

The Curious Case of IPv4

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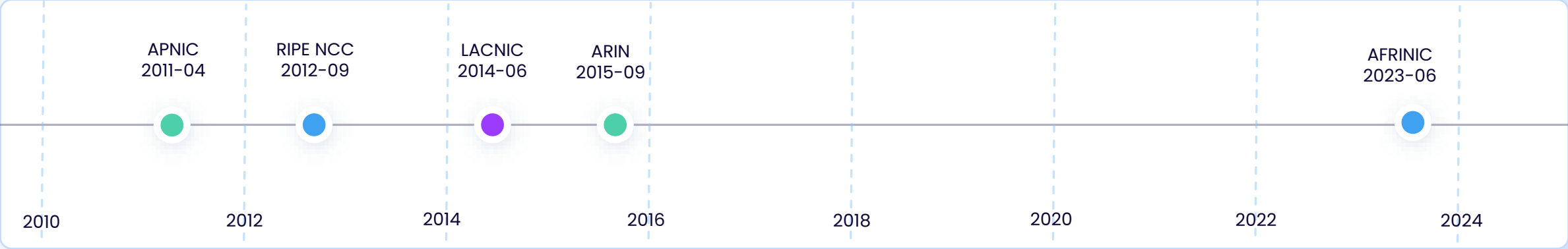
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SUSTAINING THE INTERNET

Until IPv6 Arrives

Scarcity

RIR	Region Covered	Exhaustion / Run-Out Date	Notes
APNIC	Asia-Pacific	15 April 2011	First RIR to reach its final /8 policy (only small blocks thereafter).
RIPE NCC	Europe, Middle East, Central Asia	14 September 2012	Reached last /8, can only allocate /22 (1024 addresses) per LIR.
LACNIC	Latin America & Caribbean	10 June 2014	Entered Phase 3 of exhaustion; strict allocation policies since.
ARIN	North America	24 September 2015	Fully depleted IPv4 free pool;
AFRINIC	Africa	25 April 2017 (entered “soft landing”)	As of 2020 , entered Phase 2 exhaustion (very limited remaining). Official depletion was declared June 2023 .





27 Months
(+2 months)



18 Months
(unchanged)



54 Months



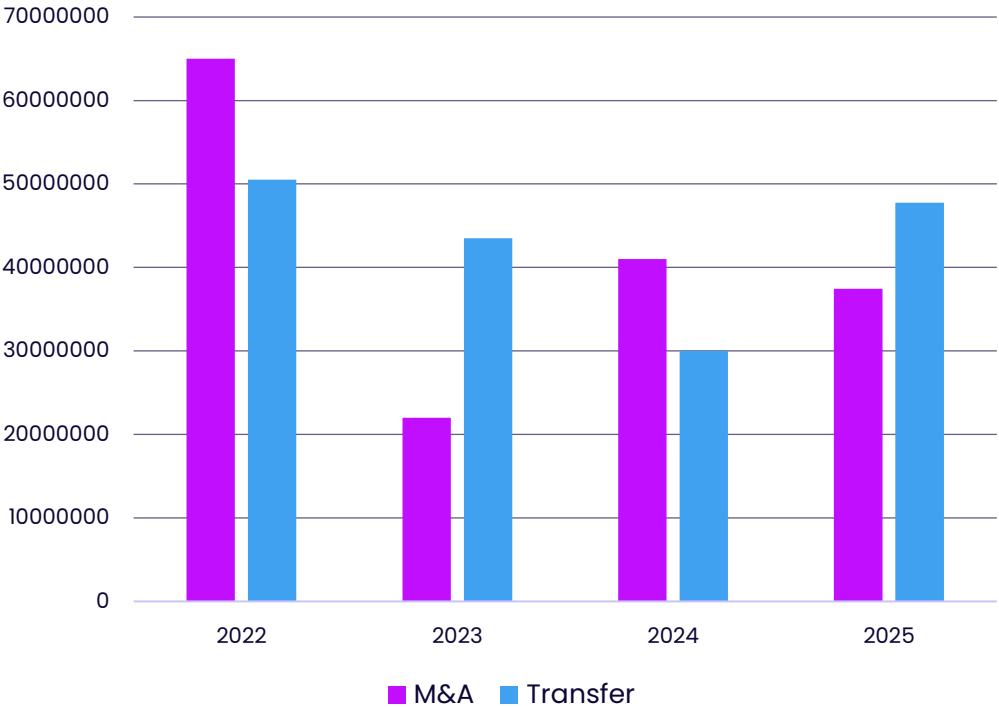
Abolished waiting
list in 2019



Transfer Market

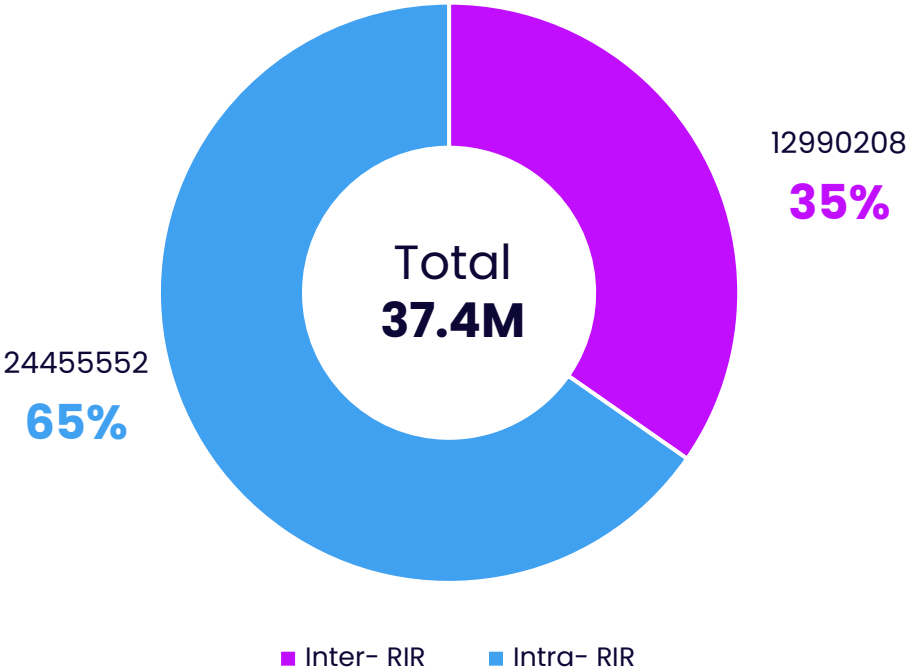
M&A and Transfer Volume Comparison

2022- 2025

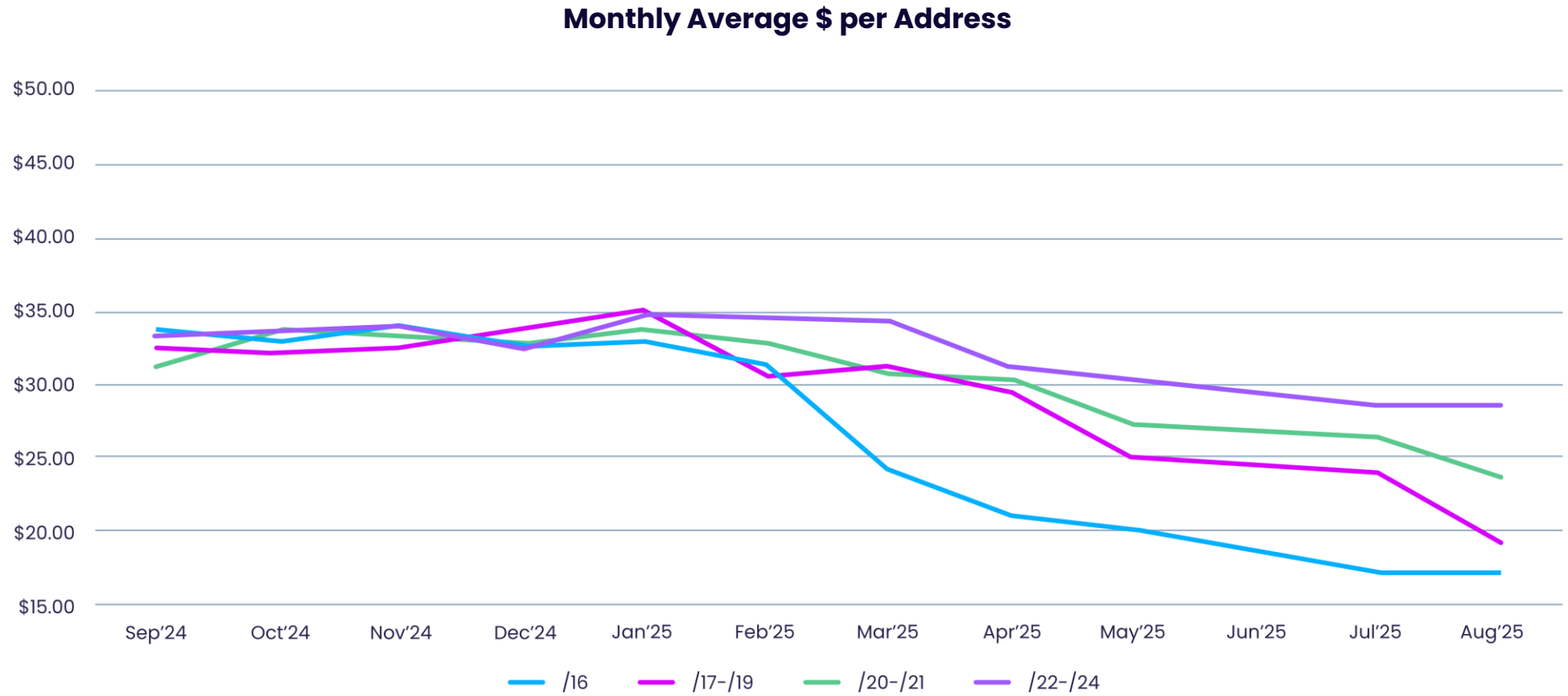


Inter vs Intra RIR transfers

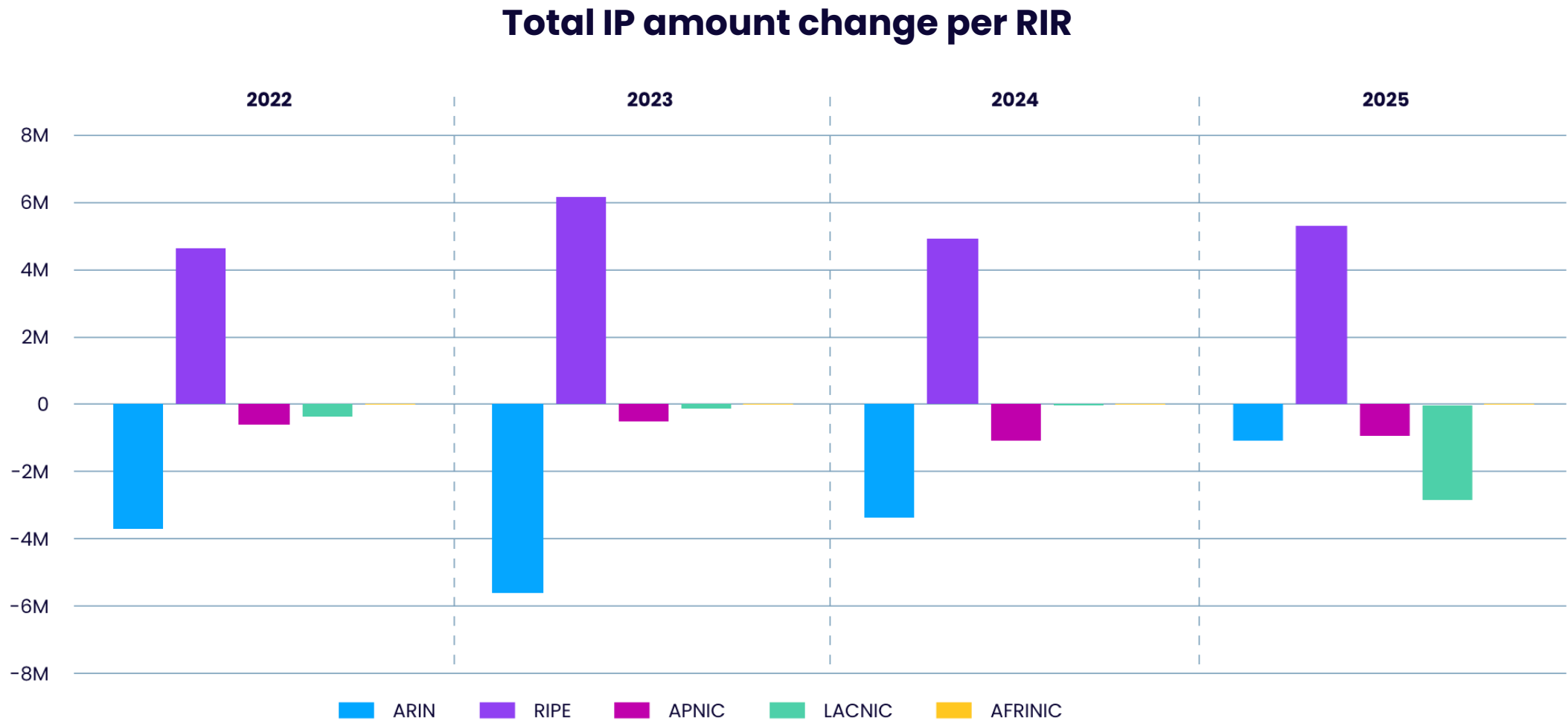
2025



Transfer price change



RIR IP amount change 2022-2024



The End of End-to-End

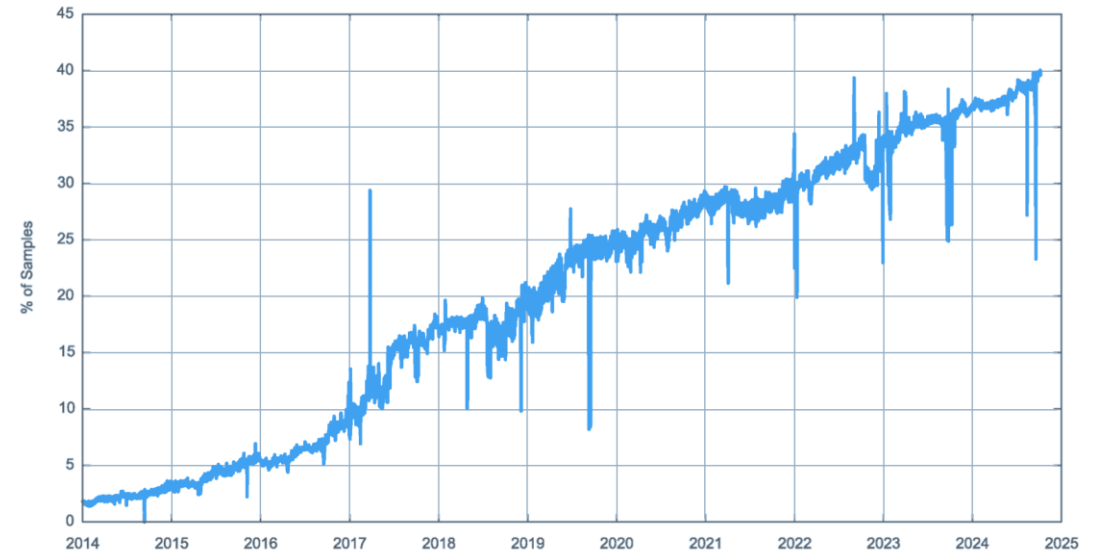
- NAT (Network Address Translation) now standard, not an exception
- Shared addressing lets billions more devices connect despite exhaustion
- “End-to-end” principle — every device with its own IP — is effectively gone



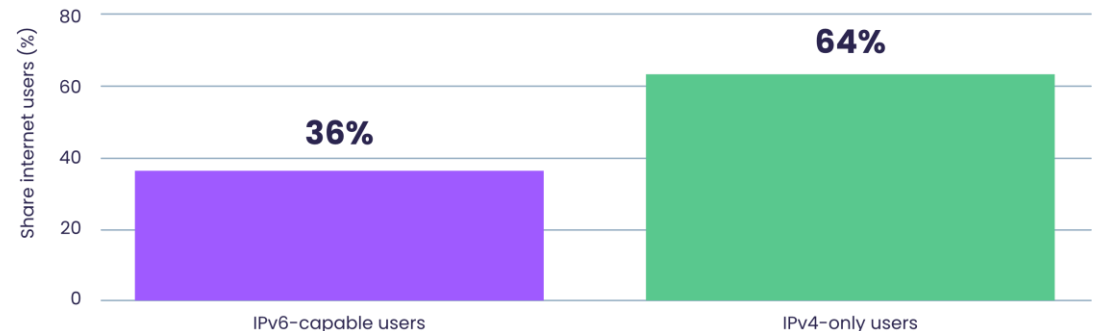
IPv6 vs IPv4: Still a Dual-Stack Internet

- Despite exhaustion, only **a bit over one-third** of users can reach IPv6-only services (2024 observation; trend continues into 2025).
- ~**20B** devices vs ~**3.1B** unique IPv4s
→ roughly **7 devices per IPv4** via NAT sharing.
- “End-to-end” addressing is no longer the default for most users—yet the Internet keeps working.

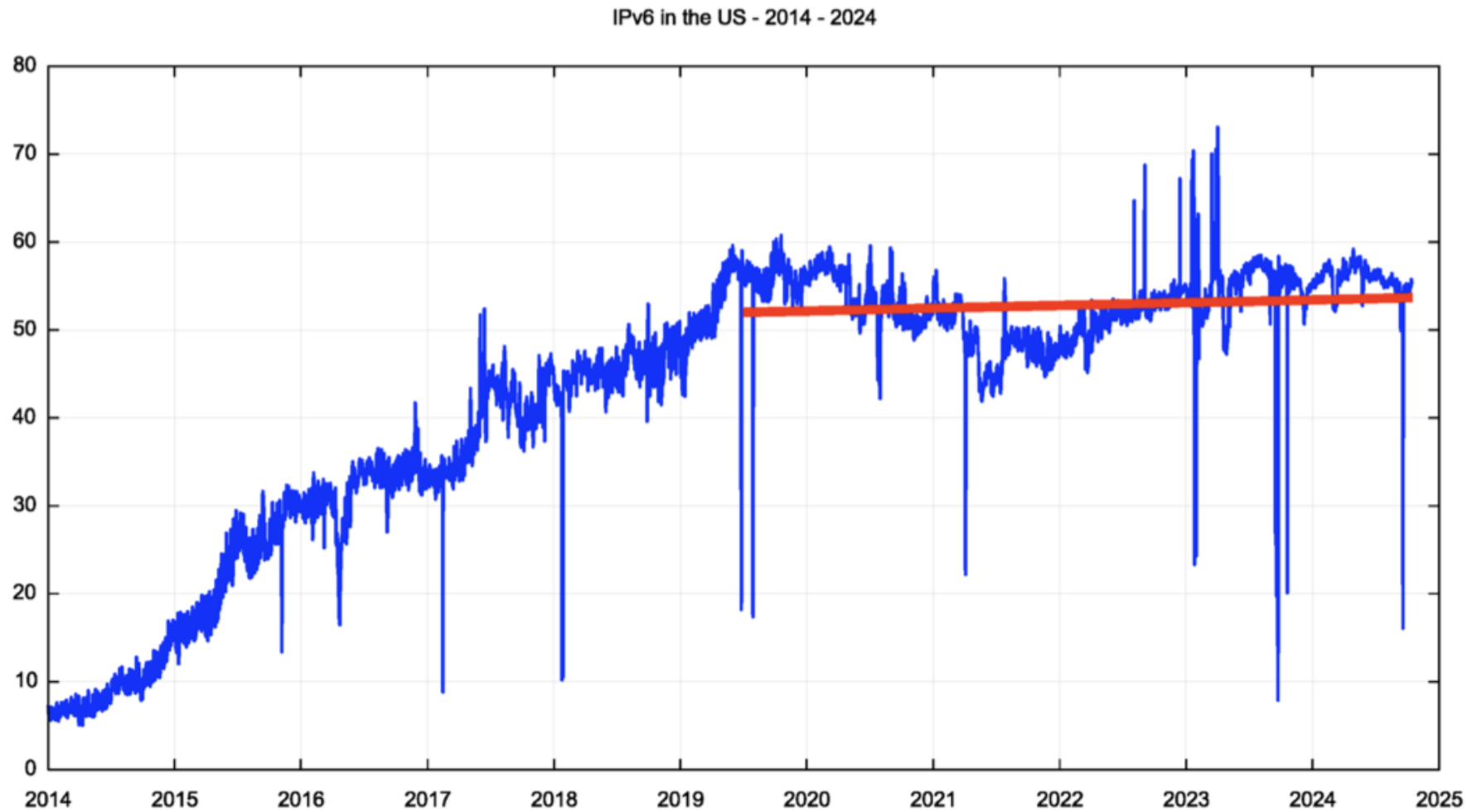
IPv6 Adoption – APNIC Labs data



IPv6 vs IPv4 Users (Huston, 2024 observation)



Curious case of USA IPv6 adoption



Why IPv6 Hasn't "Tipped" Yet

- **No immediate upside:** IPv6 is "IPv4 with bigger addresses" → little marginal benefit to operators.
- **Coordination problem:** apps ↔ hosts ↔ ISPs ↔ content all waited for each other.
- **Early pain:** auto-tunnels (6to4, Teredo) were unreliable → reputational drag.
- **NATs worked too well:** port multiplexing massively stretched IPv4.
- **Architecture shift:** DNS + TLS/SNI + CDNs push content to the edge—service identity is in **names**, not addresses.

**Prices Stabilized,
Demand Steady**



No Urgency Signal



“/16 blocks dropped below ~\$20/IP in mid-2025 due to increased supply.”

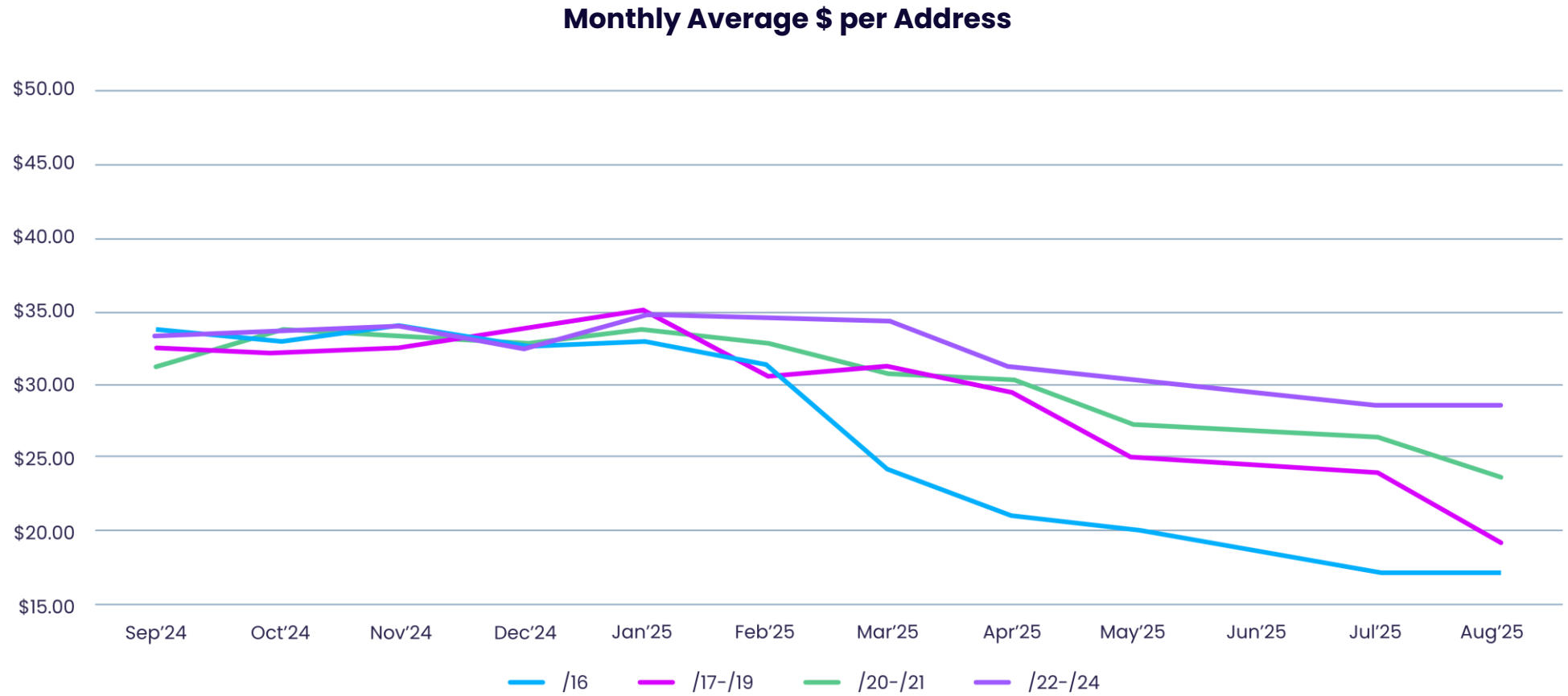


“Medium blocks pricing narrowing as sellers subdivide large blocks.”



“Transfer request rates remain strong—demand steady vs previous years.”

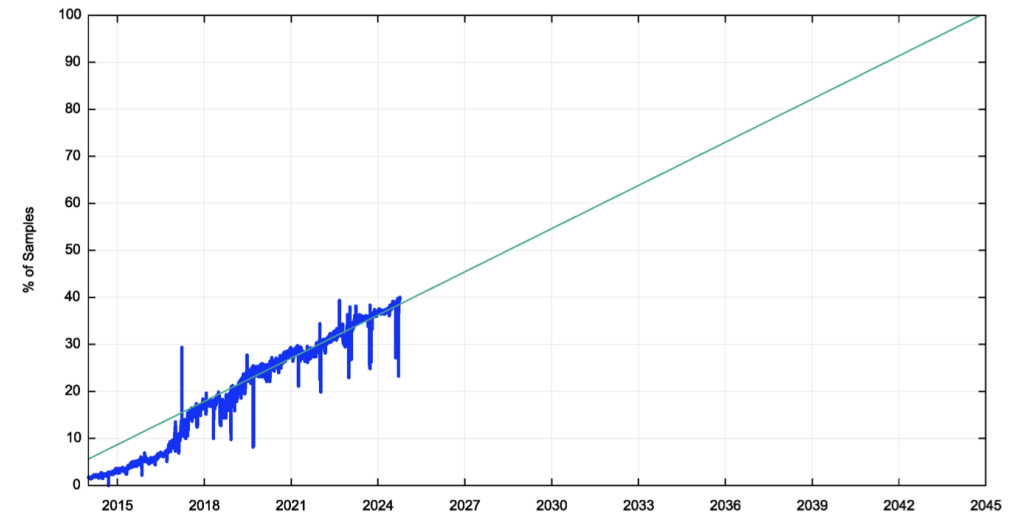
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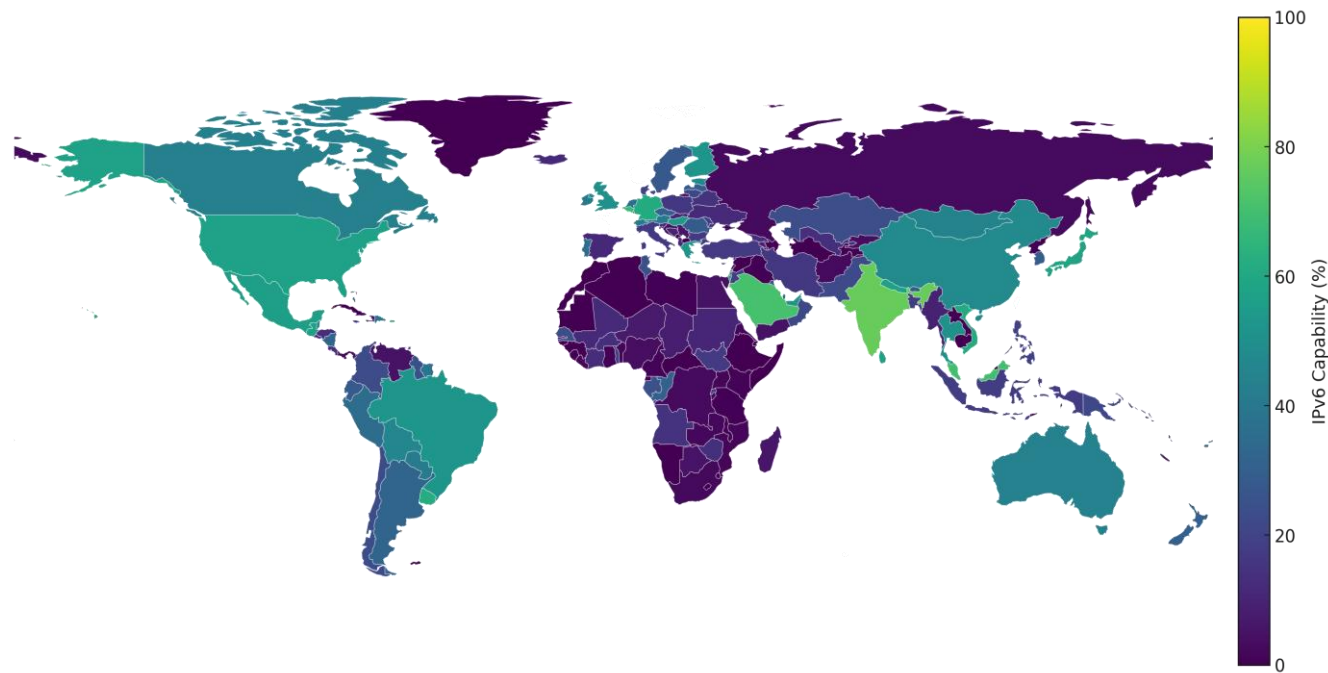
The Long Road to IPv6

- IPv6 adoption keeps climbing but slowly — ~ $\frac{1}{3}$ of users by 2025.
- At the current trend, **completion \approx late 2045**.
- Dual-stack isn't temporary — it may last another 20 years.
- Market and architecture shifts (NAT, CDNs, DNS/TLS) reduce urgency for IPv6.
- Leasing keeps IPv4 sustainable during this extended transition.

IPv6 Adoption (and Linear Projection) – APNIC Labs Data



Why IPv6 Hasn't "Tipped" Yet



IN India — 76.72%

FR France — 76.43%

SA Saudi Arabia — 70.89%

MY Malaysia — 70.05%

BE Belgium — 67.93%

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RO Romania — 28.64%

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LB Lebanon — 0.28%

KH Cambodia — 0.28%

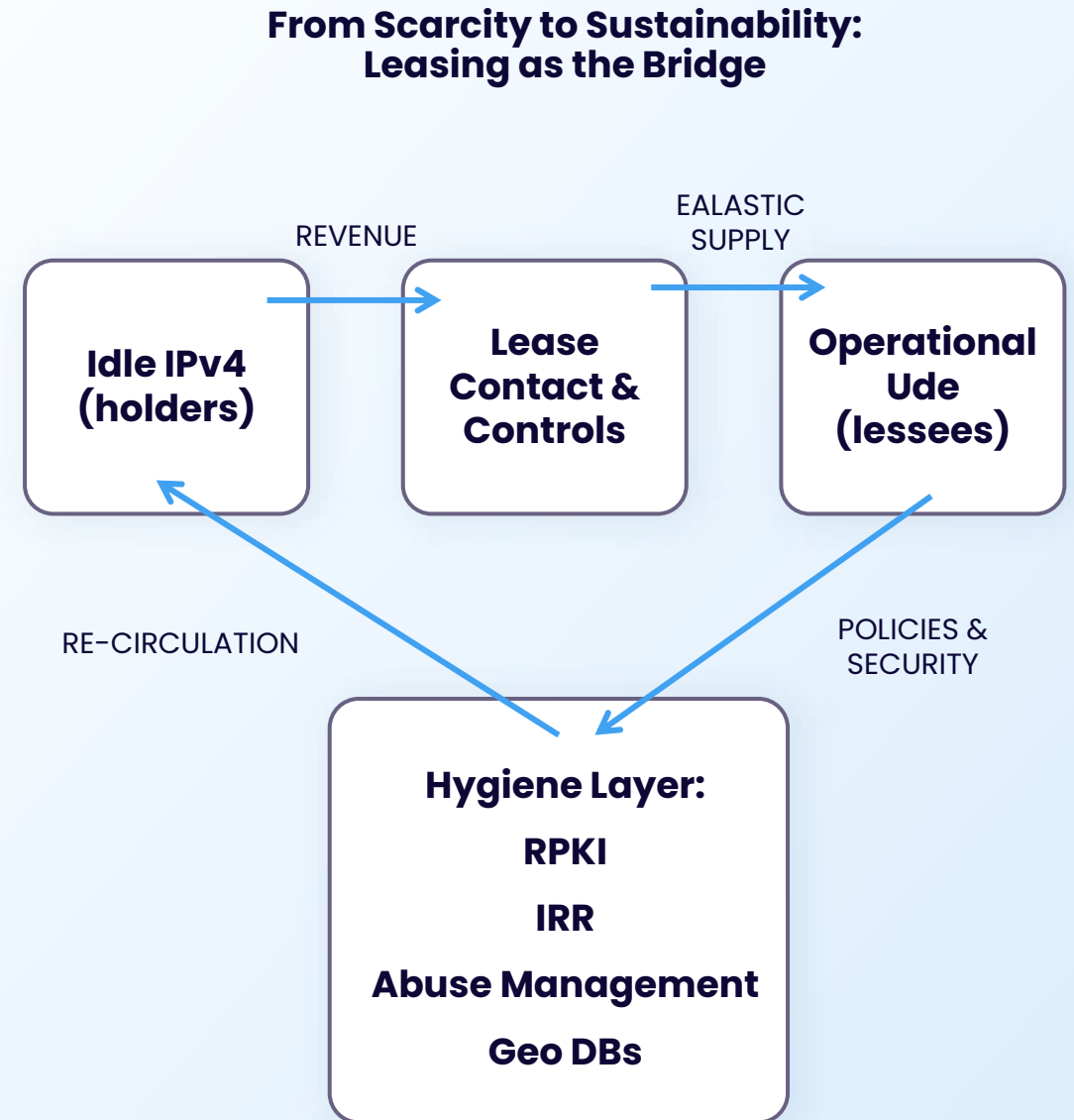
so Somalia — 0.25%

sy Syria — 0.22%

ET Ethiopia — 0.09%

Reduce, Reuse, Re-lease: Bridging to IPv6 Responsibly

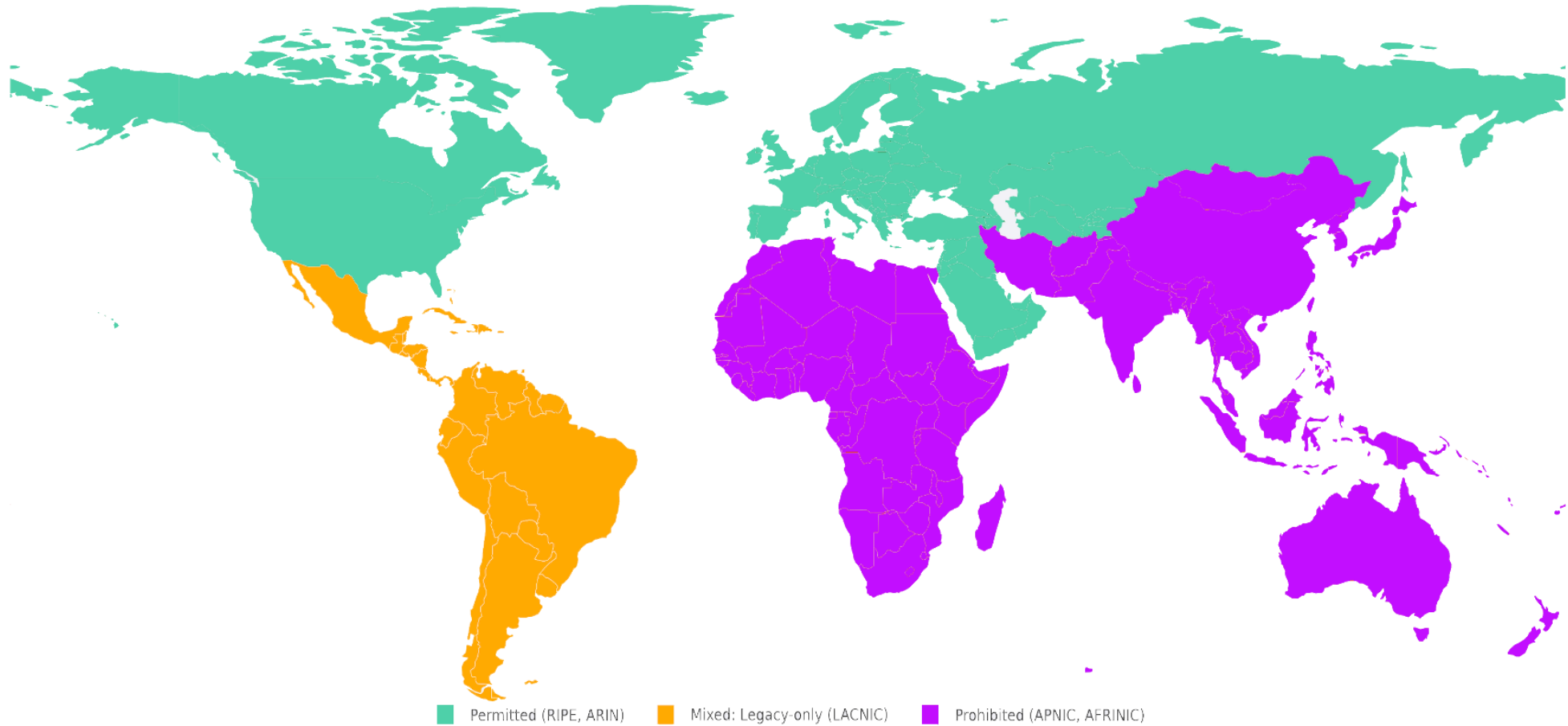
- Leasing **recirculates idle IPv4**—a pragmatic “renewable” mechanism while IPv6 adoption grows.
- **Holders:** keep the asset + recurring revenue, hedge long-term value.
- **Operators:** faster access, lower CAPEX, elastic scaling while deploying IPv6 where it’s easy.
- **Hygiene matters:** pair leasing with **RPKI, IRR, abuse controls, geo-DB management.**



RIR Policies on IPv4 Leasing (2025)

RIR	Policy Position	Can Monetize?	Notes
RIPE NCC	Permissive; temporary transfers allowed	✓ Yes	Must register transfers; only intra-RIR for temporary.
ARIN	Neutral; allowed but not counted for justification	✓ Yes	Leases don't qualify as "efficient use" for new requests.
APNIC	Prohibited; must be tied to connectivity	✗ No	Leasing = invalid; can revoke allocations.
LACNIC	Prohibited; must be tied to infrastructure	✗ No (except legacy)	Legacy resources (pre-LACNIC) can be leased.
AFRINIC	Prohibited; assignment only to end-users of LIRs	✗ No	Very strict; no leasing allowed.

RIR Policies on IPv4 Leasing (2025)



Where Leasing Works Today

CAN MONETIZE



CANNOT MONETIZE



CAN LEASE (as recipients)

Any region



addresses can be used globally

IPv4 is a universal resource, yet the regions most in need of growth are the same ones that prohibit leasing.

Leasing – Viable Alternative

IPv4 Leasing

Risks

- ✓ Abuse observability
- ✓ rDNS records validation
- ✓ KYC process
- ✓ ASN blocklists
- ✓ Risky industries
- ✓ IP Hijacking

Benefits

- ✓ Instant provisioning
- ✓ No CAPEX required
- ✓ WHOIS accuracy
- ✓ Addressing legacy space
- ✓ RPKI adoption
- ✓ More IPv4 in the market
- ✓ Extra revenue



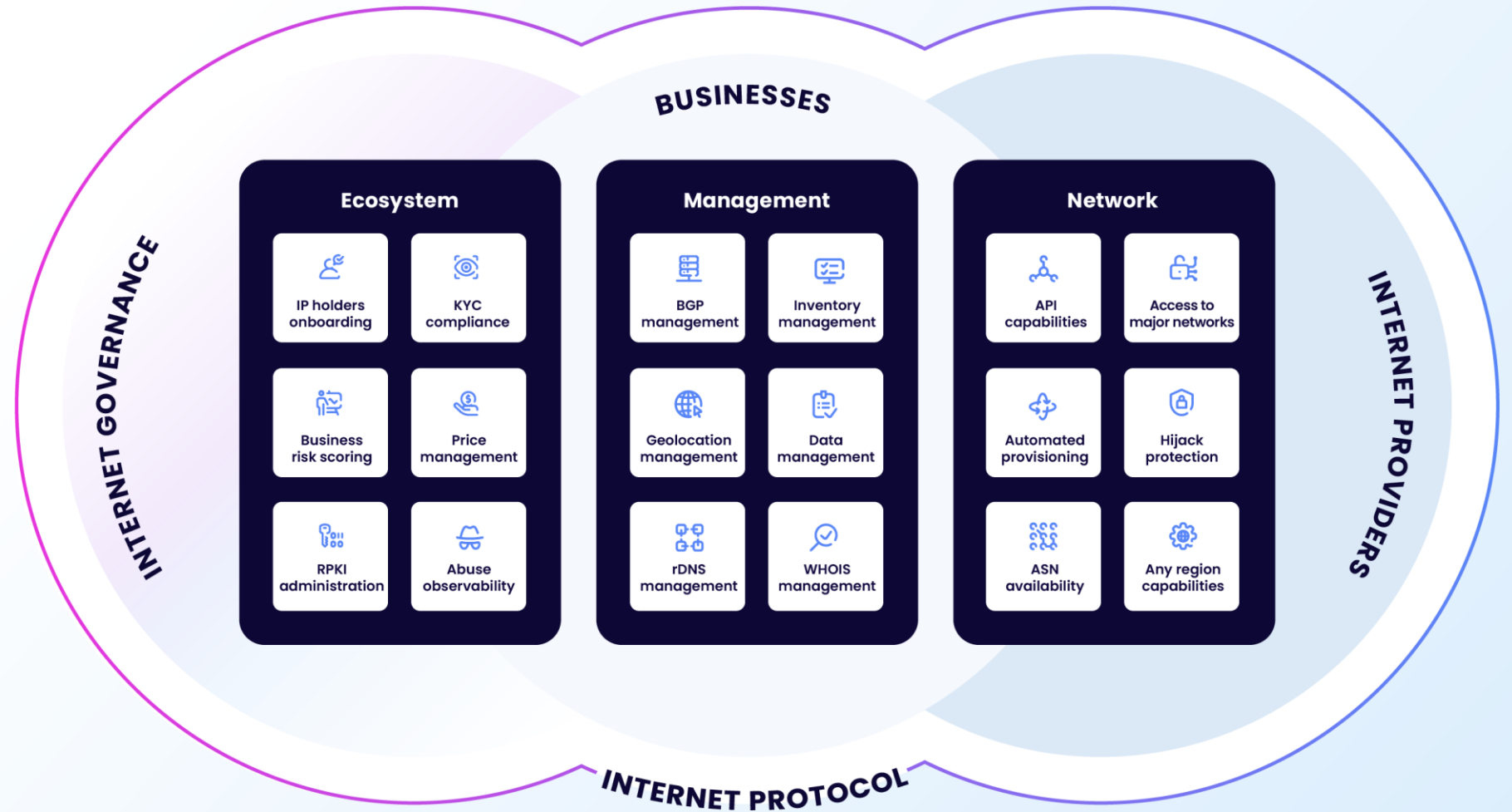
Launched in 2021 as a **US-patented network automation** solution to temporarily redeploy idle enterprise network assets to the fast-growing network operators at a fraction of a cost





Solution

Develop a unified platform connecting governance and Internet providers.



Our know-how leads the industry

8M+ IP addresses

80% IP utilization rate

400+ IP holders

1200+ IP lessees

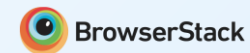
B2B customers only

First in the market

Certified and accredited



We are trusted by the world's leading brands



IP Monetization vs selling comparison

SALE

Pros

- ✓ One-time significant capital gains

Cons

- ✗ Losing the ownership
- ✗ Not benefiting from yield gains*
- ✗ Not a recurring revenue

MONETIZATION

Pros

- ✓ Retaining the ownership
- ✓ Benefiting from yield gains*
- ✓ Stable recurring revenue

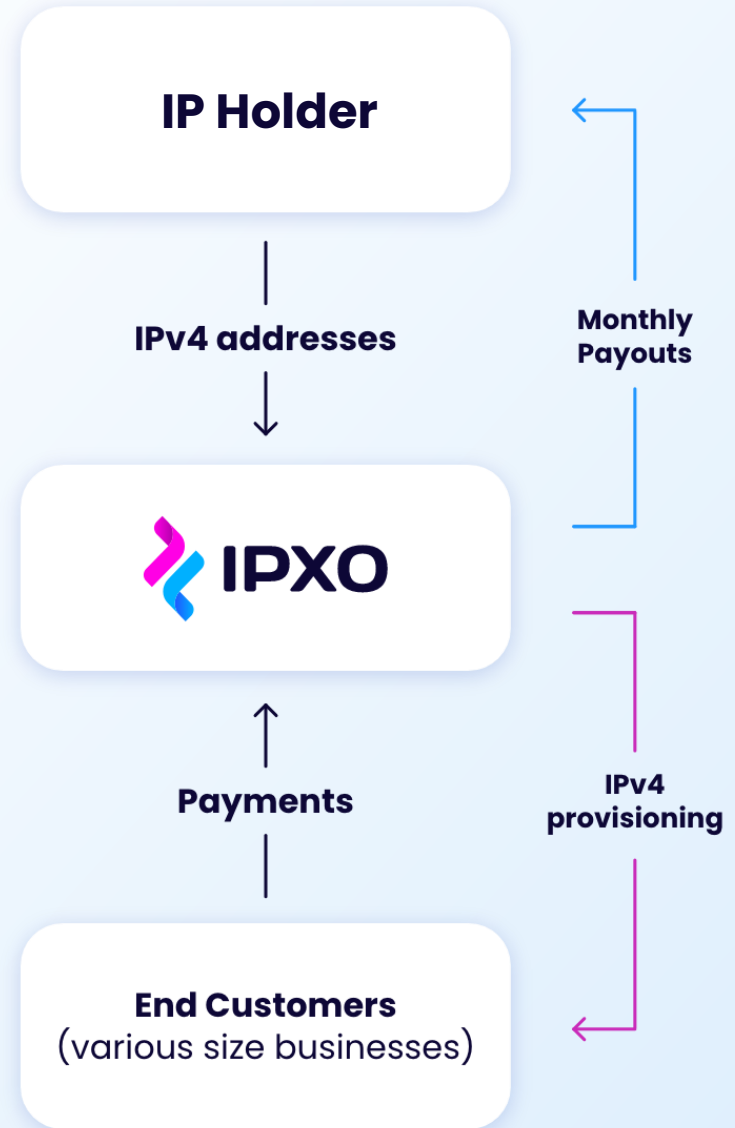
IPv4 monetization provides a stable revenue source, while IP holders benefit from yield gains on the global IPv4 price increase.

Based on global IPv4 pricing statistics, it takes 3 to 4 years of monetization before selling IPv4 assets to receive double the amount compared to selling IPv4 addresses from the start.

* On average, IPv4 addresses display 25% annual yield gains on IP price growth

The Process

The IPXO Platform is the first fully automated IP lease platform ensuring quick, easy and secure IPv4 Monetization.



Why chose IPXO ?



KYC Processes

Robust customer vetting procedures



Full Automation

Automated IP provisioning for end customers



IP Reputation Management

Full abuse observability and management



Geolocation Management

Automated Geolocation update mechanism for multiple databases



IP Hijack Protection

Preventing unauthorized IP access



Inventory Management

Maximizing IP holder's revenue



Lessee perspective key points



Flexibility to make changes

ROI when comparing Buy vs Lease

Fast access to IPs





Outlook for the future



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Continuous shortage of IPv4 addresses

Limited supply

Increased demand

Slow transition to IPv6

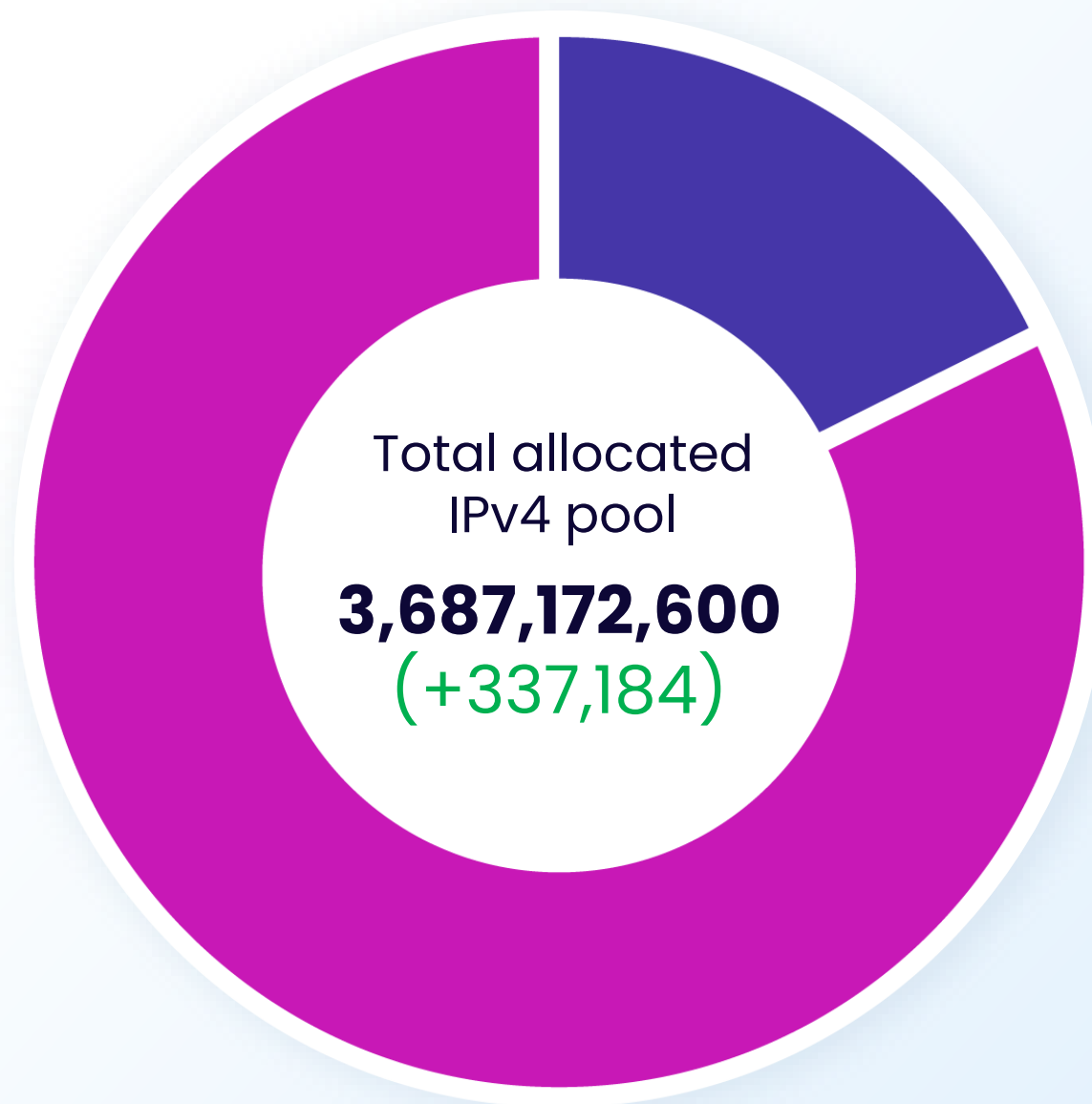
Economic factors



84.32%
(+1.97%)

**Total IPv4 address
space announced**

(3,108,847,232 IPv4)
(+72,380,144)



15.68%

(-1.97)

Not announced

(577,988,184 IPv4)

(- 72,717,328)

Q&A





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