

Mexican Wolf Experimental Population Area Statistics  
Initial releases of Mexican wolves into the MWEPA, 1998-2019  
Data Current as of 31 December 2019

**Between 1998 and 2014** - “Initial releases” (wolves born in captivity and have no previous wild experience) were only allowed to occur in Arizona in the primary recovery zone in Greenlee County. “Translocations” of experienced animals (previously released wolves or wolves born in the wild) were only allowed to occur in either the primary or secondary recovery zones.

**With the implementation of the 2015 Final Rule**, Mexican wolves are allowed to be initially released and translocated into an expanded area in the MWEPA. Please see the 2015 Final Rule for additional details.

Initial Releases occurring in 2016 - 2019 were entirely composed of cross foster wolf pups

Year	Number of wolves initially released <sup>a</sup>	Number of initial release events <sup>b</sup>
1998	13	5
1999	21	4
2000	16	5
2001	15	2
2002	9	1
2003	8	2
2004	5	1
2005	0	0
2006	4	1
2007	0	0
2008	1	1
2009	0	0
2010	0	0
2011	0	0
2012	0	0
2013	1	1
2014	2	2
2015	1	1
2016	6	3
2017	4	2
2018	8	4
2019	12	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>40</b>

<sup>a</sup> An initial release is defined as a wolf with no previous free-ranging experience that is released directly from captivity into the wild. Translocations are not included in this table

<sup>b</sup> A release event is defined as a Project activity occurring on the same day and location where one or more wolves are initially released.

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 Translocations of Mexican wolves into the MWEPA, 1998-2019  
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Year	Number of wolves translocated <sup>a</sup>	Number of translocation events <sup>b</sup>
1998	3	3
1999	2	1
2000	18	10
2001	6	4
2002	7	5
2003	15	8
2004	9	2
2005	16	5
2006	6	3
2007	5	3
2008	6	5
2009	6	6
2010	1	1
2011	4	4
2012	0	0
2013	3	2
2014	12	5
2015	1	1
2016	0	0
2017	2	2
2018	5	5
2019	6	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>80</b>

<sup>a</sup> A translocation is defined when an individual free-ranging wolf is captured and moved to a location within Mexican Wolf Recovery Area but away from the site of capture. This includes captured wolves that have been temporarily housed in captivity.

<sup>b</sup> A translocation event is defined as a Project activity occurring on the same day and location where one or more wolves are translocated.



Translocation of Mexican wolf M1049 to the wild in January 2011  
(Photo courtesy of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)

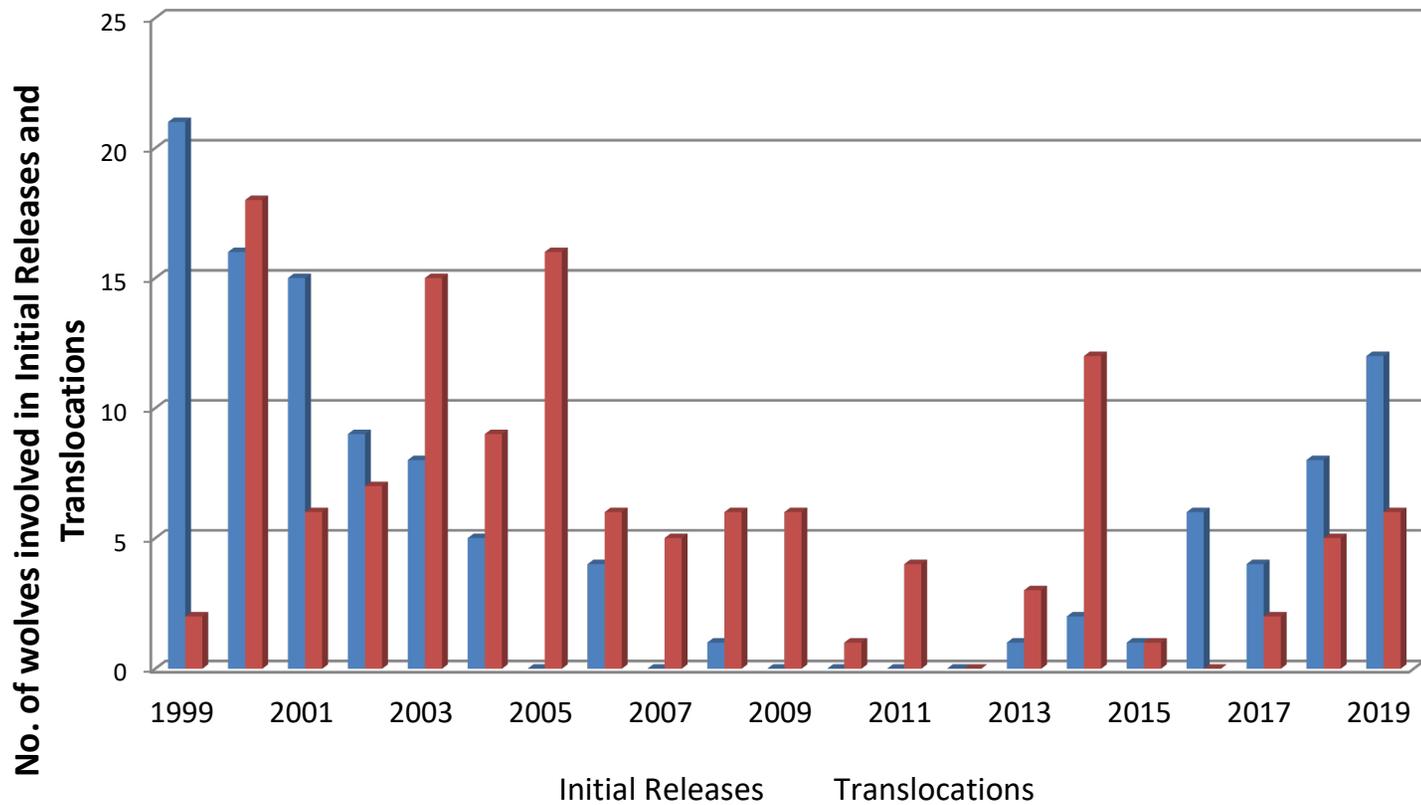


Figure1. Initial releases and Translocations of Mexican wolves into the Mexican Wolf Experimental Population Area, 1998-2019  
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