## Wild Horse and Burro Removal, Adoption, Population, AML Table – 1971-2007

| Year | Horse Removal | Horse Adoption | Horse Popula-tion | PVT Horses Claimed | Total Horse Popula-tion | Total AML | Burro Remo-val | Burro Adoption | PVT Burros Claimed | Total Burro Population | Total Removed | % of Total Popula-tion | Total Adopted | Total WH&B Popula-tion |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11/71 | 45 | 45 | 17,300 | | 17,300 | | 0 | 0 | | 8,045 | | 0.00% | 45 | 25,345 |
| 1/73 | 23 | 23 | | | | | 0 | 0 | | | | 0.00% | 23 | 25,345 |
| 1/74 | 1,681 | 30 | 25,501 | 17,165 | 42,666 | | 33 | 1 | 123 | 14,374 | 33 | 0.08% | 31 | 39,875 |
| 1/75 | 644 | 244 | 29,957 | 14,094 | 44,051 | | 0 | 0 | | | 644 | 2.15% | 244 | 29,957 |
| 1/76 | 1,503 | 965 | 42,287 | 11,023 | 53,310 | | 37 | 24 | 84 | 6,790 | 1,540 | 3.14% | 989 | 49,077 |
| 1/77 | 2,752 | 2,618 | 47,992 | 10,337 | 58,329 | | 225 | 214 | | | 2,977 | 6.20% | 2,832 | 47,992 |
| 1/78 | 6,006 | 4,901 | 44,380 | 9,650 | 54,030 | | 796 | 650 | 147 | 9,160 | 6,802 | 12.70% | 5,551 | 53,540 |
| 1/79 | 5,289 | 4,094 | 47,967 | 5,779 | 53,746 | | 782 | 605 | | | 6,071 | 12.66% | 4,699 | 47,967 |
| 1/80 | 8,326 | 7,097 | 50,467 | 1,907 | 52,374 | | 1,284 | 1,009 | | 12,171 | 9,610 | 15.34% | 8,106 | 62,638 |
| **FY** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1981 | 8,362 | 8,835 | 52,198 | | 52,198 | | 2,944 | 2,495 | | | 11,306 | 21.66% | 11,330 | 52,198 |
| 1982 | 7,079 | 5,307 | 44,930 | | 44,930 | | 2,281 | 1,630 | | 11,870 | 9,360 | 16.48% | 6,937 | 56,800 |
| 1983 | 5,017 | 3,592 | 48,899 | | 48,899 | | 1,641 | 1,503 | | | 6,658 | 13.62% | 5,095 | 48,899 |
| 1984 | 4,999 | 4,286 | 48,998 | | 48,998 | 20,600 | 1,085 | 1,205 | | 11,358 | 6,084 | 10.08% | 5,491 | 60,356 |
| 1985 | 17,399 | 8,091 | 42,127 | | 42,127 | 20,600 | 1,560 | 1,463 | | 7,808 | 18,959 | 37.97% | 9,554 | 49,935 |
| 1986 | 8,843 | 6,332 | 38,139 | | 38,139 | 20,600 | 1,283 | 1,268 | | 6,624 | 10,126 | 22.62% | 7,600 | 44,763 |
| 1987 | 10,248 | 11,621 | 37,822 | | 37,822 | 20,600 | 1,273 | 1,155 | | 5,464 | 11,521 | 26.62% | 12,776 | 43,286 |
| 1988 | 8,312 | 9,473 | 37,621 | | 37,621 | 27,080 | 1,008 | 1,173 | | 4,726 | 9,320 | 22.01% | 10,646 | 42,347 |
| 1989 | 3,586 | 4,325 | 41,774 | | 41,774 | 27,080 | 876 | 895 | | 4,775 | 4,462 | 9.59% | 5,220 | 46,549 |
| 1990 | 4,450 | 3,654 | 40,745 | | 40,745 | 26,812 | 600 | 636 | | 4,796 | 5,050 | 11.09% | 4,290 | 45,541 |
| 1991 | 6,395 | 5,307 | 44,080 | | 44,080 | 26,812 | 613 | 660 | | 6,617 | 7,008 | 13.82% | 5,967 | 50,697 |
| 1992 | 5,806 | 7,312 | 46,501 | | 46,501 | 25,992 | 857 | 783 | | 8,303 | 6,663 | 12.16% | 8,095 | 54,804 |
| 1993 | 6,947 | 6,103 | 38,962 | | 38,962 | 25,992 | 1,598 | 1,148 | | 7,500 | 8,545 | 18.39% | 7,251 | 46,462 |
| 1994 | 7,073 | 6,810 | 33,659 | | 33,659 | 25,992 | 795 | 1,057 | | 8,751 | 7,868 | 18.55% | 7,867 | 42,410 |
| 1995 | 7,355 | 7,706 | 35,588 | | 35,588 | 25,992 | 1,931 | 1,949 | | 8,005 | 9,286 | 21.30% | 9,655 | 43,593 |
| 1996 | 7,369 | 6,821 | 35,286 | | 35,286 | 23,554 | 1,996 | 1,253 | | 6,852 | 9,365 | 22.22% | 8,074 | 42,138 |
| 1997 | 8,337 | 6,993 | 37,615 | | 37,615 | 23,554 | 2,106 | 1,699 | | 5,422 | 10,443 | 24.27% | 8,692 | 43,037 |
| 1998 | 5,983 | 6,507 | 39,470 | | 39,470 | 23,554 | 406 | 1,337 | | 5,025 | 6,389 | 14.36% | 7,844 | 44,495 |
| 1999 | 4,950 | 5,745 | 40,705 | | 40,705 | 23,554 | 1,054 | 1,033 | | 5,263 | 6,004 | 13.06% | 6,778 | 45,968 |
| 2000 | 7,004 | 5,080 | 42,113 | | 42,113 | 25,280 | 1,627 | 1,122 | | 5,263 | 8,631 | 18.22% | 6,202 | 47,376 |

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| 2002 | 10,822 | 5,987 | 34,496 | | 34,496 | 24,623 | 1,207 | 1,759 | | 4,319 | 12,029 | 30.99% | 7,746 | 38,815 |
| 2003 | 8,865 | 4,982 | 32,145 | | 32,145 | 28,849 | 1,216 | 1,183 | | 5,041 | 10,081 | | 6,165 | 37,186 |
| 2004 | 9,252 | 5,699 | 32,290 | | 32,290 | 28,468 | 647 | 945 | | 4,845 | 9,899 | | 6,644 | 37,135 |
| 2005 | 10,650 | 5,193 | 27,369 | | 27,369 | 28,186 | 373 | 508 | | 4,391 | 11,023 | | 5,701 | 31,760 |
| 2006 | 8,789 | 4,404 | 27,593 | | 27,593 | 27,512 | 768 | 1,137 | | 3,613 | 10,399 | | 5,541 | 31,201 |
| 2007 | 6,626 | 3,894 | 26,024 | | 26,024 | 27,492 | 1,100 | 878 | | 2,874 | 7726 | | 4,772 | 28,898 |

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| 1974-1979 | Estimated removal/species based on known total removal. Populations include private horses and burros claimed. |
| 1975, 77, 79, 81, 83 | Interpolated population based on recruitment of 20% and removals. |
| 1984-2000 | Population figures are taken from the end of year statistics calculated to September 30 of that year. |
| 2000 | Reporting for current population numbers changed in FY 2000. Populations are reported as of March 1, so they include recruitment but not the foal crop for the current populations. AML is also displayed as the upper limit. Removals and adoptions are reported at the end of the FY. |
| 1983 | **All firm figures are from the Report to Congress.** |
| 1971 | Estimated populations at time of passage of the Act. |
| 1976 | Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) authorized helicopter gathers and initiated the Adopt-a-Wild Horse or Burro program. |
| 1978 | Public Rangelands Improvement Act (PRIA) allowed titling of adopted animals. |
| 1980-1981 | No set standard adoption fee. Transportation and veterinarian fees were paid by the adopter. |
| 1982 | Burford policy; moratorium on the destruction of excess unadopted horses. |
| 1983 | Adoption fee set at $125 plus transportation. |
| 1985 | Congress directed BLM to triple removals. Standard adoption fee set at $125. |

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| 1987-1988 | Fee waiver adoptions. Interior Appropriations Rider states no funds can be expended on the destruction of healthy unadoptable horses. |
| 1989-1990 | Removal impacted by appeals from humane groups to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA). |
| 1994 | Desert Protection Act passed. |
| 1998-1999 | BLM limited removals and concentrated on adoptions to move animals out of holding facilities. |
| 2001 | First year of the 4-year Wild Horse and Burro Initiative. |