

TABLE 5-5. Wild free-roaming horse and burro removal and adoption by State, fiscal year 1997

Administrative State	Animals Adopted				Animals Removed	
	FY 1972 to FY 1996		FY 1997		FY 1997	
	Horses	Burros	Horses	Burros	Horses	Burros
Alaska . . . . .	62	11	2			
Arizona . . . . .	1,867	1,012	143	47	8	907
California . . . . .	11,035	4,006	448	111	76	860
Colorado . . . . .	4,310	493	312	56	24	
Eastern States . . . . .	42,380	10,743	2,659	993		
Idaho . . . . .	4,757	207	336	14		
Montana . . . . .	14,817	1,471	431	46	1	
Nevada . . . . .	3,516	507	179	28	5,957	338
New Mexico . . . . .	21,915	2,782	861	230	8	
Oregon . . . . .	8,203	1,154	453	15	455	1
Utah . . . . .	4,183	278	496	26	365	
Wyoming . . . . .	7,583	888	673	133	1,443	
Total . . . . .	124,628	23,552	6,993	1,699	8,337	2,106

Total adopted, fiscal years 1972 through 1996: 148,180

Total adopted, fiscal year 1997: 8,692

Total removed, fiscal year 1997: 10,443

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.