

Table 5-13a. WILD FREE-ROAMING HORSE AND BURRO ADOPTIONS BY STATE, FISCAL YEAR 2020

Administrative State /a/	Animals Adopted			Animals Adopted		
	FY 1971 to FY 2019 /b/			FY 2020		
	<i>Horses</i>	<i>Burros</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Horses</i>	<i>Burros</i>	<i>Total</i>
Arizona	4,662	3,834	8,496	68	229	297
California	20,842	7,904	28,746	124	131	255
Colorado	8,580	1,127	9,707	138	75	213
Eastern States	67,448	15,850	83,298	723	106	829
Idaho	5,306	581	5,887	253	39	292
Montana	10,602	1,471	12,073	133	116	249
Nevada	15,123	1,142	16,265	60	21	81
New Mexico	25,229	4,348	29,577	935	482	1,417
Oregon	15,838	1,483	17,321	343	121	464
Utah	7,455	886	8,341	273	105	378
Wyoming	22,038	2,107	24,145	212	5	217
National Program Office	9,449	335	9,784	49	0	49
Total	212,572	41,068	253,640	3,311	1,430	4,741

Note: Mules are reported as burros.

/a/ Prior to 1996, adoptions were reported by geographic state. Since 1996, adoptions have been reported by the BLM administrative state. California administers the program in Hawaii; Eastern States Office administers the program in the 31 states east of and bordering on the Mississippi River, plus the District of Columbia; Montana administers the program in North Dakota and South Dakota; New Mexico administers the program in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas; Oregon administers the program in the State of Washington; and Wyoming administers the program in Nebraska.

/b/ Historical adoption numbers have been adjusted to account for animals that have been returned or re-adopted. Due to jurisdictional changes in the Wild Horse and Burro Program over the years, Nevada, New Mexico, Wyoming, and National Program Office adoption numbers have changed. Adoptions conducted in Elm Creek, Nebraska, and Palomino Valley and Fallon, Nevada, facilities were previously reported under the National Program Office. As of 2020, all adoptions for these facilities are credited to the administrative state where the facilities reside; Nebraska adoptions are credited to Wyoming, and Nevada adoptions are credited to Nevada.

Table 5-13c.

**WILD FREE-ROAMING HORSE AND BURRO SALES
BY STATE, FISCAL YEAR 2020**

Administrative State	Animals Sold /a/			Animals Sold /a/		
	FY 2005 to FY 2019 /b/			FY 2020		
	<i>Horses</i>	<i>Burros</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Horses</i>	<i>Burros</i>	<i>Total</i>
Arizona	243	163	406	144	198	342
California	722	489	1,211	254	78	332
Colorado	1,271	33	1,304	7	0	7
Eastern States	1,977	219	2,196	447	26	473
Idaho	47	4	51	17	4	21
Montana	152	17	169	20	4	24
Nevada	922	164	1,086	14	4	18
New Mexico	885	138	1,023	152	2	154
Oregon	187	2	189	3	1	4
Utah	376	166	542	19	8	27
Wyoming	555	69	624	12	1	13
National Program Office	1,311	0	1,311	4	0	4
Total	8,648	1,464	10,112	1,094	326	1,419

Note: Mules are reported as burros.

/a/ The Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971 was amended in FY 2005 to allow the sale of animals 11 years and older and those that have been offered for adoption three times and were not adopted.

/b/ Due to jurisdictional changes in the Wild Horse and Burro Program in 2020, Nevada, Wyoming, and National Program Office sale numbers have changed. Sales conducted in Elm Creek, Nebraska, and Palomino Valley and Fallon, Nevada, facilities were previously reported under the National Program Office. As of 2020, all sales for these facilities are credited to the administrative state where the facilities reside; Nebraska sales are credited to Wyoming, and Nevada sales are credited to Nevada.

Table 5-13d.

**WILD FREE-ROAMING HORSE AND BURRO
TRANSFERS, FISCAL YEAR 2020**

Transferee	Animals Transferred /a/			Animals Transferred /a/		
	FY 2018 to FY 2019			FY 2020		
	<i>Horses</i>	<i>Burros</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Horses</i>	<i>Burros</i>	<i>Total</i>
United States Border Patrol	5	0	5	3	0	3
United States Marine Corps	1	0	1	0	0	0
United States Forest Service	4	0	4	0	0	0
United States Army	2	0	2	0	0	0
Total	12	0	12	3	0	3

Note: Mules are reported as burros.

/a/ Congress authorized the BLM to transfer excess wild horses and burros to federal, state, and local government agencies for use as work animals in Division G, Title I, Section 116 (Humane Transfer of Excess Animals) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017. This authorization must be approved annually through Congressional Appropriation.

Table 5-13b. WILD FREE-ROAMING HORSE AND BURRO REMOVALS BY STATE, FISCAL YEAR 2020

Administrative State	Animals Removed /a/			Animals Removed /b/		
	FY 1971 to FY 2019			FY 2020		
	<i>Horses</i>	<i>Burros</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Horses</i>	<i>Burros</i>	<i>Total</i>
Arizona	276	13,051	13,327	37	977	1,014
California	17,905	10,559	28,464	199	165	364
Colorado	4,583	0	4,583	20	0	20
Idaho	3,570	0	3,570	311	0	311
Montana	497	3	500	0	0	0
Nevada	140,834	9,497	150,331	6,006	456	6,462
New Mexico	709	11	720	0	0	0
Oregon	19,484	64	19,548	249	0	249
Utah	15,419	442	15,861	2,036	45	2,081
Wyoming	40,626	3	40,629	512	0	512
Total	243,903	33,630	277,533	9,370	1,643	11,013

Note: Mules are reported as burros.

/a/ Historical removal numbers from U.S. Forest Service land are incorporated in BLM administrative state totals.

/b/ Removal numbers for FY 2020 include 314 animals removed from U.S. Forest Service land: 176 in California, 44 in Nevada, and 94 in Utah.