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## California Condor Recovery Program

### 2025 Annual Population Status

As of December 31, 2025

**Total World Population**                      **607**

(2024 = 570; 2023= 561; 2022=564)

**Wild Population**                                      **392**

(2024 = 373; 2023=344; 2022=350)

**AZ /UT Wild**                      **98**

**CA Wild**                              **216**

    Southern CA                      99

    Central CA                      117

**PNW wild\***                      **25**

**Baja Wild**                              **53**



\*The Pacific Northwest population is an experimental, non-essential population that is spatially disjunct from the "CA Wild" population (comprised of the Southern and Central CA flocks) and is not included in the CA Wild Population total.

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**Number of Wild-fledged Chicks 16\***

(2024 = 20; 2023 = 14)

- AZ/UT 5 (2024=3; 2023=3)
- CA 10 (CECA=5; SOCA=5) (2024 = 12; 2023=8)
- Baja 1 (2024 =5; 2023=3)
- PNW 0 (breeding has not occurred)

\*Includes remote nests based on parental behavior and two nest observed to fledge early in January 2026

**Captive Released to the Wild in 2025 46**

(2024=56; 2023=27)

- AZ/UT 18 (2024=24; 2023=0)
- CA 20 (SOCA 7\*; CECA 13\*\*) (2024=23; 2023=17)
- Baja 0 (2023=7)
- PNW 8 (2023=3)

\*Includes one returned to captivity for behavioral reasons

\*\*Two released in early January 2026 are included in 2025 release and wild population totals

**Total Captive Population: 215**

(Includes breeding birds, birds on exhibit, pre-release captive chicks, non-releasable birds, birds returned for behavioral reasons)

Captive breeding occurs at the Peregrine Fund's World Center for Birds of Prey, Los Angeles Zoo, San Diego Zoo and Safari Park and Oregon Zoo in the U.S, and Chapultepec Zoo in Mexico City, Mexico.

2025 Captive breeding pairs	54	(52 U.S.; 2 in Mexico.)
Eggs laid in 2025	67	(66 U.S.; 1 Mexico)
Available chicks for placement in 2026	45 (67% of eggs laid)	(44 U.S.; 1 Mexico)

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**2025 Deaths in the Wild Free-flying Population 22**

(2024= 43; 2023 = 58 including 21 lost in AZ / UT HPAI outbreak)

AZ/UT 8 (2024= 25; 2023=34)

Wild CA 13 (2024=16; 2023=22)

SOCA 5 (2024=8; 2023=10)

CECA 8 (2024= 8; 2023=12)

PNW 1 (2024=0; 2023=0)

Baja 0 (2024=2; 2023=2)

**2025 Causes of Death in the Wild Free-flying Population**

Lead Poisoning: 9 (2024=13; 2023=8)

- AZ/UT 3
- SOCA 1
- CECA 4
- PNW 1

Pending final necropsy: 9

Shooting: 1 (2024=2; 2023=1; 2022=2)

Power line: 1 (0=2024)

Disease/Infection: 0 (2024=0; 2023=21 HPAI)

Trauma: 0 (2024 =3; 2023=2)

Other Poisoning: 0 (2024=1; 2023=1)

Predation: 1 (2023=1)

Entanglement: 0

Drowning/entrapment: 0

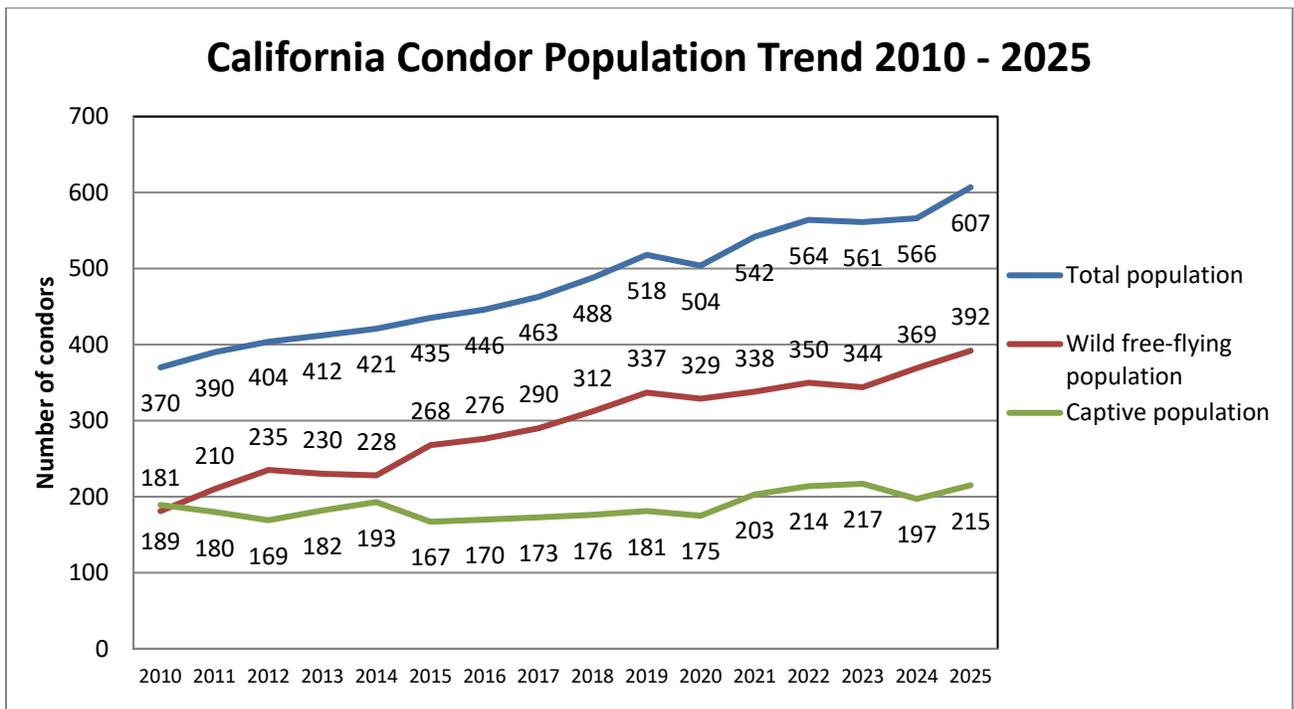
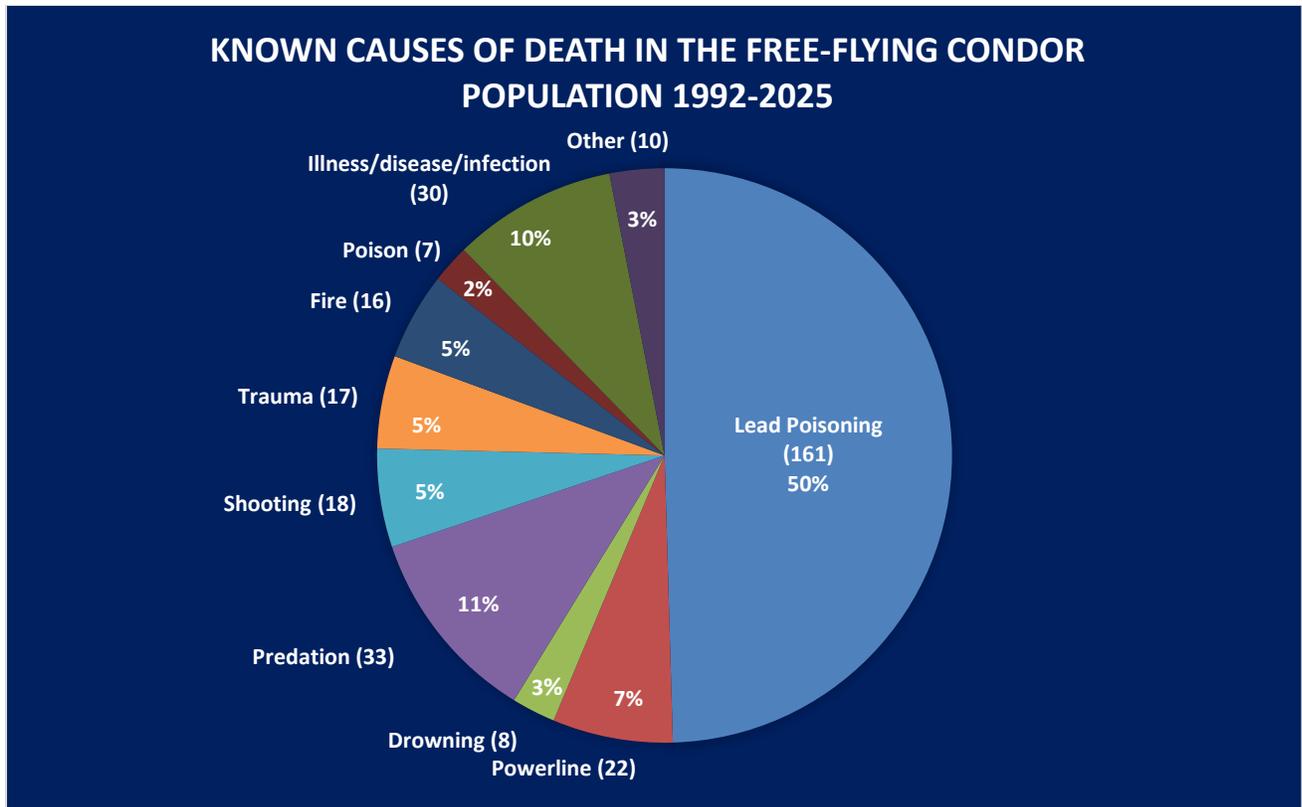
Undetermined: 3 (undetermined cause of death based on necropsy/pathology)

Unknown missing in the wild: 0 (2024 15; 2023 =7) condors are declared dead after no contact for 365 days.

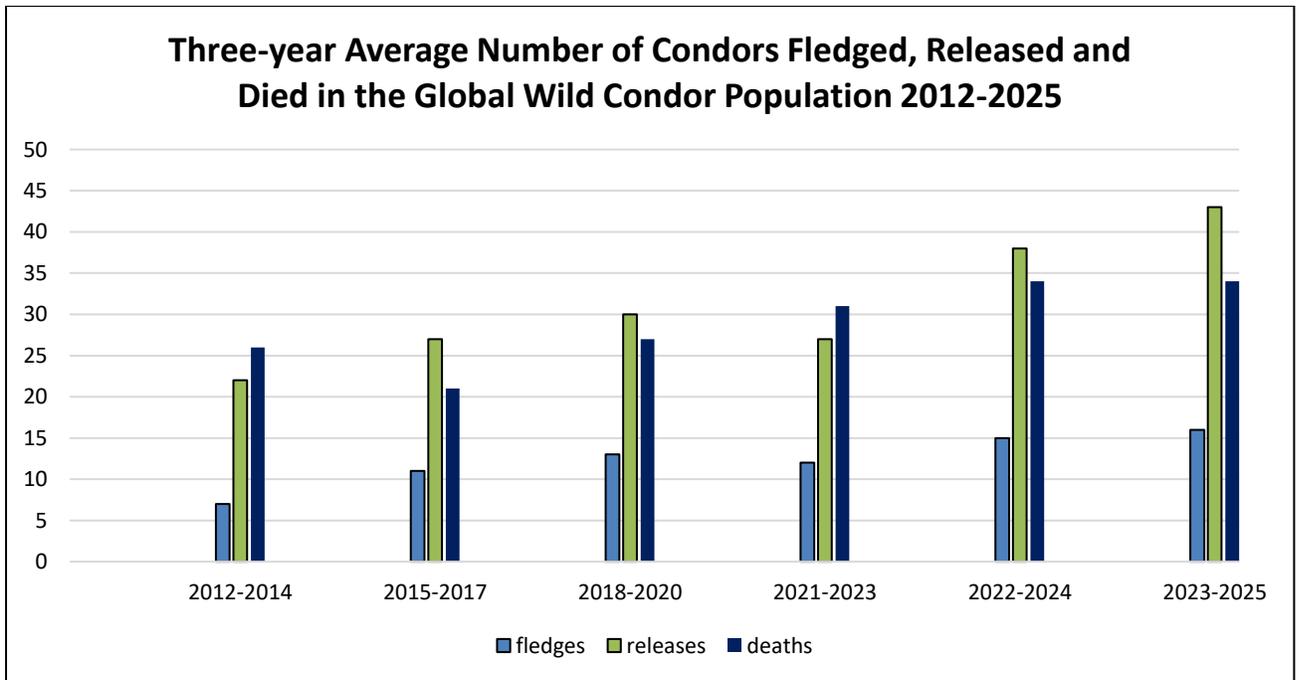
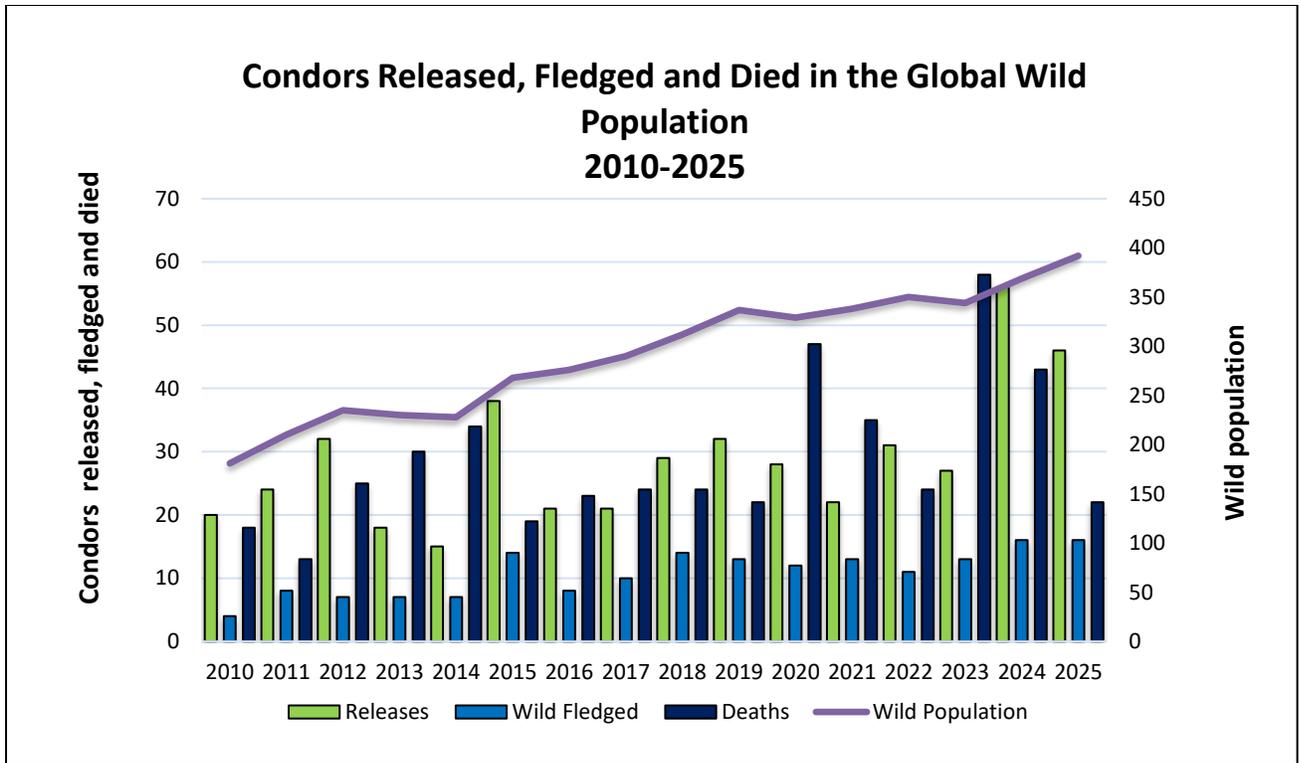
**Lead Deaths Since the Start of condor Reintroduction**

From **1992** through **2025** there have been **161** confirmed deaths from lead poisoning in the wild free- flying population.

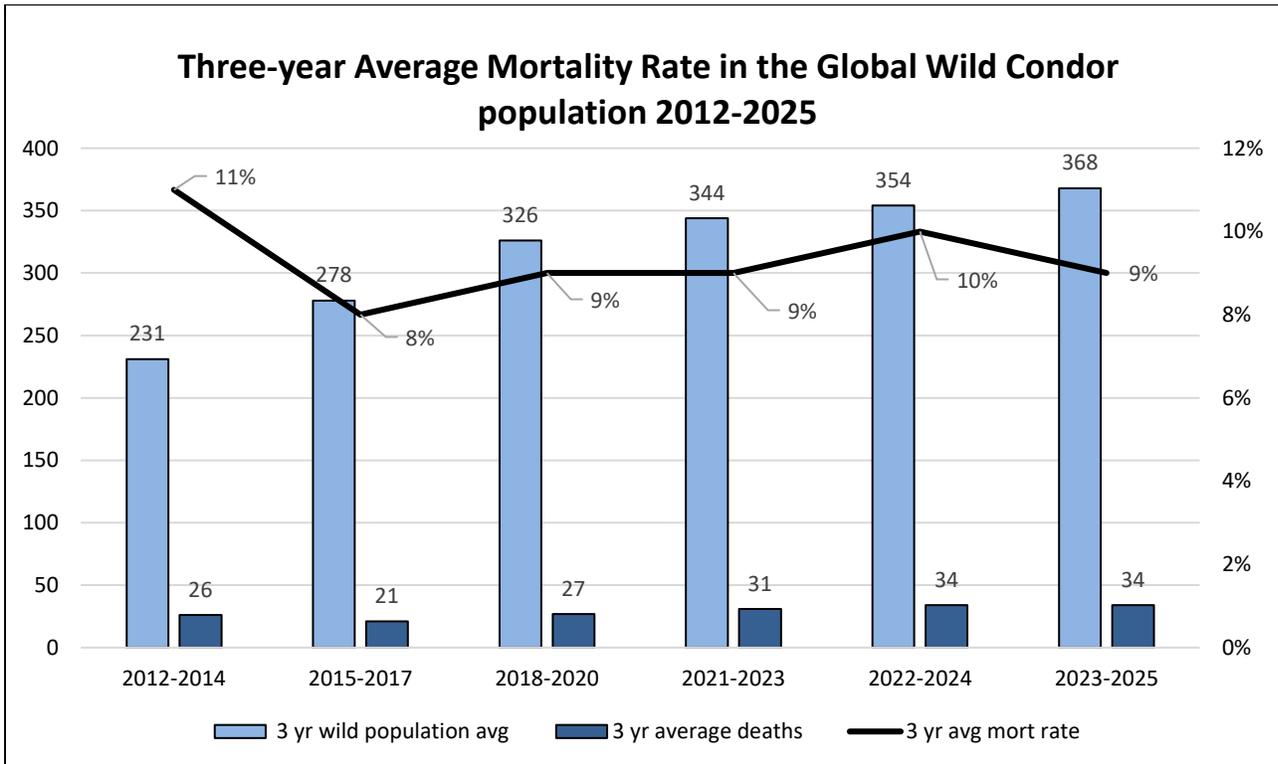
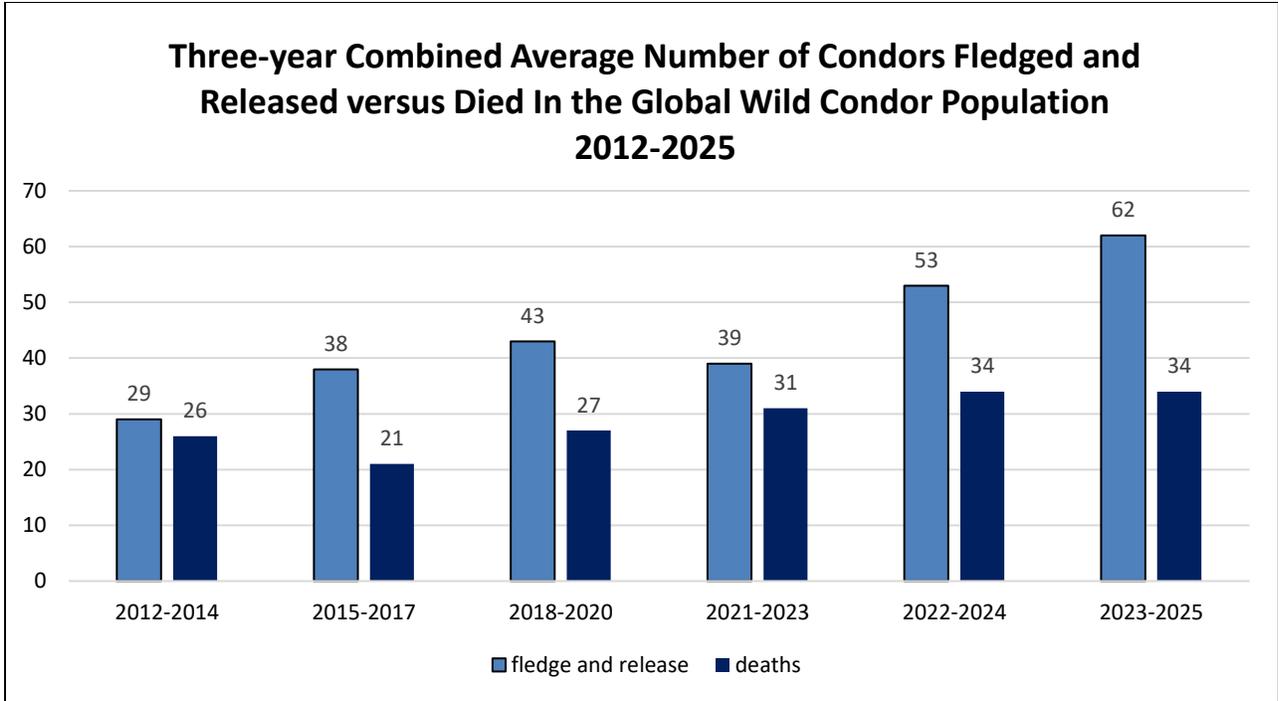
Lead poisoning is responsible for **50%** percent of **324** deaths with a known cause and **28%** of **569** all deaths in the wild.



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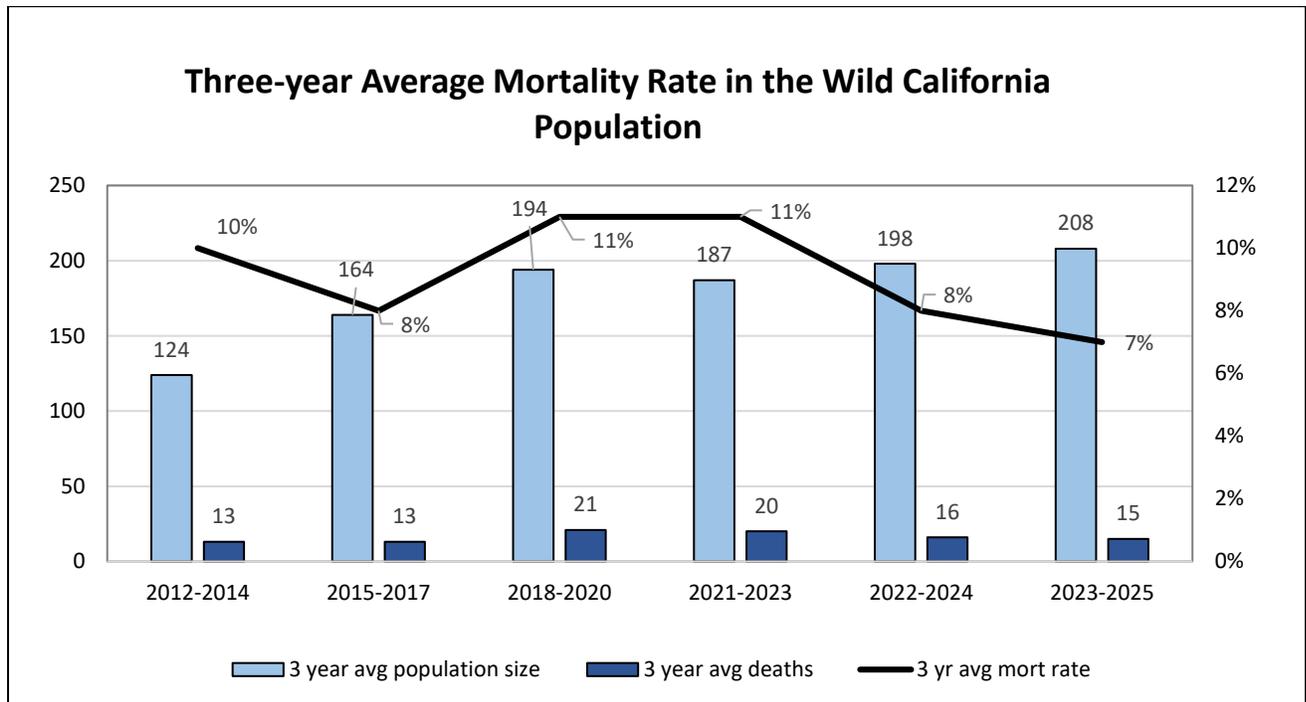
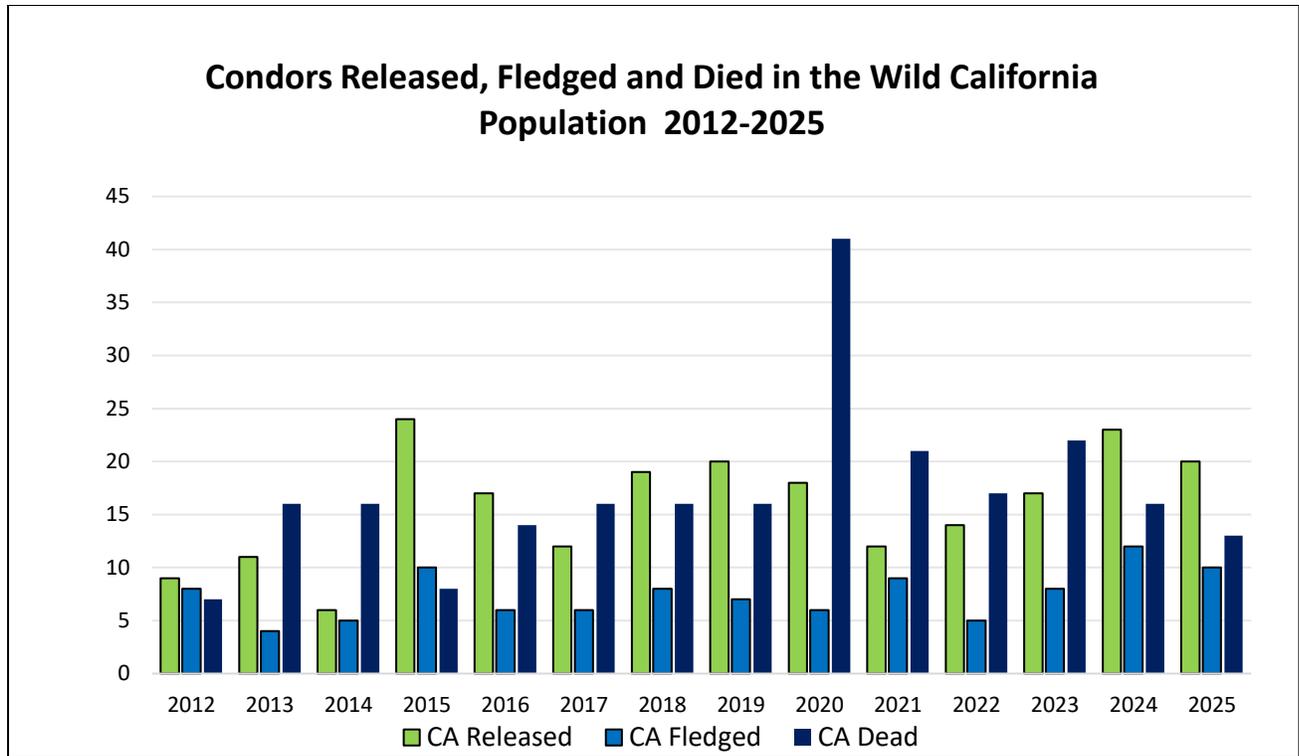


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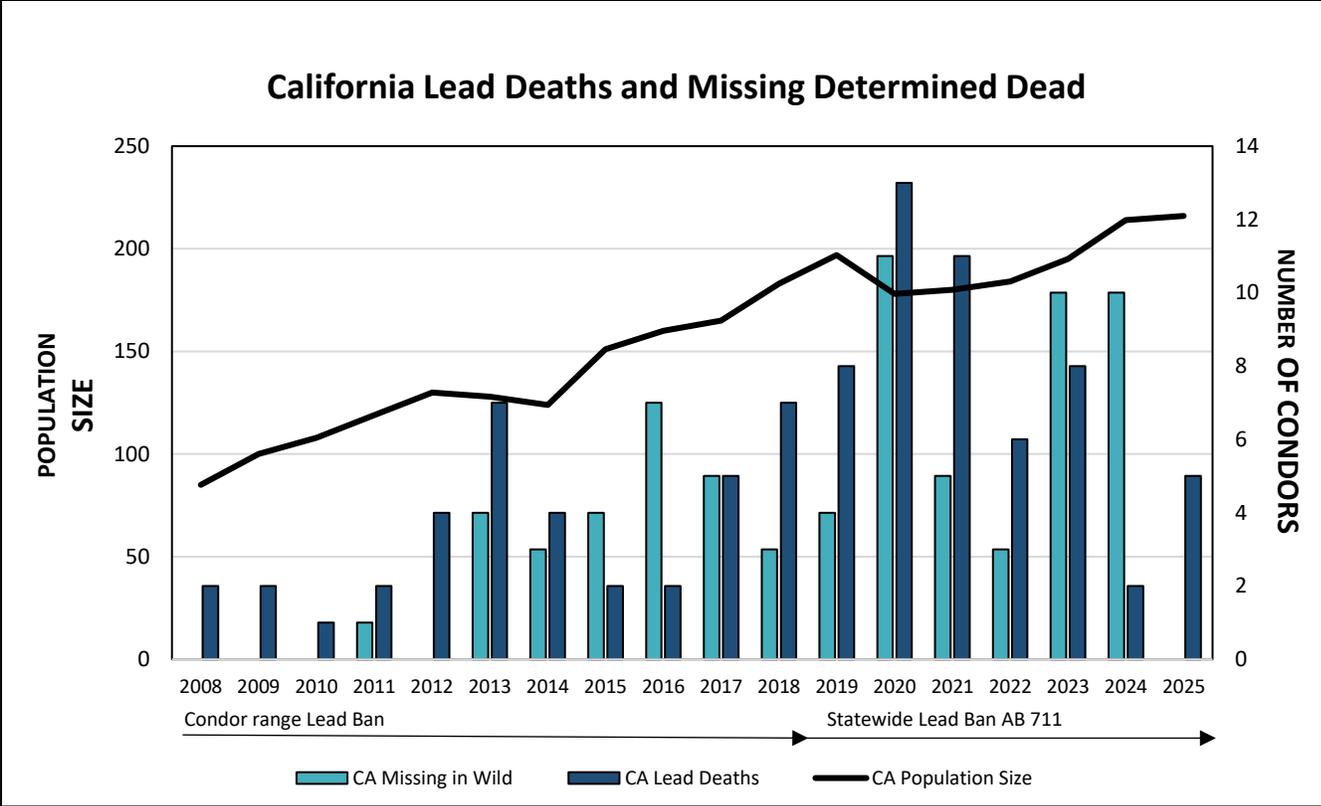
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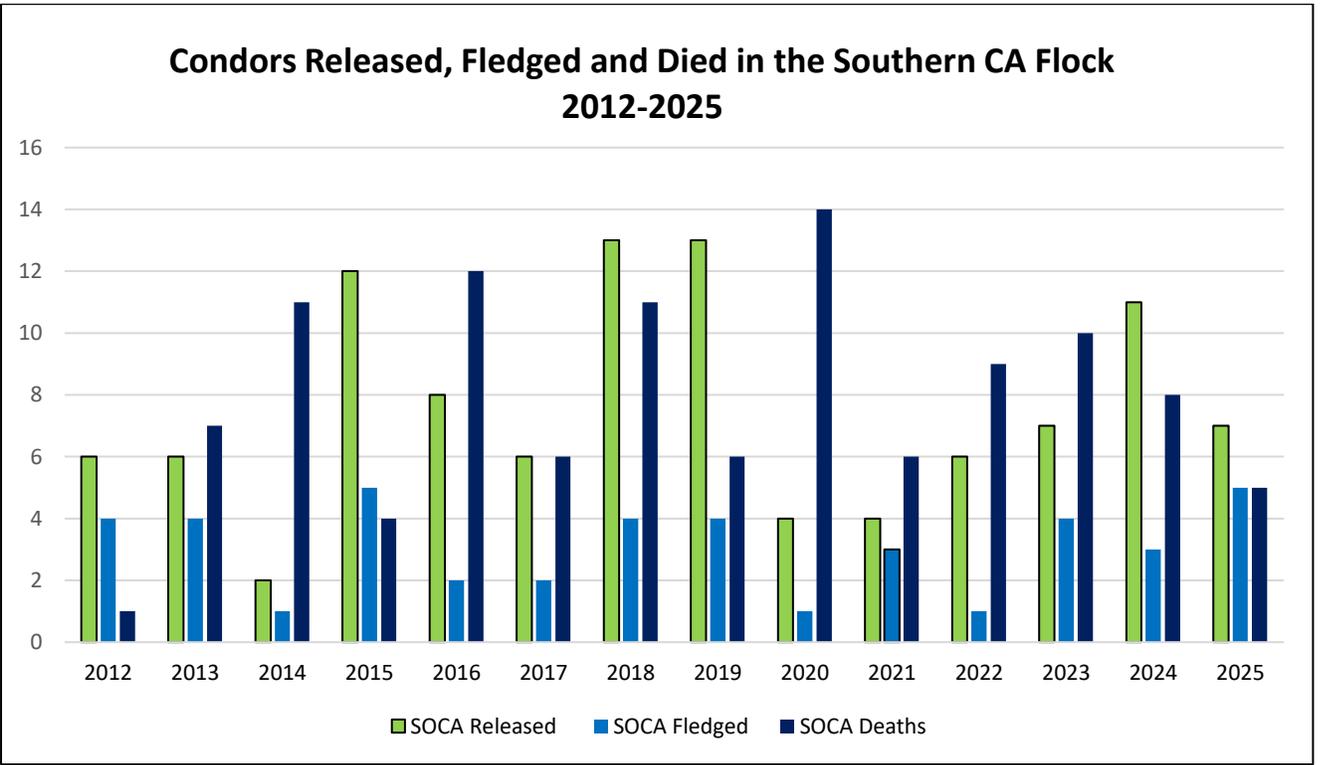


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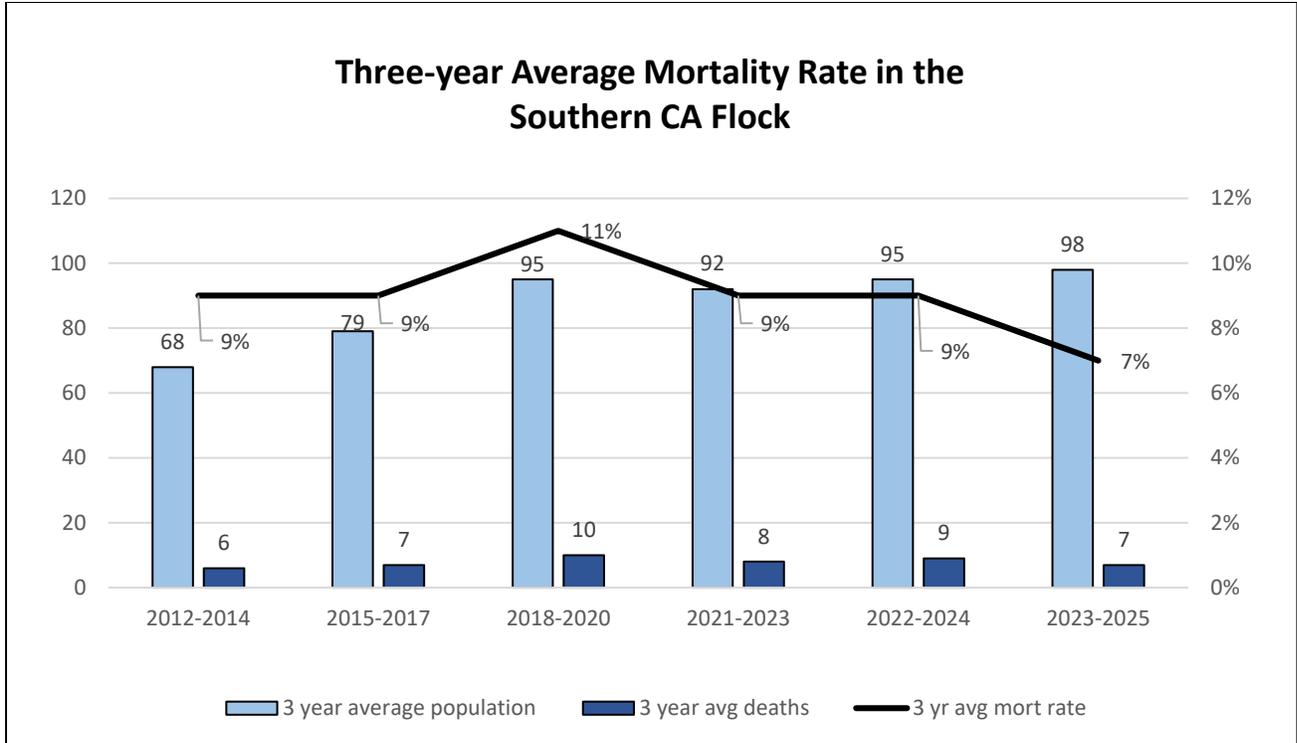
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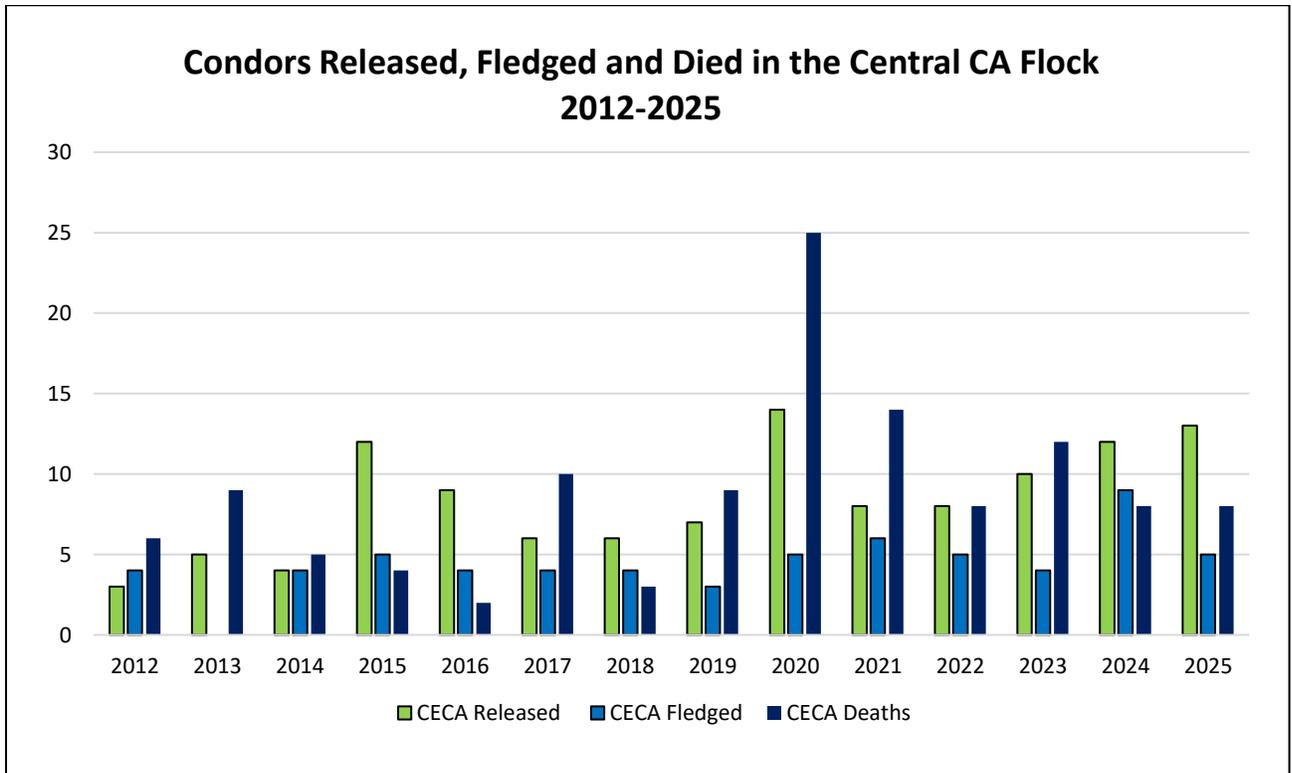
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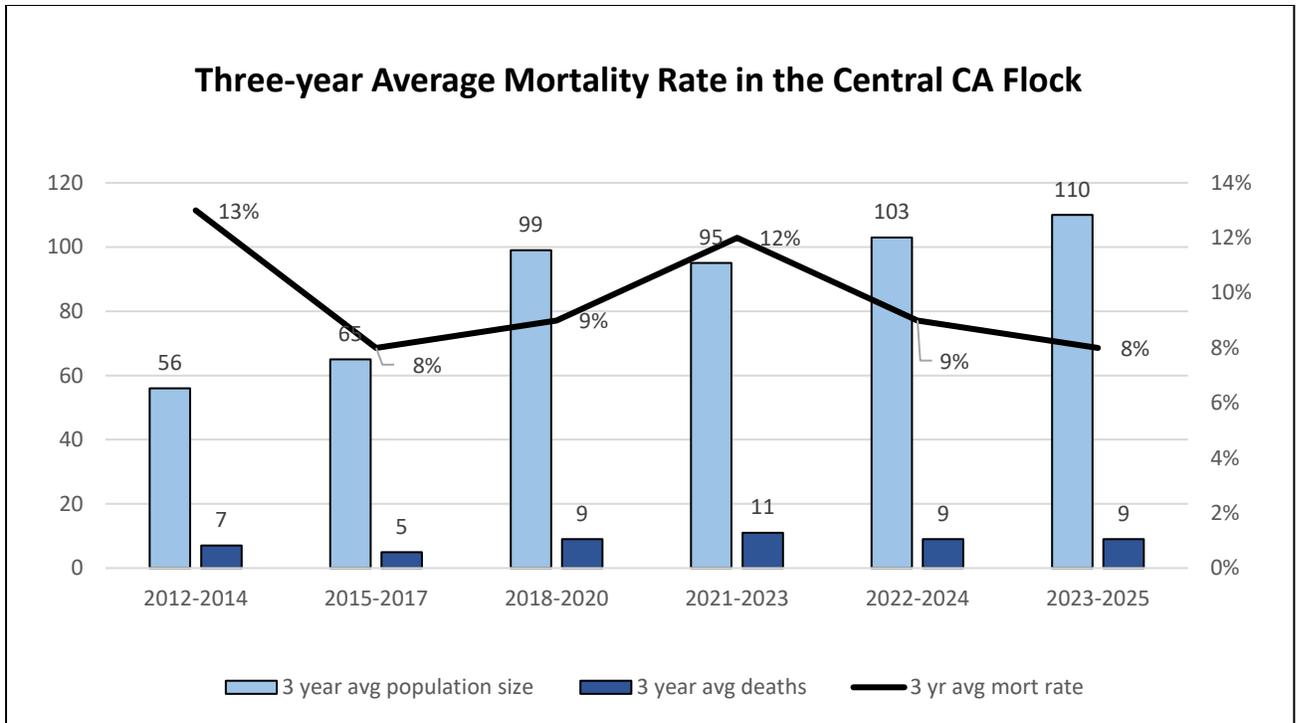
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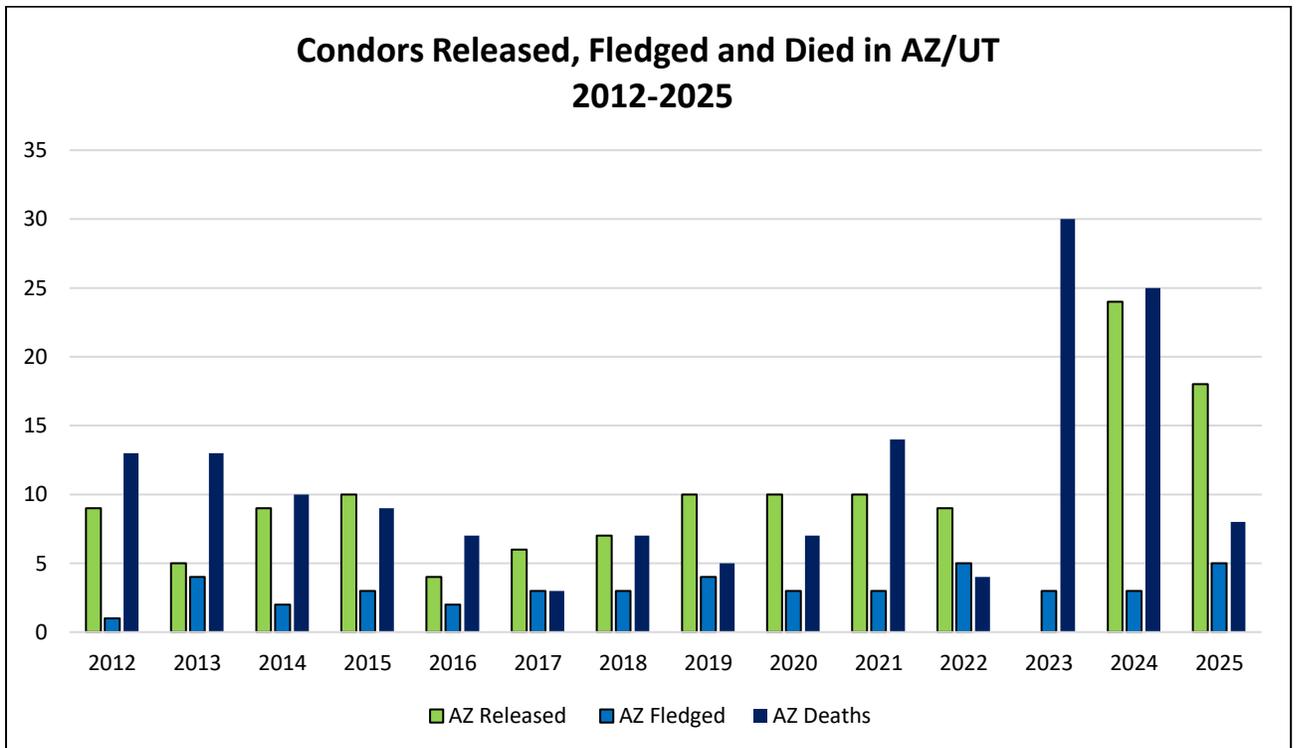
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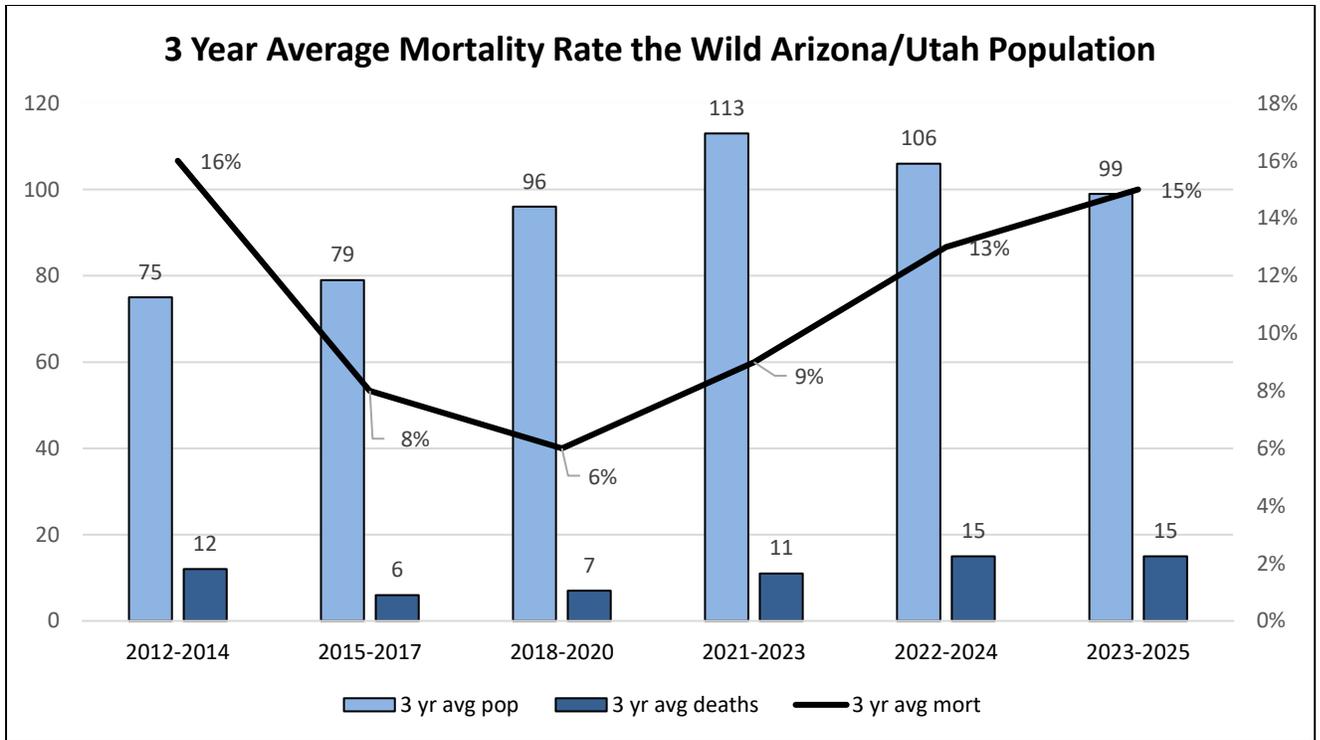


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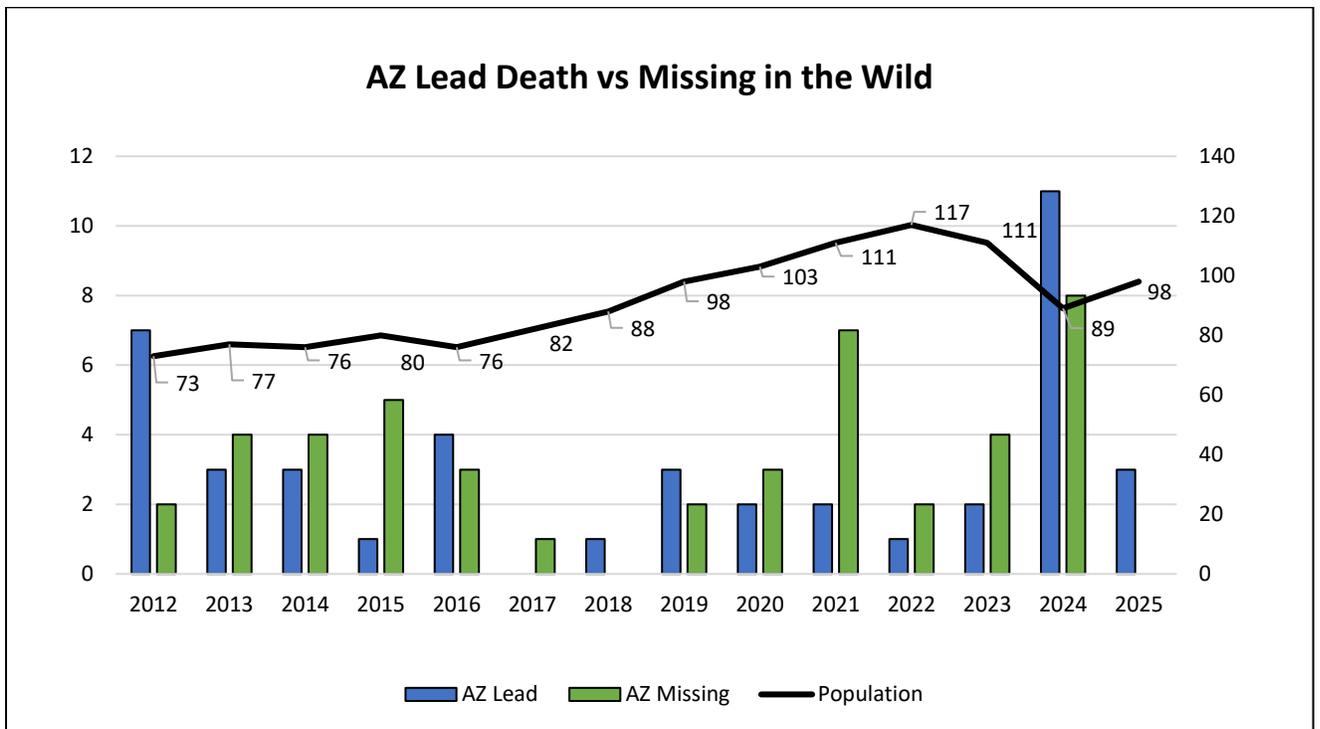


No birds released in 2023 due to HPAI outbreak. 12 birds from 2023 and 12 from 2024 released in 2024.

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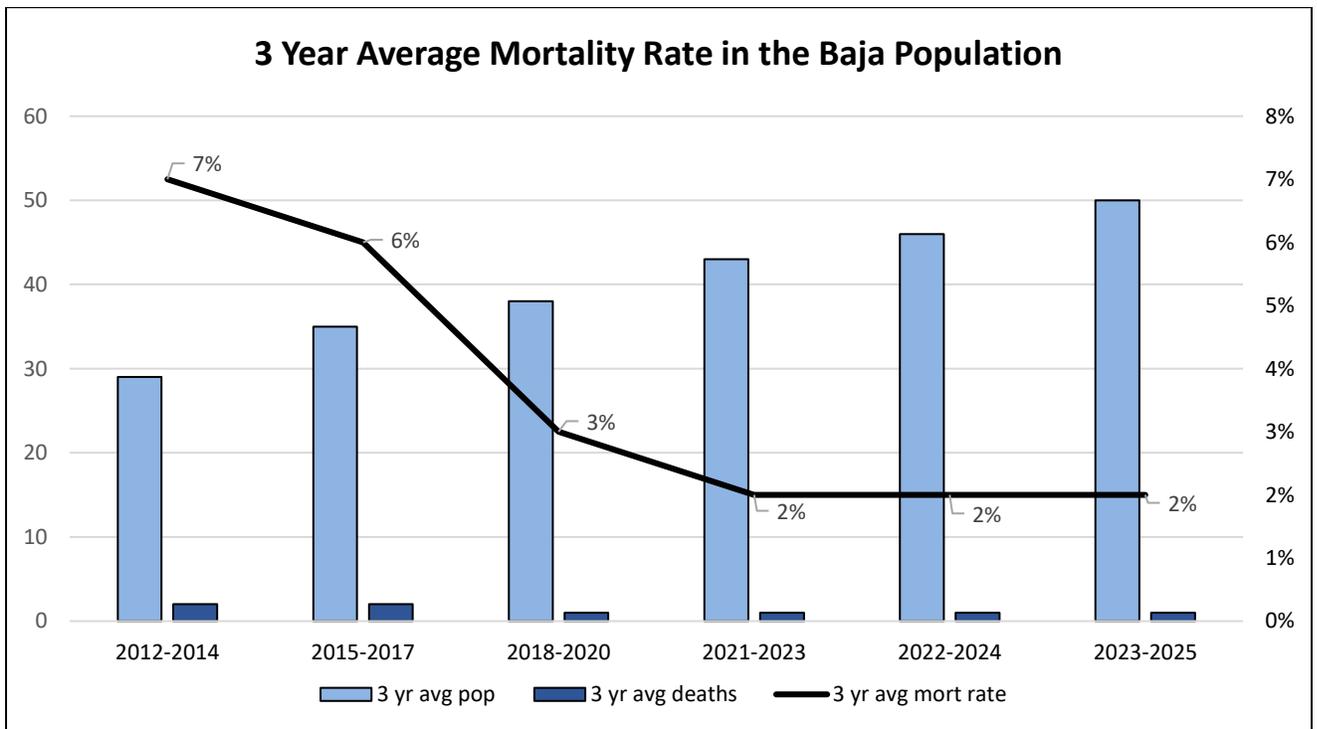
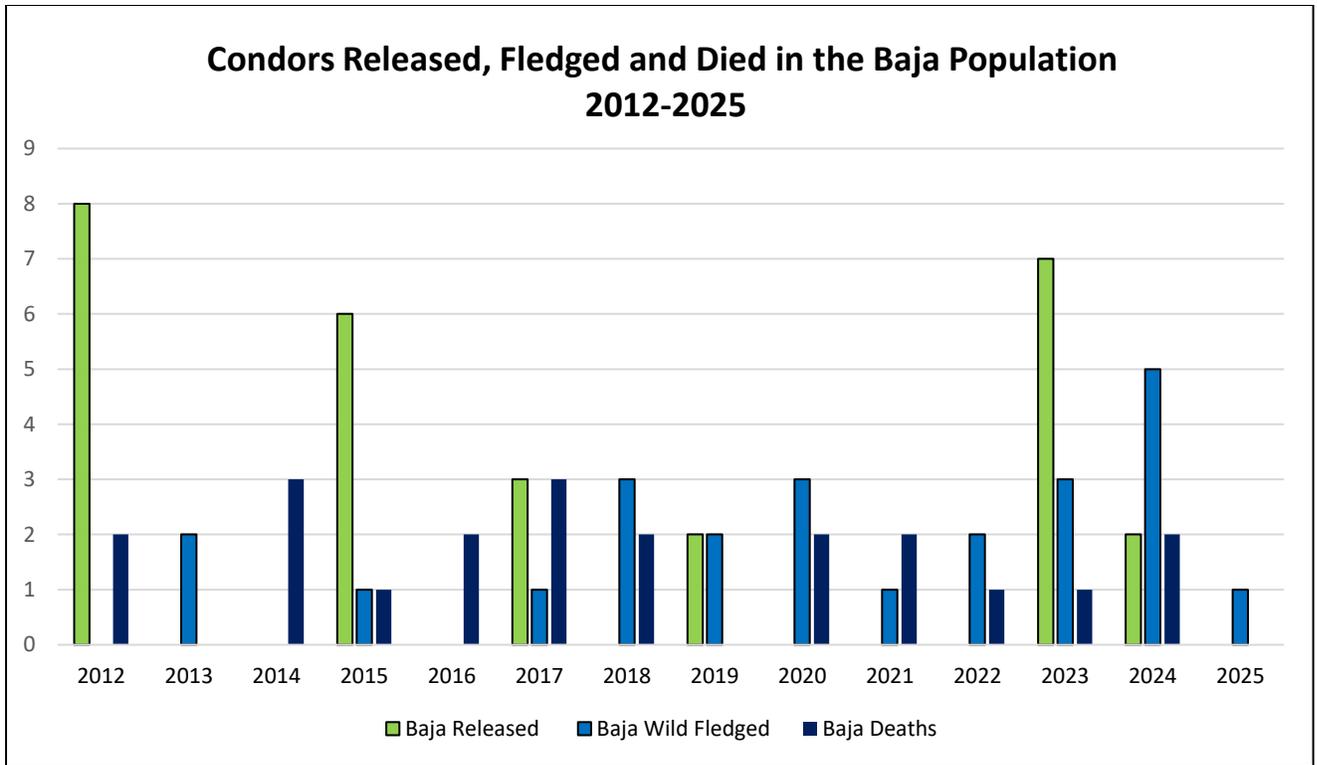


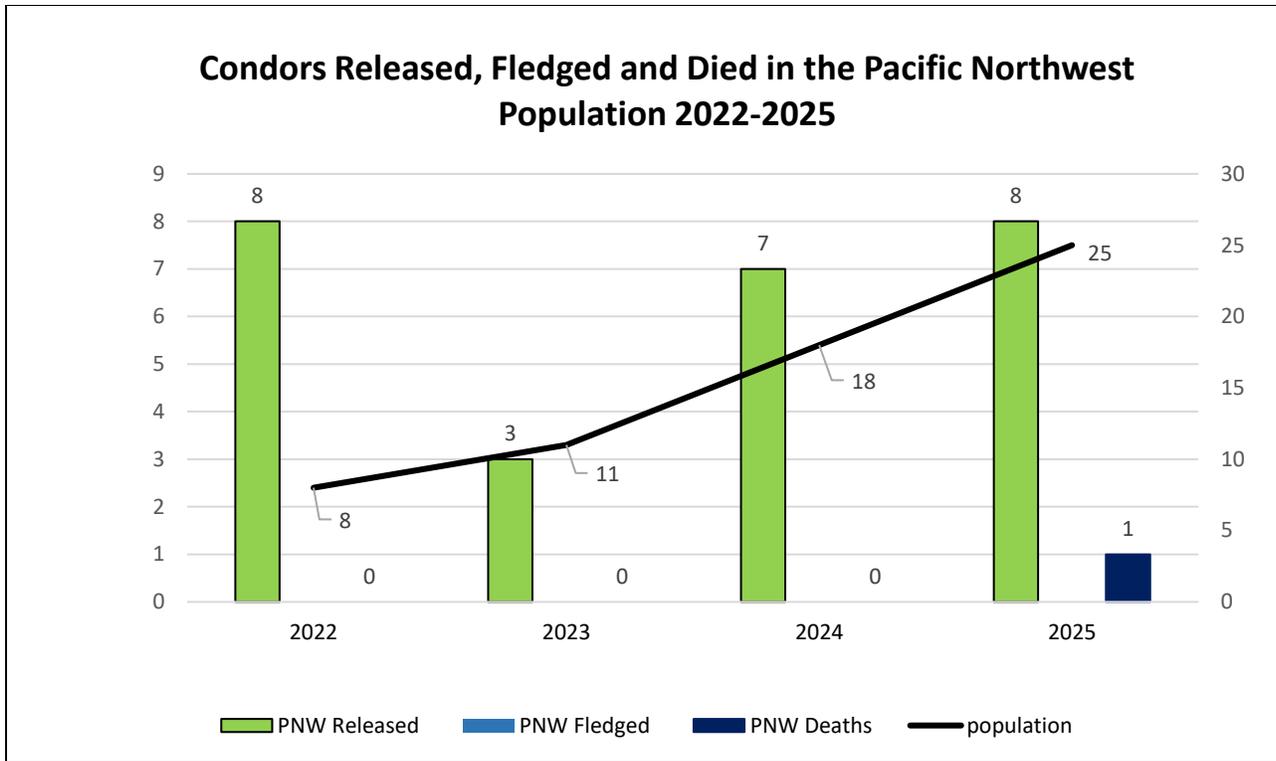
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Missing birds that have not been declared dead. Birds are declared dead after missing for 365 days.

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No condors have fledged in the PNW population since releases started in 2022.

Please contact Steve Kirkland, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service California Condor Field Coordinator [Steve\\_Kirkland@fws.gov](mailto:Steve_Kirkland@fws.gov) for more information.

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