

# **2023 COLORADO FACT BOOK**

**A statistical guide to the  
Thoroughbred industry  
in Colorado**



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## Preface

This report has been compiled as an industry service by The Jockey Club with the intent of shedding some statistical light on the Thoroughbred industry in COLORADO and, in particular, trends that have evolved over the past two decades. It contains sections on breeding, racing and auction sales. Statistics within the breeding section and those pertaining to racing performance by foaling year are updated on a regular basis. Statistics contained herein are provided courtesy of The Jockey Club, The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc. and Equibase Company LLC. Information pertaining to stallions, mares bred and foal crops are maintained in The Jockey Club's pedigree database and reflect information submitted to the Registry by owners and breeders throughout North America as of the date listed on the page. Information pertaining to races, purses, starters, starts and field size are maintained in the Equibase Company database as collected and reported by chartcallers at tracks throughout North America. Information pertaining to the number of weanlings, yearlings and 2-year-olds sold at auction, gross sales, average price and median price are maintained in the equineline.com database of The Jockey Club Information Systems. Since 2005, Canadian purses have been converted to their equivalent amount in U.S. funds.

Many other statistics about the Thoroughbred industry can be found in The Jockey Club's Online Fact Book ([jockeyclub.com/factbook.asp](http://jockeyclub.com/factbook.asp)). The Jockey Club is dedicated to the improvement of Thoroughbred breeding and racing and serves as the breed registry for North American Thoroughbreds.

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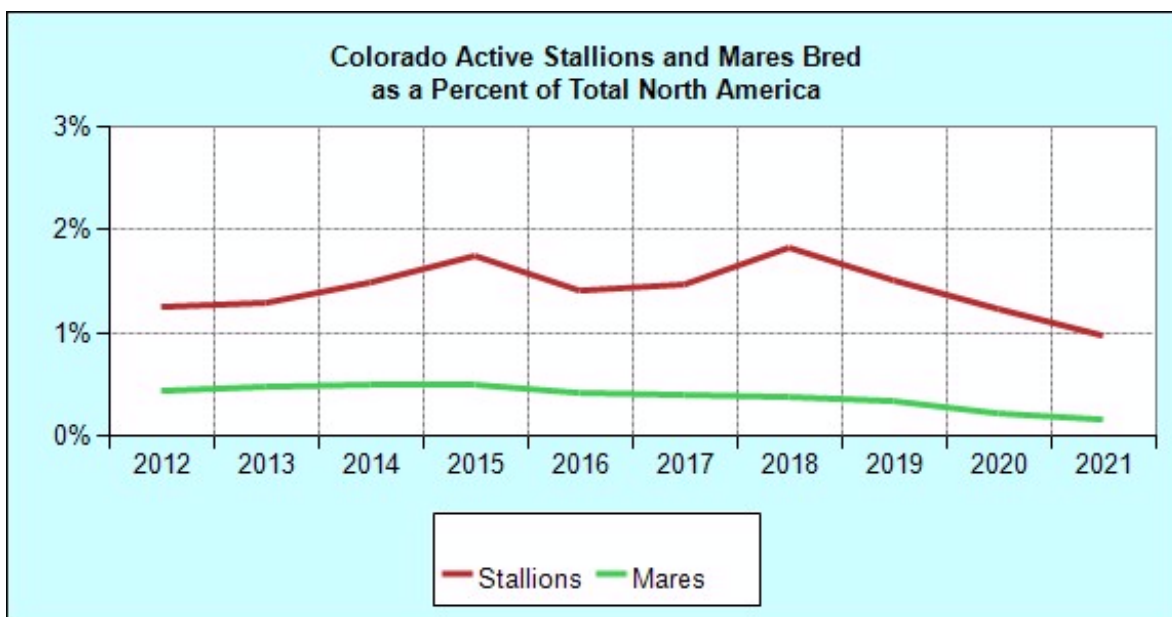
*Bred (Area Foaled): The term "bred" is sometimes used to describe the location where a foal was born, e.g., Kentucky bred (born in Kentucky) or New York bred (born in New York).*

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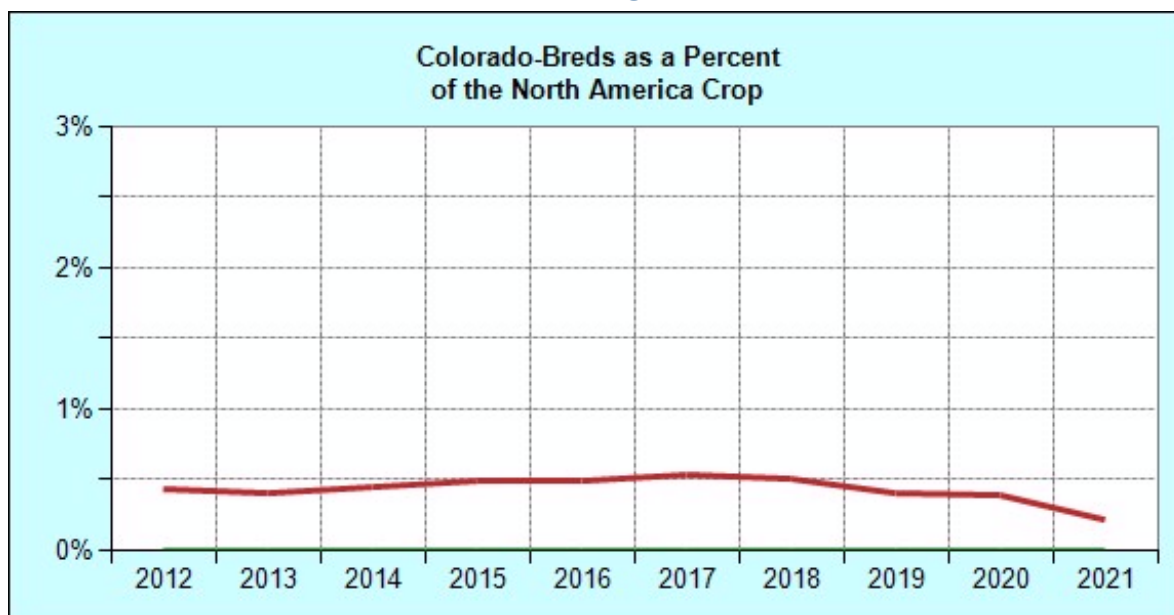
## Annual Mares Bred to Colorado Stallions



Year	Mares Bred	Pct. of NA	Stallions	Pct. of NA	Avg. Book Size	Avg. NA Book Size
2002	473	0.7	84	1.9	5.6	14.1
2003	503	0.8	87	2.0	5.8	14.2
2004	470	0.7	75	1.7	6.3	14.6
2005	452	0.7	63	1.5	7.2	15.1
2006	352	0.6	54	1.3	6.5	15.5
2007	303	0.5	54	1.4	5.6	15.8
2008	275	0.5	49	1.3	5.6	15.6
2009	190	0.4	36	1.1	5.3	14.9
2010	148	0.3	31	1.0	4.8	14.2
2011	150	0.4	30	1.1	5.0	14.2
2012	165	0.4	32	1.2	5.2	14.7
2013	180	0.5	31	1.3	5.8	15.5
2014	188	0.5	34	1.5	5.5	16.5
2015	182	0.5	36	1.7	5.1	18.1
2016	153	0.4	28	1.4	5.5	18.4
2017	138	0.4	28	1.5	4.9	18.2
2018	125	0.4	32	1.8	3.9	18.7
2019	106	0.3	25	1.5	4.2	18.9
2020	62	0.2	19	1.2	3.3	19.4
2021	47	0.2	13	1.0	3.6	21.7
2022	27	0.1	8	0.7	3.4	25.9

Figures as of 03/01/2023

## Annual Colorado Registered Foal Crop



Crop Year	Colorado	North America	Pct. of NA Crop
2001	235	37,901	0.6
2002	248	35,978	0.7
2003	259	37,067	0.7
2004	294	37,949	0.8
2005	246	38,365	0.6
2006	219	38,104	0.6
2007	182	37,499	0.5
2008	160	35,274	0.5
2009	133	32,364	0.4
2010	107	28,420	0.4
2011	101	24,941	0.4
2012	104	23,542	0.4
2013	93	23,248	0.4
2014	104	23,001	0.5
2015	112	23,046	0.5
2016	111	22,680	0.5
2017	118	22,251	0.5
2018	106	21,273	0.5
2019	83	20,488	0.4
2020	80	20,500	0.4
2021	40	19,200 *	0.2

\* Estimated figure

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## Foaling Area of Colorado-Sired Registered Foals

### Crop Year

Foaling Area	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
CO	26	50	57	65	76
AZ	1	1	1	0	2
UT	1	1	0	0	0
WA	1	0	0	0	0
WY	0	1	1	0	0
KS	0	1	0	0	0
MT	0	0	0	0	1
OR	0	1	0	0	0
TX	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>79</b>

Note: Figures include only foals born in the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico.  
 Ranked by number of registered foals in 2021  
 Figures as of 03/01/2023

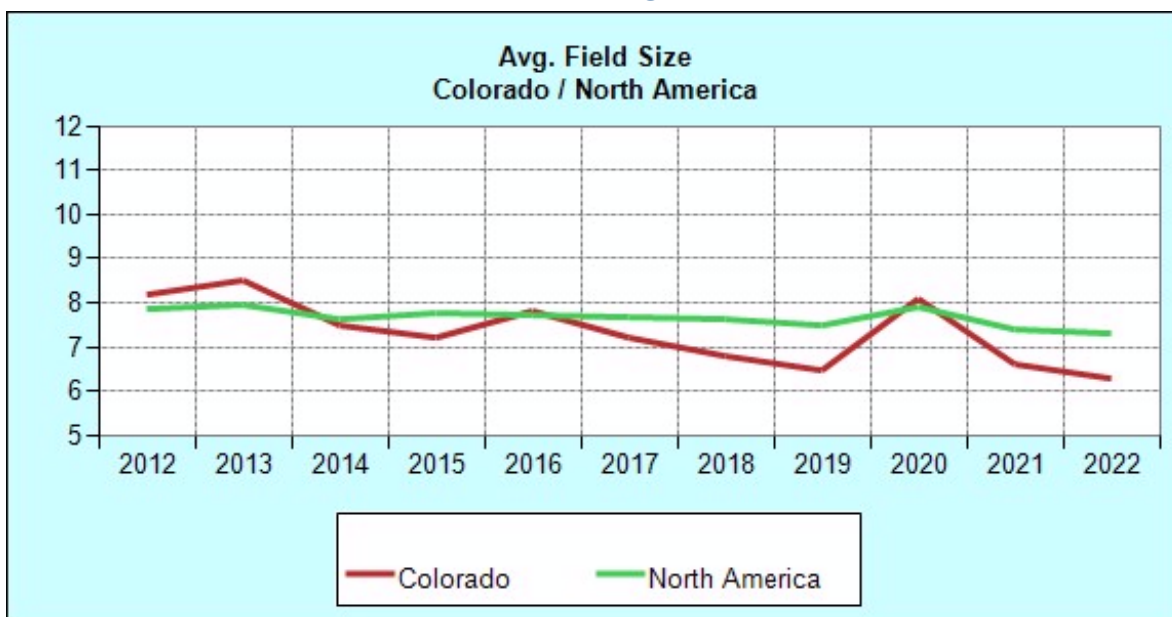
## Conception Area of Colorado-Bred Registered Foals

### Crop Year

Conception Area	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
CO	26	50	57	65	76
KY	4	16	11	25	25
WY	4	5	3	0	1
NM	3	2	3	1	1
AZ	2	2	2	3	4
NY	1	0	0	0	2
OK	0	4	2	1	3
OR	0	0	0	1	0
TN	0	0	1	0	0
TX	0	0	2	7	1
CA	0	1	1	0	1
AR	0	0	1	0	1
FL	0	0	0	1	0
ID	0	0	0	2	3
KS	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>119</b>

Note: Figures include only foals conceived in the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico and where the conception area is known. Ranked by number of registered foals in 2021. Figures as of 03/01/2023

## Colorado Racing Overview

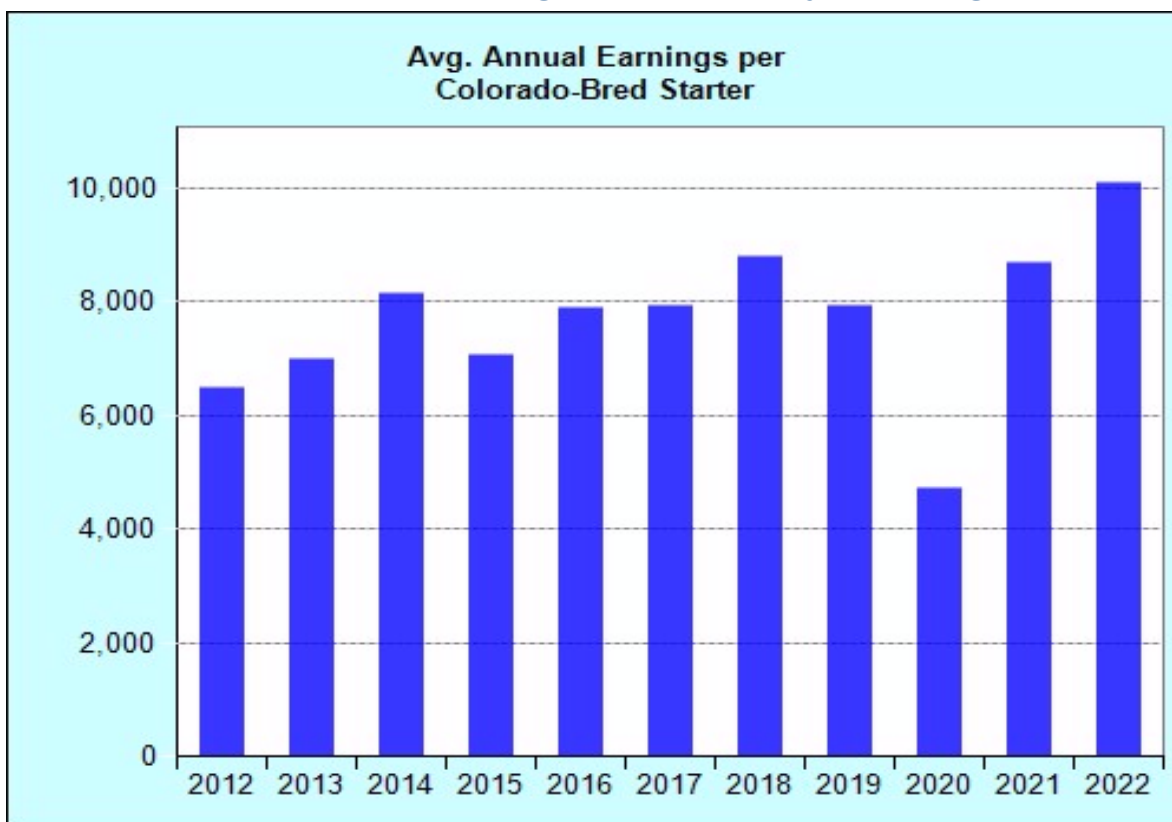


Year	Races	Purses	Starters	Starts	Race Days	Avg. Field Size	Avg. Purse per Race
2002	332	2,957,300	817	2,918	41	8.8	8,908
2003	285	2,572,565	707	2,353	47	8.3	9,027
2004	252	1,974,025	546	1,721	37	6.8	7,833
2005	253	1,994,800	665	2,107	37	8.3	7,885
2006	243	1,817,564	578	1,936	36	8.0	7,480
2007	243	1,889,567	507	1,697	35	7.0	7,776
2008	208	1,668,460	550	1,643	36	7.9	8,021
2009	199	1,657,218	527	1,598	36	8.0	8,328
2010	234	2,435,736	675	2,079	38	8.9	10,409
2011	232	2,659,956	611	2,038	38	8.8	11,465
2012	232	2,656,257	563	1,912	37	8.2	11,449
2013	250	2,964,405	652	2,122	39	8.5	11,858
2014	233	2,803,342	552	1,740	35	7.5	12,032
2015	231	2,822,188	508	1,671	35	7.2	12,217
2016	248	2,705,814	556	1,932	36	7.8	10,911
2017	257	2,756,891	537	1,846	39	7.2	10,727
2018	246	2,631,496	453	1,662	36	6.8	10,697
2019	223	2,146,965	399	1,447	35	6.5	9,628
2020	210	1,769,232	603	1,691	34	8.1	8,425
2021	162	2,075,107	408	1,070	30	6.6	12,809
2022	265	3,131,008	466	1,666	41	6.3	11,815

Note: Purses represent all available money, including monies not won and returned to state breeder or other funds.



## Colorado-Bred Racing Statistics by Racing Year



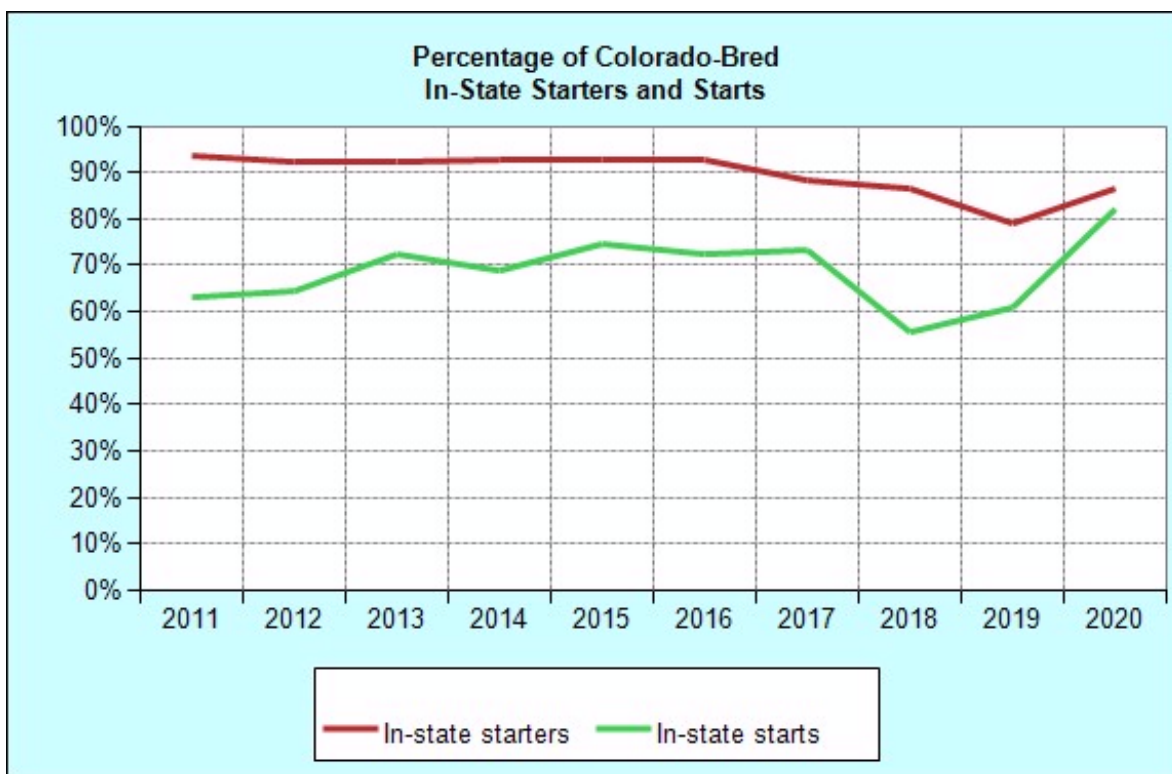
Racing Year	Starters	Starts	Earnings	Avg. Earnings per Starter	Avg. Starts per Starter
2002	318	1,780	1,781,242	5,601	5.6
2003	338	1,811	2,256,381	6,676	5.4
2004	359	1,769	2,213,162	6,165	4.9
2005	376	1,882	1,925,435	5,121	5.0
2006	357	1,894	1,964,756	5,504	5.3
2007	353	1,822	2,140,188	6,063	5.2
2008	336	1,753	1,686,991	5,021	5.2
2009	285	1,383	1,399,237	4,910	4.9
2010	293	1,359	1,461,706	4,989	4.6
2011	259	1,300	1,556,205	6,009	5.0
2012	220	1,059	1,425,482	6,479	4.8
2013	209	1,024	1,464,453	7,007	4.9
2014	188	953	1,531,987	8,149	5.1
2015	209	976	1,476,640	7,065	4.7
2016	205	1,056	1,617,587	7,891	5.2
2017	203	1,035	1,608,193	7,922	5.1
2018	209	1,137	1,841,101	8,809	5.4
2019	223	1,132	1,770,720	7,940	5.1
2020	229	980	1,082,522	4,727	4.3
2021	155	837	1,347,963	8,697	5.4
2022	141	701	1,422,898	10,091	5.0

## Colorado-Bred Racing Statistics by Foaling Year

Foaling Year	Reg. Foals	Starters	Lifetime Starts	Lifetime Earnings	Avg. Earnings per Starter	Avg. Starts per Starter
2001	235	137	2,181	2,640,600	19,274	15.9
2002	248	123	1,758	1,549,364	12,596	14.3
2003	259	136	1,707	1,610,112	11,839	12.6
2004	294	121	1,640	1,677,703	13,865	13.6
2005	246	125	1,941	1,829,970	14,640	15.5
2006	219	106	1,136	1,512,739	14,271	10.7
2007	182	86	1,111	1,500,243	17,445	12.9
2008	160	82	969	1,308,280	15,955	11.8
2009	133	64	910	1,200,637	18,760	14.2
2010	107	53	630	1,245,199	23,494	11.9
2011	101	64	856	1,252,937	19,577	13.4
2012	104	65	760	1,201,167	18,479	11.7
2013	93	63	659	1,037,431	16,467	10.5
2014	104	68	913	1,467,506	21,581	13.4
2015	112	67	457	812,848	12,132	6.8
2016	112	67	432	880,628	13,144	6.4
2017	118	69	406	638,004	9,246	5.9
2018	106	60	386	643,813	10,730	6.4
2019	83	38	246	589,504	15,513	6.5
2020	80	22	61	183,068	8,321	2.8

Figures as of 03/01/2023

## Colorado-Bred Starters and Starts: In-State/Out-of-State



Foaling Year	Total Starters	In-State Starters	Pct. of In-State Starters	Total Starts	In-State Starts	Pct. of In-State Starts
2001	137	107	78.1	2,181	1,093	50.1
2002	123	106	86.2	1,758	938	53.4
2003	136	118	86.8	1,707	962	56.4
2004	121	96	79.3	1,640	816	49.8
2005	125	100	80.0	1,941	1,057	54.5
2006	106	92	86.8	1,136	738	65.0
2007	86	78	90.7	1,111	772	69.5
2008	82	75	91.5	969	643	66.4
2009	64	61	95.3	910	646	71.0
2010	53	48	90.6	630	446	70.8
2011	64	60	93.8	856	540	63.1
2012	65	60	92.3	760	489	64.3
2013	63	58	92.1	659	478	72.5
2014	68	63	92.6	913	627	68.7
2015	67	62	92.5	457	341	74.6
2016	67	62	92.5	432	312	72.2
2017	69	61	88.4	406	298	73.4
2018	60	52	86.7	386	214	55.4
2019	38	30	78.9	246	150	61.0
2020	22	19	86.4	61	50	82.0

Note: In-state starters include any Thoroughbred that made at least one start in its native state.

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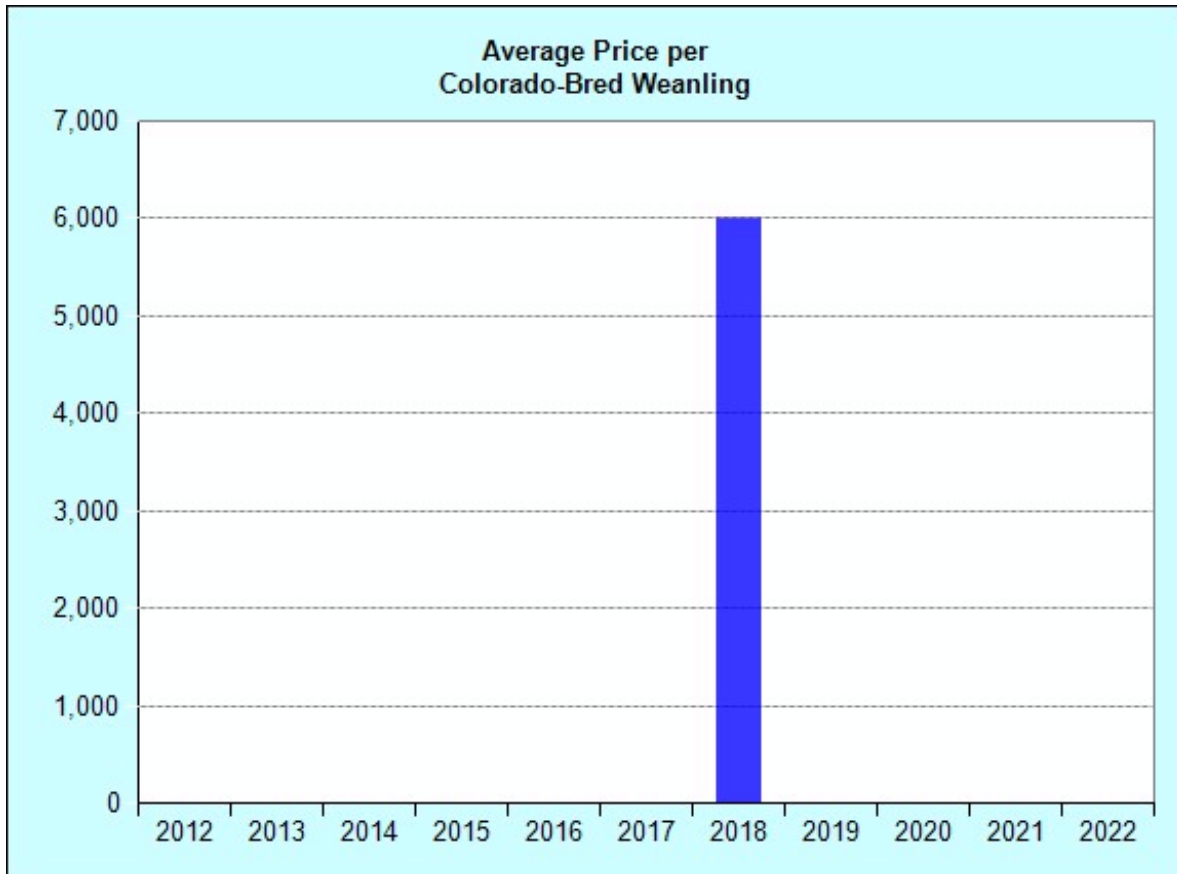
## Percentage of Colorado-Bred Earnings by Racing Area

### Racing Year

Racing Area	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
CO	74.51%	52.61%	69.65%	72.98%	80.29%
AZ	9.59%	16.10%	3.53%	8.48%	6.38%
IA	3.49%	6.11%	0.71%	0.01%	1.54%
IL	2.03%	0.00%	0.25%	0.00%	0.00%
NE	2.02%	6.76%	1.48%	0.74%	0.55%
NV	1.91%	0.55%	0.00%	0.15%	0.00%
WY	1.37%	4.97%	6.10%	1.31%	0.61%
NM	1.03%	2.99%	7.09%	7.86%	3.90%
MN	0.69%	1.43%	0.79%	0.02%	0.39%
MT	0.59%	1.03%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
AB	0.58%	0.94%	0.83%	0.11%	0.00%
ON	0.52%	1.04%	0.21%	0.00%	0.00%
WA	0.44%	1.76%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
AR	0.43%	0.00%	0.01%	0.26%	0.41%
TX	0.33%	0.73%	1.08%	0.03%	0.00%
NJ	0.10%	0.23%	1.53%	0.00%	0.02%
KY	0.09%	0.07%	0.70%	1.12%	1.98%
LA	0.07%	0.25%	1.64%	0.00%	0.00%
OK	0.05%	0.61%	0.93%	2.40%	1.01%
OR	0.04%	0.53%	0.37%	0.50%	0.62%
FL	0.01%	0.02%	0.07%	0.00%	0.00%
PA	0.00%	0.00%	0.06%	0.00%	0.00%
SK	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.16%	0.00%
WV	0.00%	0.74%	0.00%	0.05%	0.82%
VA	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.11%	0.00%
NY	0.00%	0.02%	0.20%	0.00%	0.00%
OH	0.00%	0.01%	0.03%	0.57%	0.05%
MB	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	0.63%	0.00%
MD	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.04%
ND	0.00%	0.00%	0.02%	0.20%	0.00%
IN	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.71%	0.72%
CA	0.00%	0.41%	2.57%	0.72%	0.02%
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DE	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.67%	0.53%

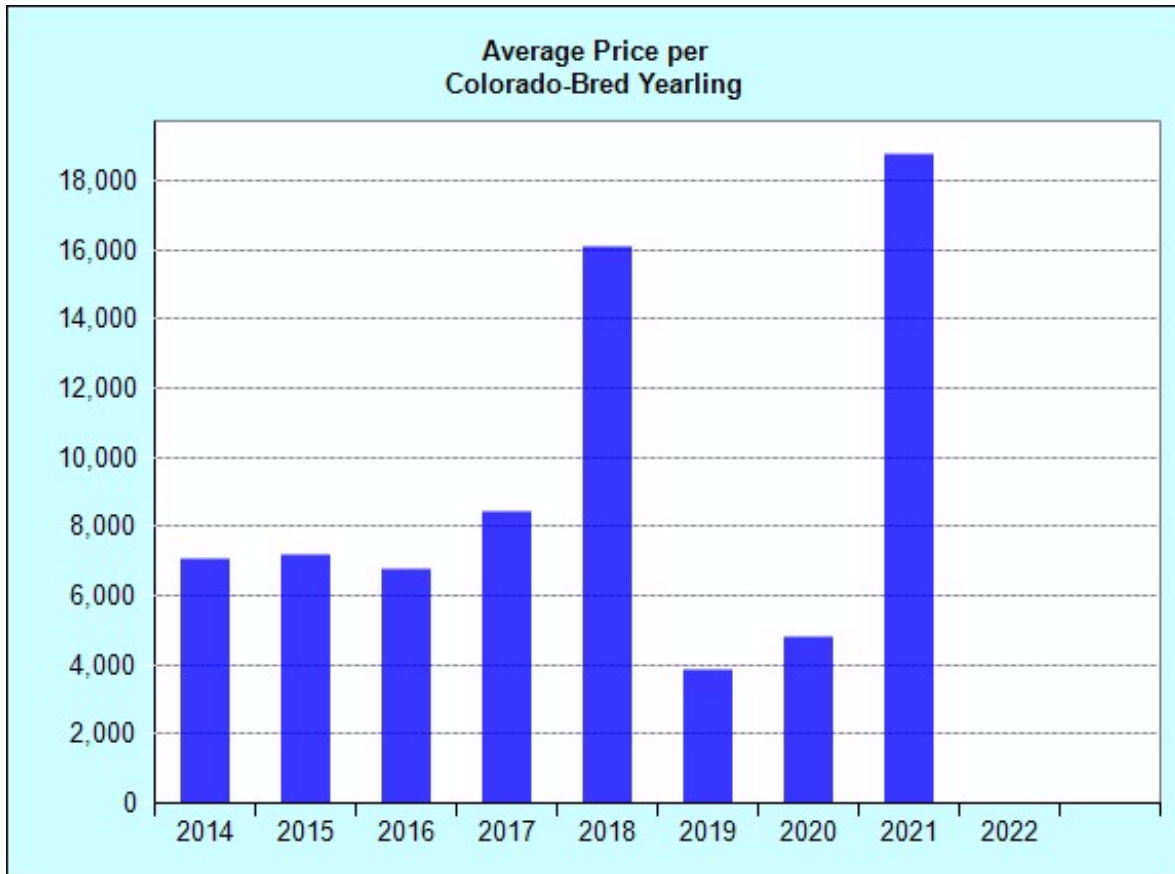
Ranked by percentage of total earnings in 2022

## Auction Results for Colorado-Bred Weanlings



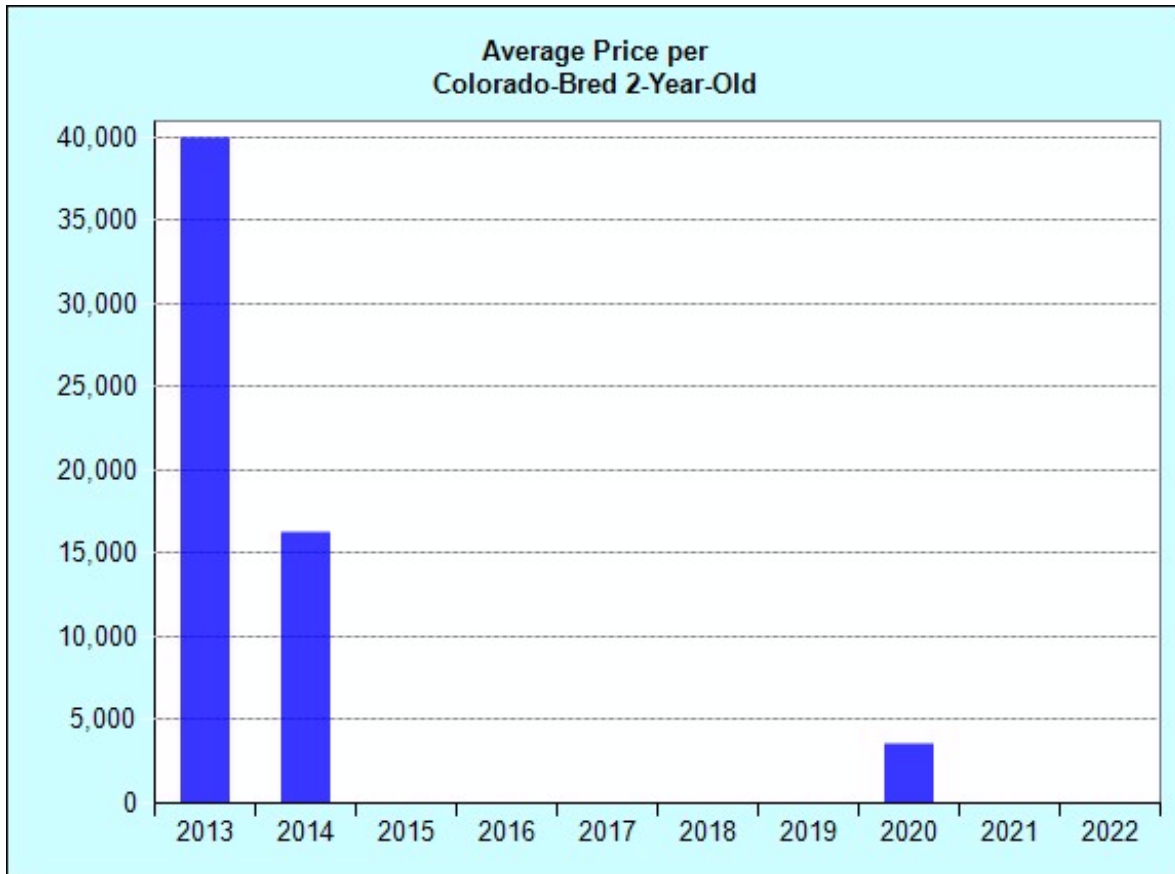
Sale Year	# Sold	Pct. Change	Gross Sales	Pct. Change	Avg. Price	Pct. Change	Median Price	Pct. Change
2002	1	0.0	4,500	0.0	4,500	0.0	4,500	0.0
2003	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2004	2	0.0	18,200	0.0	9,100	0.0	9,100	0.0
2005	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2006	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2007	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2008	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2009	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2010	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2011	2	0.0	19,000	0.0	9,500	0.0	9,500	0.0
2012	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2013	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2014	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2015	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2016	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2017	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2018	1	0.0	6,000	0.0	6,000	0.0	6,000	0.0
2019	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2020	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2021	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2022	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

## Auction Results for Colorado-Bred Yearlings



Sale Year	# Sold	Pct. Change	Gross Sales	Pct. Change	Avg. Price	Pct. Change	Median Price	Pct. Change
2002	7	0.0	215,100	0.0	30,729	0.0	7,500	0.0
2003	3	-57.1	26,400	-87.7	8,800	-71.4	6,700	-10.7
2004	1	-66.7	5,000	-81.1	5,000	-43.2	5,000	-25.4
2005	3	200.0	14,700	194.0	4,900	-2.0	6,000	20.0
2006	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2007	2	0.0	17,000	0.0	8,500	0.0	8,500	0.0
2008	2	0.0	36,500	114.7	18,250	114.7	18,250	114.7
2009	1	-50.0	550	-98.5	550	-97.0	550	-97.0
2010	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2011	11	0.0	140,000	0.0	12,727	0.0	7,000	0.0
2012	18	63.6	125,600	-10.3	6,978	-45.2	4,150	-40.7
2013	18	0.0	235,100	87.2	13,061	87.2	10,050	142.2
2014	28	55.6	198,650	-15.5	7,095	-45.7	5,250	-47.8
2015	24	-14.3	172,200	-13.3	7,175	1.1	5,150	-1.9
2016	21	-12.5	142,800	-17.1	6,800	-5.2	5,200	1.0
2017	19	-9.5	160,000	12.0	8,421	23.8	6,000	15.4
2018	26	36.8	419,150	162.0	16,121	91.4	3,400	-43.3
2019	24	-7.7	92,650	-77.9	3,860	-76.1	2,050	-39.7
2020	1	-95.8	4,800	-94.8	4,800	24.4	4,800	134.2
2021	2	100.0	37,500	681.3	18,750	290.6	18,750	290.6
2022	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

## Auction Results for Colorado-Bred 2-Year-Olds



Sale Year	# Sold	Pct. Change	Gross Sales	Pct. Change	Avg. Price	Pct. Change	Median Price	Pct. Change
2002	3	0.0	12,500	0.0	4,167	0.0	600	0.0
2003	2	-33.3	180,000	1340.0	90,000	2059.8	90,000	14900.0
2004	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2005	1	0.0	3,000	0.0	3,000	0.0	3,000	0.0
2006	1	0.0	7,500	150.0	7,500	150.0	7,500	150.0
2007	2	100.0	18,500	146.7	9,250	23.3	9,250	23.3
2008	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2009	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2010	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2011	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2012	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2013	2	0.0	80,000	0.0	40,000	0.0	40,000	0.0
2014	3	50.0	49,000	-38.8	16,333	-59.2	20,000	-50.0
2015	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2016	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2017	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2018	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2019	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2020	1	0.0	3,622	0.0	3,622	0.0	3,622	0.0
2021	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2022	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0