

Mexican Wolf Population Statistics

Causes of Mexican wolf management removals 1998-2025

Data Current as of 31 December 2025

Year	Livestock	Nuisance	Boundary	Other	Total
1998	0	2	1	3	6
1999	9	0	0	3	12
2000	6	6	5	6	23
2001	2	2	6	0	10
2002	2	1	4	0	7
2003	2	1	12	0	15
2004	4	1	2	0	7
2005 ^a	10 ^a	5 ^a	5	1	21
2006	16 ^a	1	1	0	18
2007	19 ^a	1	3	0	23
2008	0	0	2	0	2
2009	0	0	4	3	7
2010	0	0	0	0	0
2011	1	1	2	0	4
2012	1	0	0	0	1
2013	2	1	2	1	6
2014	2	0	2	9	13
2015	1	1	0	2	4
2016	2	0	0	0	2
2017	4	0	1	4	9
2018	1	0	1	3	5
2019	7	0	0	6	13
2020	6	0	8 ^a	4	18
2021	2	0	9 ^a	4	15
2022	1	1	1	0	3
2023	1	0	3	8	12
2024	1	1	0	8	10
2025	8 ^a	0	5	4	17
Total	110	25	79	69	283

Notes: Standard Operating Procedure 13.0 (Control of Mexican Wolves) was finalized on 10 October 2005, however, management-related wolf removals throughout the remainder of 2005 were conducted under the auspices of an earlier draft version. SOP 13.0. guidelines were authorized through December 2, 2009.

“Other” removals include re-pairings, cross-foster of wolf pups, wolf pup removal due to adult abandonment, veterinary care, and genetic management of population.

^a Includes adult wolves and dependent pups; see Annual Report for additional details.

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Outcomes of Mexican wolf management removals 1998-2025.

Data Current as of 31 December 2025

Following removal from the wild, an animal's individual contribution to recovery is evaluated when making decisions on the disposition (translocate into the U.S. population, Mexico population, or retain in the SAFE population) of the animal.

Year	Lethal Control	Translocated in U.S. population	Translocated in Mexico population	Retained in SAFE	Total
1998	0	4	0	2	6
1999	0	9	0	3	12
2000	0	16	0	7	23
2001	0	7	0	3 ^a	10
2002	0	4	0	3	7
2003	1	13	0	1	15
2004	1	6	0	0	7
2005 ^c	1	15 ^b	0	5 ^{b,c}	21
2006	5	3	0	10 ^{a,c}	18
2007	3	11 ^b	3 ^b	6 ^b	23
2008	0	2	0	0	2
2009	0	5 ^c	0	2 ^c	7
2010	0	0	0	0	0
2011	1	2	0	1	4
2012	0	0	0	1	1
2013	0	2	0	4 ^c	6
2014	0	11 ^c	0	2	13
2015	1	1 ^c	1 ^c	1	4
2016	0	0	0	2	2
2017	1	2 ^c	0	6 ^c	9
2018	0	4 ^c	0	1	5
2019	1	5 ^c	2	5 ^c	13
2020	5	2 ^c	7 ^b	4 ^{b,c}	18
2021	0	2	4	9	15
2022	0	1	2	0	3
2023	1	9	0	2	12
2024	1	9	0	0	10
2025	3	9	0	5 ^a	17
Total	25	154	19	85	283

Notes: Saving Animals from Extinction (SAFE) is a cooperative program that oversees the management of the captive population of Mexican wolves in support of recovery efforts in the wild.

Translocations indicated above may not have occurred in the year of removal.

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^a One wolf died during non-lethal removal activities

^b Includes adult wolves and dependent pups; see Annual Report for additional details.

^c e.g., re-pairings, cross-foster of wolf pups, wolf pup removal due to adult abandonment, veterinary care, genetic management of population.

