

Table 4b: Northern Rocky Mountain minimum year-end wolf population and breeding pairs* by State, 1980-2011.

(Includes only those within the Northern Rocky Mountain Distinct Population Segment. See Figure 1.)

Minimum Year-End Wolf Population by State:

Year	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11
State																																
MT	1	2	8	6	6	13	15	10	14	12	33	29	41	55	48	66	70	56	49	74	97	123	183	182	152	256	316	422	497	524	566	653
WY																21	40	86	112	107	153	189	217	234	272	252	311	359	302	320	343	328
ID																14	42	71	114	156	187	251	263	345	422	512	673	732	856	870	777	746
OR																													14	21	29	
WA																														5	16	18
UT																															0	0
TOTAL	1	2	8	6	6	13	15	10	14	12	33	29	41	55	48	101	152	213	275	337	437	563	663	761	846	1020	1300	1513	1655	1733	1723	1774

Breeding Pairs by State:

Year	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11
State																																
MT							1	2	1	1	3	2	4	4	5	6	7	5	5	7	8	7	17	10	15	19	21	39	34	37	35	39
WY																2	4	9	6	7	12	13	18	16	25	16	25	25	22	27	27	27
ID																	3	6	10	10	10	14	13	28	26	36	41	43	39	49	46	40
OR																														1	2	1
WA																														1	1	2
UT																															0	0
TOTAL							1	2	1	1	3	2	4	4	5	8	14	20	21	24	30	34	48	54	66	71	87	107	95	115	111	109

* By the standards of the Rocky Mountain Gray Wolf Recovery Plan and wolf reintroduction environmental impact statement, a breeding pair is defined as an adult male and an adult female wolf, accompanied by 2 pups that survived at least until Dec 31. Recovery goals call for 10 breeding pairs per area, or a total of 30 breeding pairs distributed through the 3 areas, for 3 years.

NOTE: Each year, wolf packs discovered in the current year that contain ≥ 2 yearlings and ≥ 2 adults are added to the previous year's breeding pair and population totals; similarly, if evidence in the current year indicates that < 2 pups or < 2 adults survived on December 31 of the previous year, that wolf pack is deleted from the previous year's breeding pair counts and population totals. Therefore, breeding pair counts and population totals are updated in current annual reports.