

TABLE 5-5. Wild free-roaming horse and burro removals and adoptions by State, fiscal year 1996

Administrative State	Animals adopted				Animals removed	
	FY 1972 to FY 1995		FY 1996		FY 1996	
	Horses	Burros	Horses	Burros	Horses	Burros
Alaska . . . . .	62	11				
Arizona . . . . .	1,799	991	68	21	7	422
California . . . . .	10,634	3,925	401	81	257	132
Colorado . . . . .	3,858	439	452	54	640	
Eastern States . . . . .	39,469	10,027	2,911	716		
Idaho . . . . .	4,559	205	198	2	84	
Montana . . . . .	14,320	1,407	497	64	2	
Nevada . . . . .	3,412	495	104	12	4,497	1,387
New Mexico . . . . .	21,111	2,624	804	158	6	
Oregon . . . . .	7,925	1,141	278	13	344	
Utah . . . . .	3,857	225	326	53	221	55
Wyoming . . . . .	6,801	809	782	79	1,311	
Total . . . . .	117,807	22,299	6,821	1,253	7,369	1,996
Total adopted, fiscal years 1972 through 1995: 140,106						
Total adopted, fiscal year 1996: 8,074						
Total removed, fiscal year 1996: 9,365						

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

Adoptions were previously reported by geographic state, including the District of Columbia. Beginning in 1996, consistent with removals of wild horses and burros, adoptions are reported by the administrative state having jurisdiction over the animal.

Eastern States Office administers the wild horse and burro program in the 31 States east of and bordering on the Mississippi River. Wyoming administers the program in Nebraska. 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. California administers the program in Hawaii.