
Region 2	Oklahoma	13	5	5	8	8	0.0%	0.0%
Region 3	Missouri	212,942	214,453	216,289	217,884	195,157	-10.4%	36.3%
	Indiana	225,477	226,572	185,720	180,611	184,848	2.3%	34.4%
	Illinois	57,212	66,817	69,924	81,143	78,403	-3.4%	14.6%
	Ohio	9,870	9,259	4,809	2,890	2,890	0.0%	0.5%
	Michigan	20	20	20	20	20	0.0%	0.0%
	Total	505,521	517,121	476,762	482,548	461,318	-4.4%	85.9%
Region 4	Kentucky	70,626	62,018	64,599	58,057	55,946	-3.6%	10.4%
	Tennessee	12,887	15,569	4,952	2,567	2,397	-6.6%	0.4%
	Arkansas	1,206	856	1,398	1,722	2,749	59.6%	0.5%
	Alabama	261	247	90	85	90	5.9%	0.0%
	North Carolina	1	1	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
	Georgia	0	0	0	1	0	-	-
	Total	84,981	78,691	71,039	62,432	61,182	-2.0%	11.4%
Region 5	New York	15,654	17,772	15,564	12,693	13,412	5.7%	2.5%
	West Virginia	20,296	3,845	2,373	1,076	620	-42.4%	0.1%
	Virginia	863	632	601	495	648	30.9%	0.1%
	New Jersey	409	448	193	118	79	-33.1%	0.0%
	Pennsylvania	516	120	24	23	11	-52.2%	0.0%
	Vermont	61	53	53	19	19	0.0%	0.0%
	Total	37,799	22,870	18,808	14,424	14,789	2.5%	2.8%
Range-wide Total:		628,314	618,687	566,614	559,412	537,297	-4.0%	100.0%
2-yr. Net Change:			-9,627	-52,073	-7,202	-22,115		
2-yr. % Change:			-1.5%	-8.4%	-1.3%	-4.0%		

Compiled by Andy King (andrew_king@fws.gov), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Indiana Ecological Services Field Office from data gathered from bat biologists throughout the species' range.

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	Illinois	57,212	66,817	69,924	81,143	78,403	-3.4%	14.6%
	Arkansas	1,206	856	1,398	1,722	2,749	59.6%	0.5%
	Oklahoma	13	5	5	8	8	0.0%	0.0%
	Total	271,373	282,131	287,616	300,757	276,317	-8.1%	51.4%
Midwest	Indiana	225,477	226,572	185,720	180,611	184,848	2.3%	34.4%
	Kentucky	70,626	62,018	64,599	58,057	55,946	-3.6%	10.4%
	Ohio	9,870	9,259	4,809	2,890	2,890	0.0%	0.5%
	Tennessee	1,791	2,369	2,401	1,587	1,561	-1.6%	0.3%
	Alabama	261	247	90	85	90	5.9%	0.0%
	SW Virginia	307	214	137	70	119	70.0%	0.0%
	Michigan	20	20	20	20	20	0.0%	0.0%
	Georgia	0	0	0	1	0	-	-
	Total	308,352	300,699	257,776	243,321	245,474	0.9%	45.7%
Appalachia	West Virginia	20,296	3,845	2,373	1,076	620	-42.4%	0.1%
	E. Tennessee	11,096	13,200	2,551	980	836	-14.7%	0.2%
	Pennsylvania	516	120	24	23	11	-52.2%	0.0%
	Virginia	556	418	464	425	529	24.5%	0.1%
	North Carolina	1	1	0	0	0	-	-
	Total	32,465	17,584	5,412	2,504	1,996	-20.3%	0.4%
Northeast	New York	15,654	17,772	15,564	12,693	13,412	5.7%	2.5%
	New Jersey	409	448	193	118	79	-33.1%	0.0%
	Vermont	61	53	53	19	19	0.0%	0.0%
	Total	16,124	18,273	15,810	12,830	13,510	5.3%	2.5%
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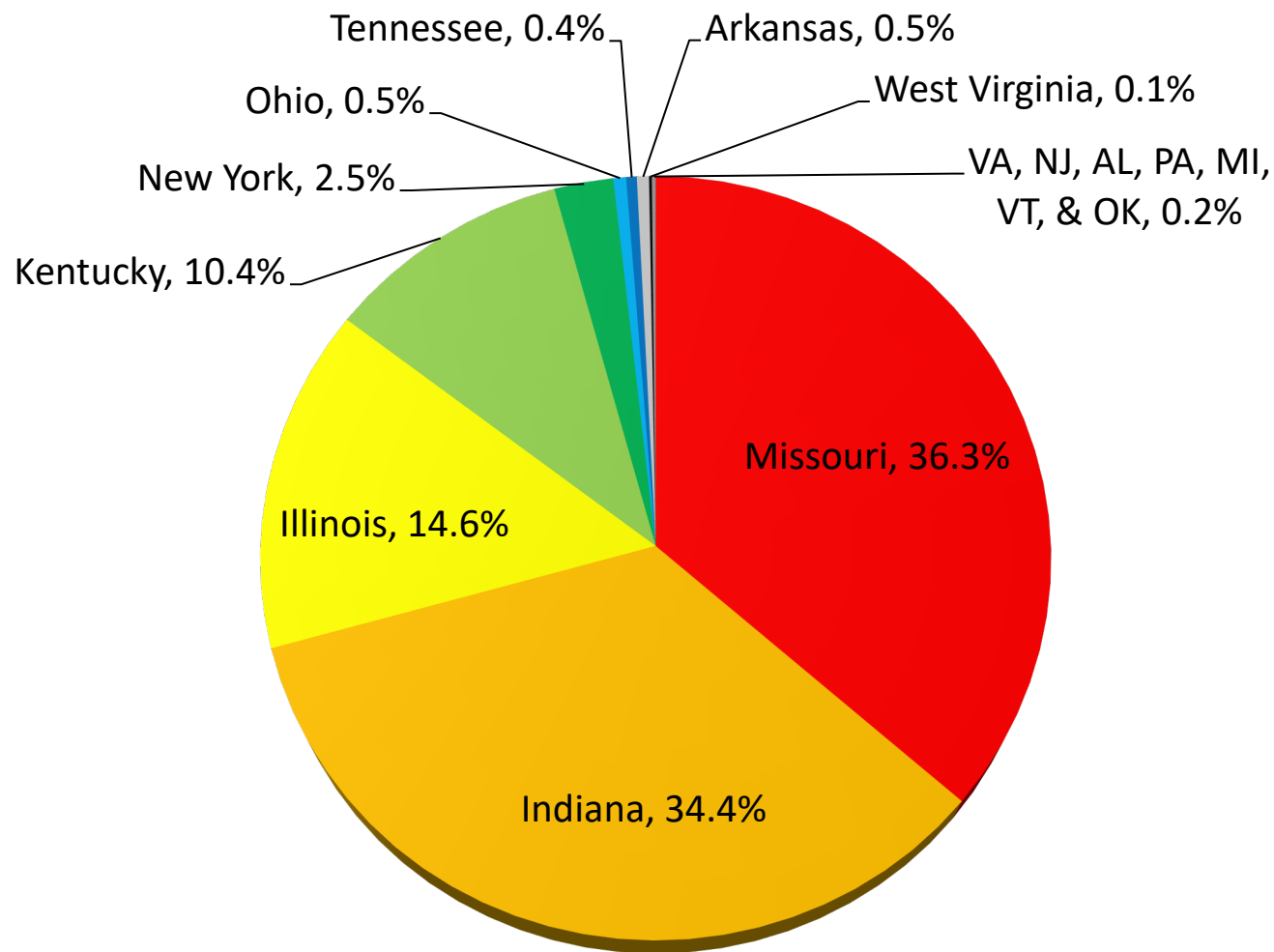


FIGURE 1. Percentage of the 2019 Indiana bat range-wide population (approx. 537,297 bats) hibernating within each state.

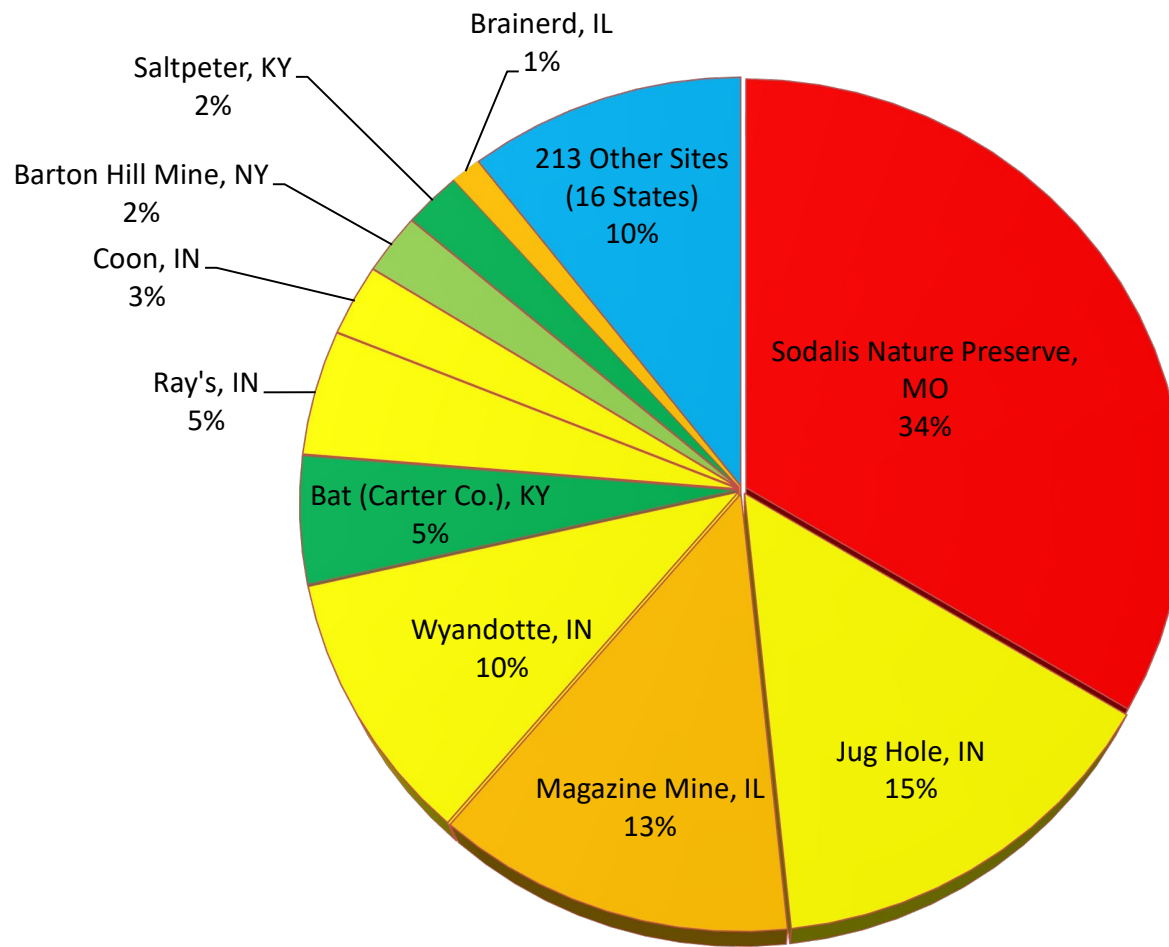


FIGURE 2. Percentage of the 2019 Indiana bat range-wide population (approx. 537,297 bats) hibernating within the ten largest hibernacula (color-coded by state).

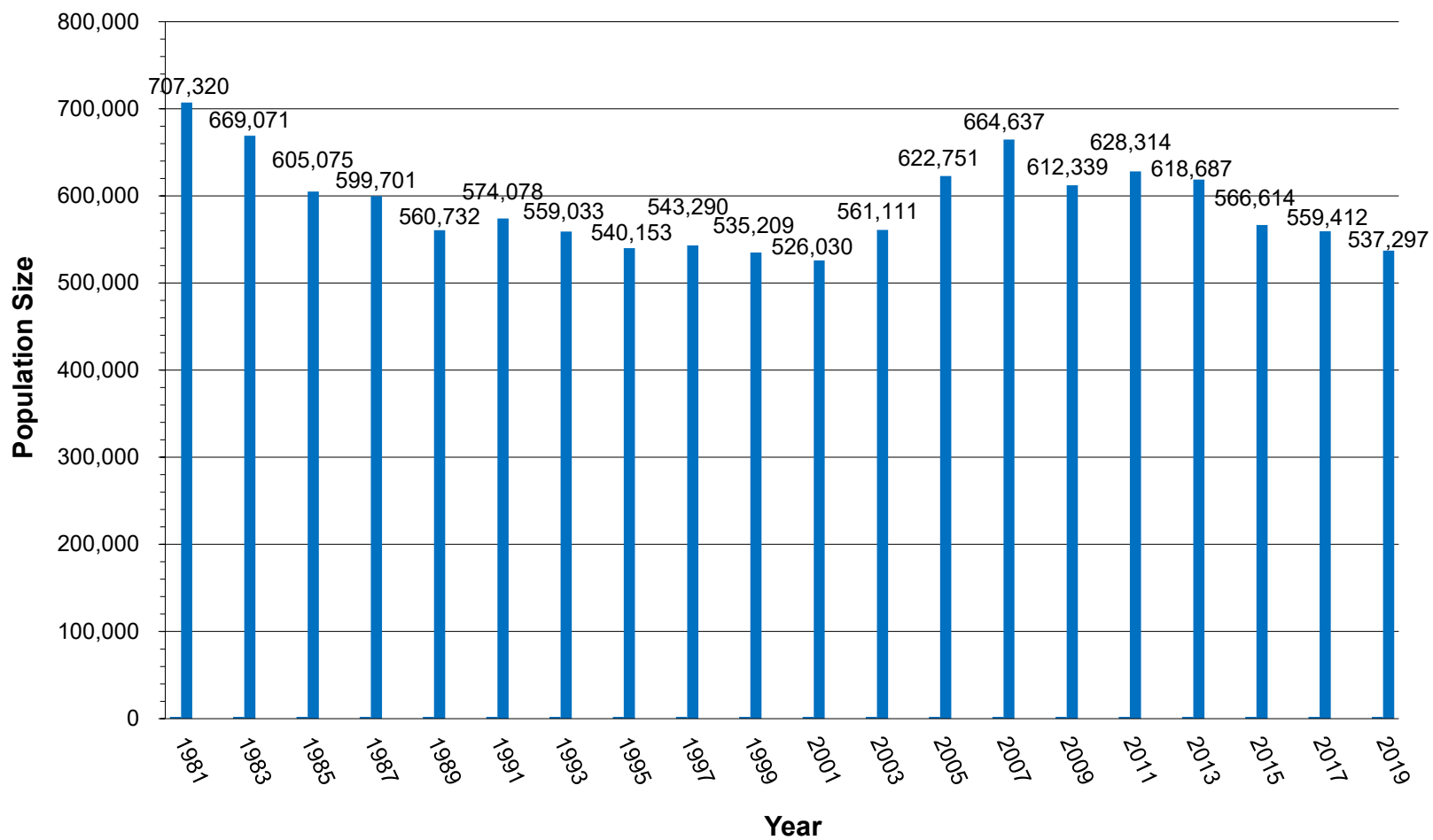


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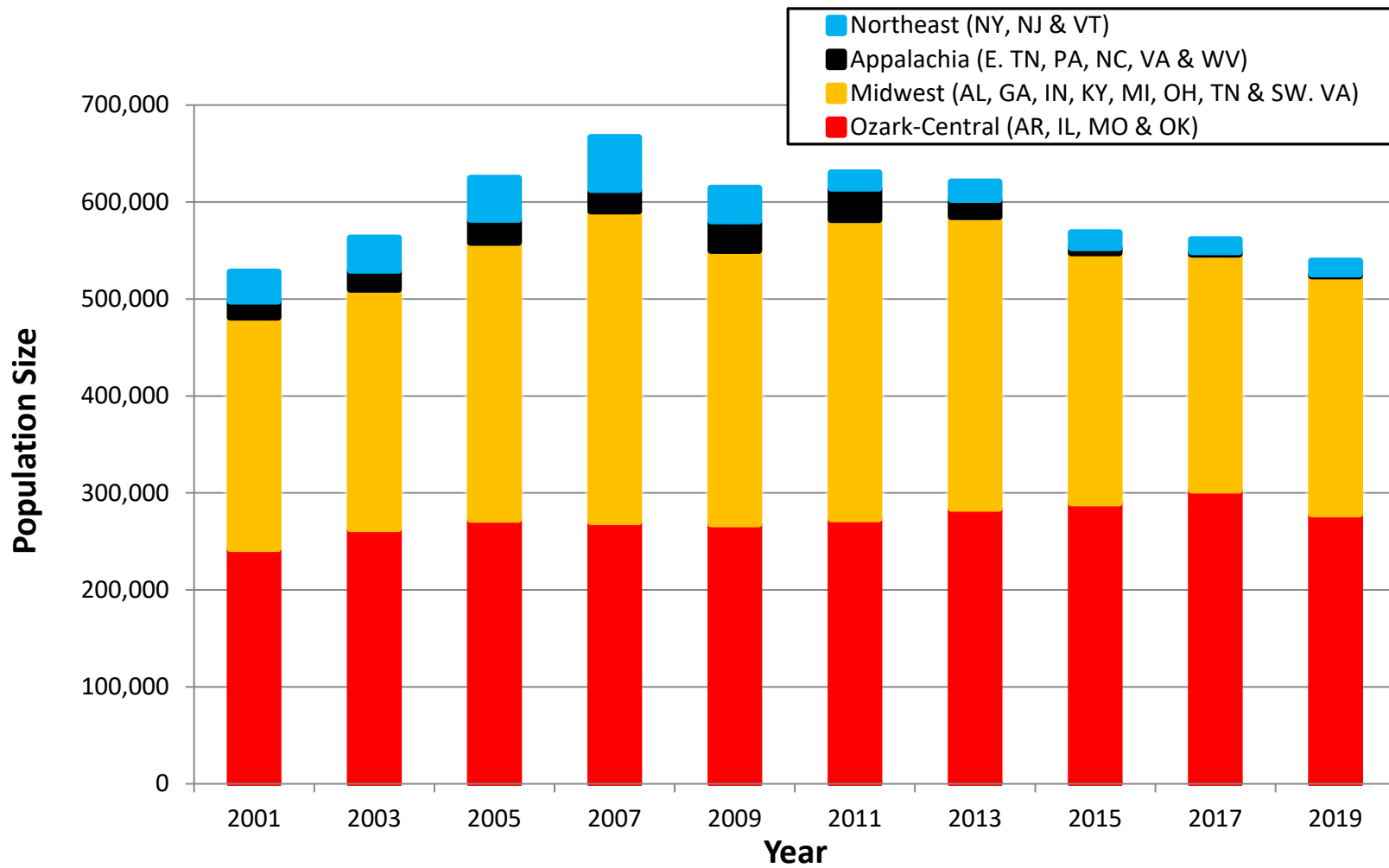


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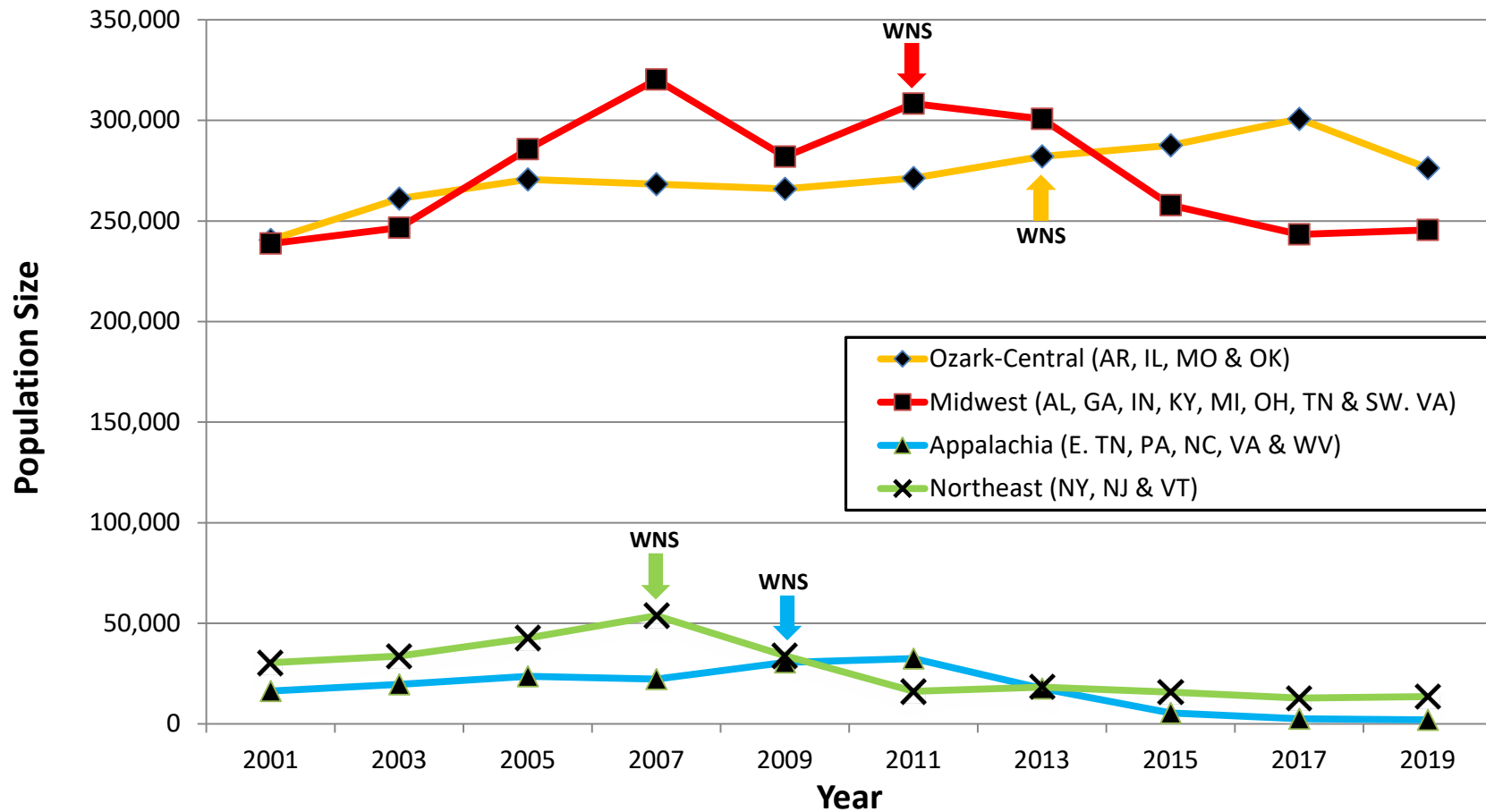


FIGURE 5. Indiana bat population estimates by recovery unit from 2001 to 2019.
(color-coded arrows depict approx. time of arrival of white-nose syndrome within multiple MYSO sites in each RU).

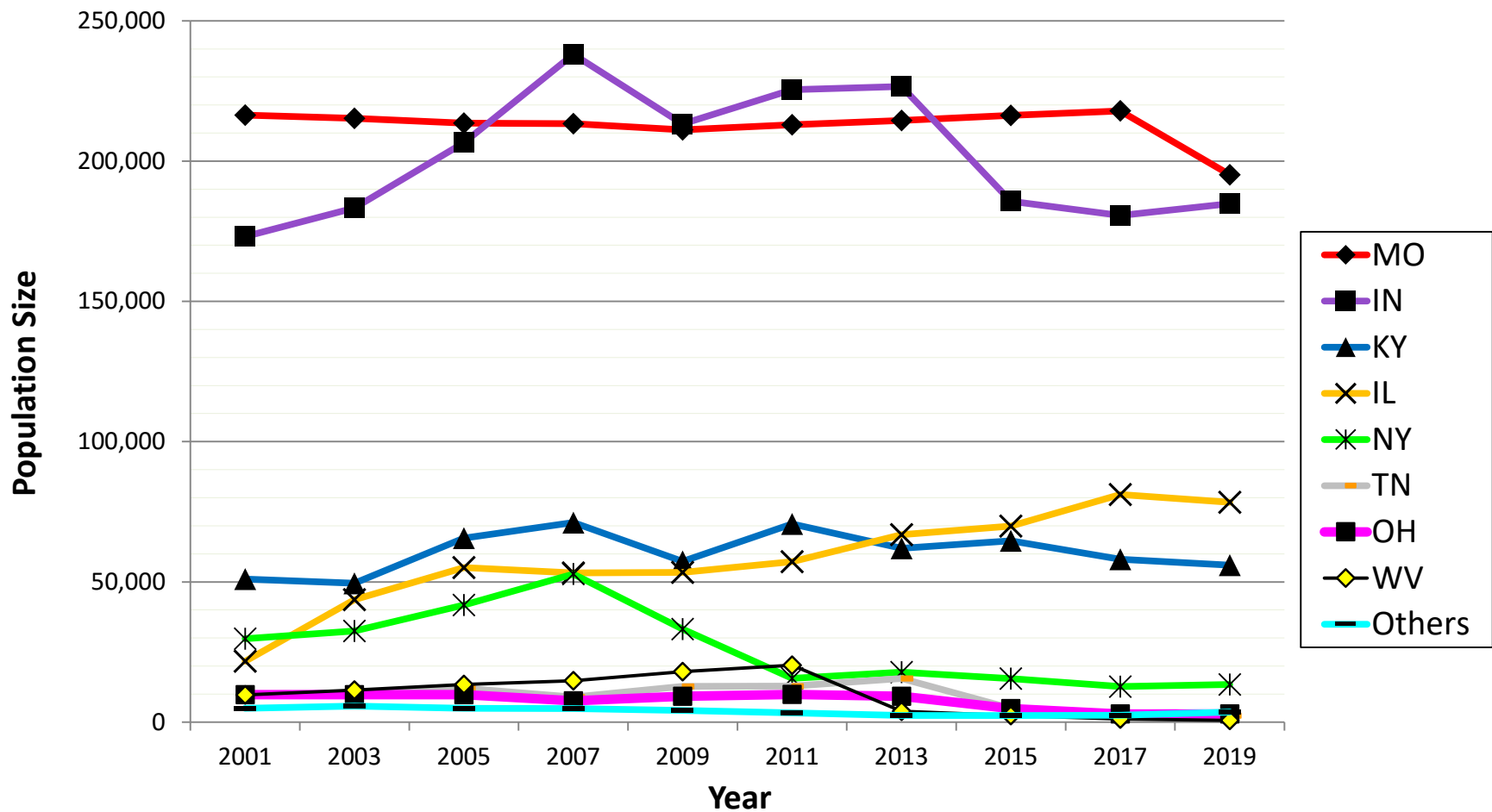


FIGURE 6. Indiana bat population estimates by state from 2001 to 2019.