

Wild Horse & Burro Statistics - FY 2003

**WILD FREE-ROAMING HORSE AND BURRO REMOVAL  
AND ADOPTION BY OFFICE, FISCAL YEAR 2003**

Administrative Office /a/	Animals Adopted				Animals Removed	
	FY 1972 - FY 2002		FY 2003		FY 2003	
	Horses	Burros	Horses	Burros	Horses	Burros
Alaska	65	11	0	0	0	0
Arizona	3,126	1,456	174	128	0	444
California /b/	15,168	5,199	788	258	1,106	624
Colorado	6,242	808	150	38	3	0
Eastern States /b/	55,459	14,823	1,904	357	0	0
Idaho	6,200	405	103	21	16	0
Montana /b/	16,350	1,664	134	41	14	0
Nevada	4,039	570	121	3	3,938	148
New Mexico /b/	26,021	3,823	853	163	0	0
Oregon /b/	10,401	1,452	225	62	303	0
Utah	5,951	403	141	28	375	0
Wyoming /b/	10,523	1,216	188	1	3,110	0
Natl. Program Office	1,449	248	201	83	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>160,994</b>	<b>32,078</b>	<b>4,982</b>	<b>1,183</b>	<b>8,865</b>	<b>1,216</b>

**Total Adopted, Fiscal Years 1972 through 2002: 193,072**

**Total Adopted, Fiscal Year 2003: 6,165**

**Total Removed, Fiscal Year 2003: 10,081**

**FOOTNOTES**

Note: The table reflects reassignments, which occur when adopted animals are returned to the Federal government and then re-adopted. Mules are reported as burros.

/a/ Adoptions were previously reported by geographic state, including the District of Columbia. Beginning in 1996, consistent with removals of wild horses and burros, adoptions were reported by the administrative state conducting the adoption. Beginning in 1999, adoptions are also being reported by administrative offices, i.e., adoptions conducted in the national centers in Palomino Valley, Nevada, and Elm Creek, Nebraska, are now reported under National Program Office.

/b/ California administers the program in Hawaii; Eastern States Office administers the wild horse and burro program in the 31 States east of and bordering on the Mississippi River and the District of Columbia; Montana administers the program in North 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.