

2025 CALIFORNIA FACT BOOK

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



Prepared by The Jockey Club

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 CALIFORNIA 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). 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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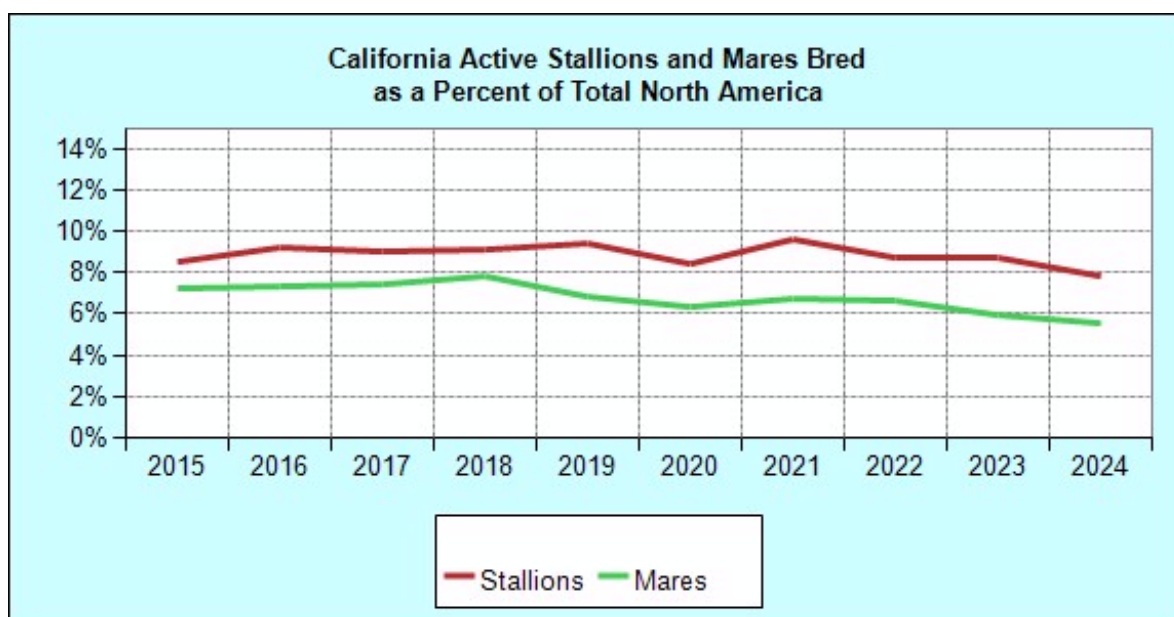
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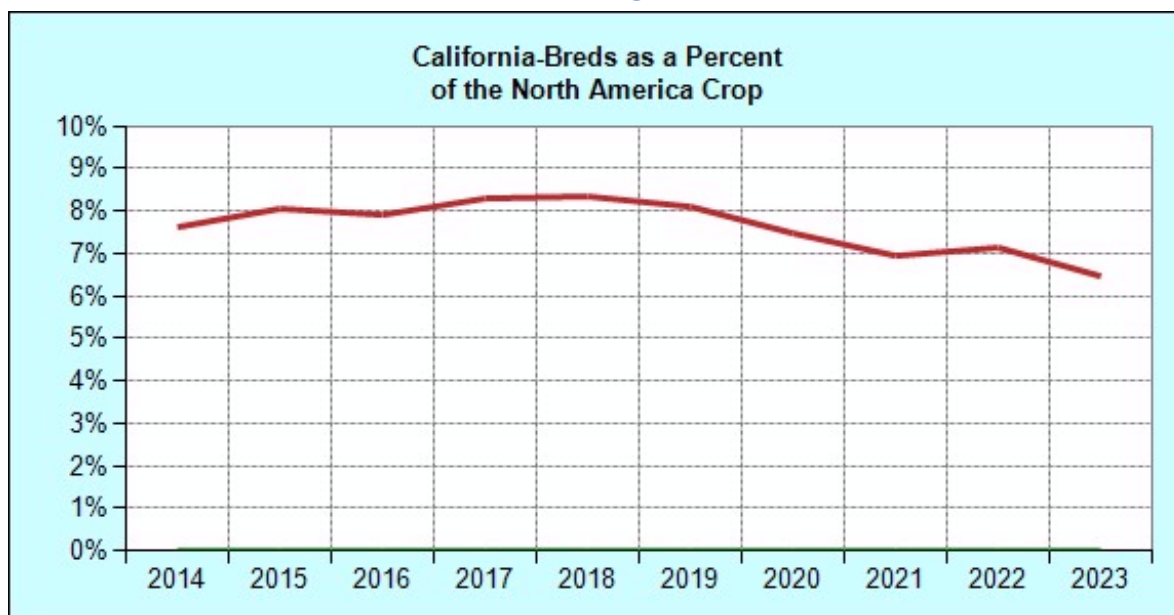
Annual Mares Bred to California Stallions



Year	Mares Bred	Pct. of NA	Stallions	Pct. of NA	Avg. Book Size	Avg. NA Book Size
2004	5,823	9.1	415	9.5	14.0	14.6
2005	5,224	8.2	347	8.2	15.1	15.1
2006	4,913	7.8	341	8.3	14.4	15.5
2007	4,708	7.7	324	8.4	14.5	15.8
2008	4,105	7.2	289	7.9	14.2	15.6
2009	3,217	6.4	257	7.7	12.5	14.9
2010	2,780	6.3	239	7.7	11.6	14.2
2011	2,558	6.4	211	7.6	12.1	14.2
2012	2,456	6.5	200	7.8	12.3	14.7
2013	2,540	6.8	186	7.7	13.7	15.5
2014	2,612	6.9	171	7.5	15.3	16.5
2015	2,713	7.2	176	8.5	15.4	18.1
2016	2,675	7.3	182	9.2	14.7	18.4
2017	2,591	7.5	172	9.0	15.1	18.2
2018	2,563	7.8	160	9.1	16.0	18.7
2019	2,165	6.9	157	9.4	13.8	18.9
2020	1,908	6.4	131	8.4	14.6	19.3
2021	1,965	6.7	135	9.6	14.6	20.9
2022	1,899	6.6	117	8.8	16.2	21.6
2023	1,672	5.9	107	8.7	15.6	23.1
2024	1,498	5.6	78	7.9	19.2	27.0

Figures as of 04/01/2025

Annual California Registered Foal Crop



Crop Year	California	North America	Pct. of NA Crop
2003	3,867	37,067	10.4
2004	3,787	37,949	10.0
2005	3,664	38,365	9.6
2006	3,320	38,104	8.7
2007	3,087	37,499	8.2
2008	2,914	35,274	8.3
2009	2,466	32,364	7.6
2010	1,998	28,420	7.0
2011	1,841	24,941	7.4
2012	1,714	23,542	7.3
2013	1,690	23,248	7.3
2014	1,748	23,001	7.6
2015	1,855	23,049	8.0
2016	1,788	22,680	7.9
2017	1,841	22,255	8.3
2018	1,779	21,293	8.4
2019	1,664	20,548	8.1
2020	1,483	19,904	7.5
2021	1,326	19,082	6.9
2022	1,337	18,700	7.1
2023	1,191	18,500 *	6.4

* Estimated figure

Figures as of 04/01/2025

Foaling Area of California-Sired Registered Foals

Crop Year

Foaling Area	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
CA	1,046	1,173	1,156	1,292	1,452
KY	31	30	36	20	29
WA	21	24	15	21	20
AZ	5	19	15	21	17
CO	3	0	0	1	1
TX	3	3	1	5	4
NM	2	2	2	1	0
IN	2	0	2	0	0
ON	2	0	0	3	8
PA	2	1	1	7	9
BC	2	1	2	1	1
ID	1	1	8	5	4
OR	1	7	2	1	1
UT	1	1	7	0	1
WY	1	0	5	3	5
WV	0	0	0	2	1
NV	0	0	1	1	2
NY	0	0	0	0	1
OH	0	0	0	0	3
OK	0	0	0	0	1
PR	0	0	0	1	0
AB	0	2	0	1	1
FL	0	0	1	3	2
IA	0	0	0	2	0
LA	0	0	0	0	2
MB	0	0	0	0	1
MD	0	2	0	0	0
MN	0	0	1	0	1
NE	0	1	1	2	0
NJ	0	1	0	0	0
Total	1,123	1,268	1,256	1,393	1,567

Note: Figures include only foals born in the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico.
 Ranked by number of registered foals in 2023
 Figures as of 04/01/2025

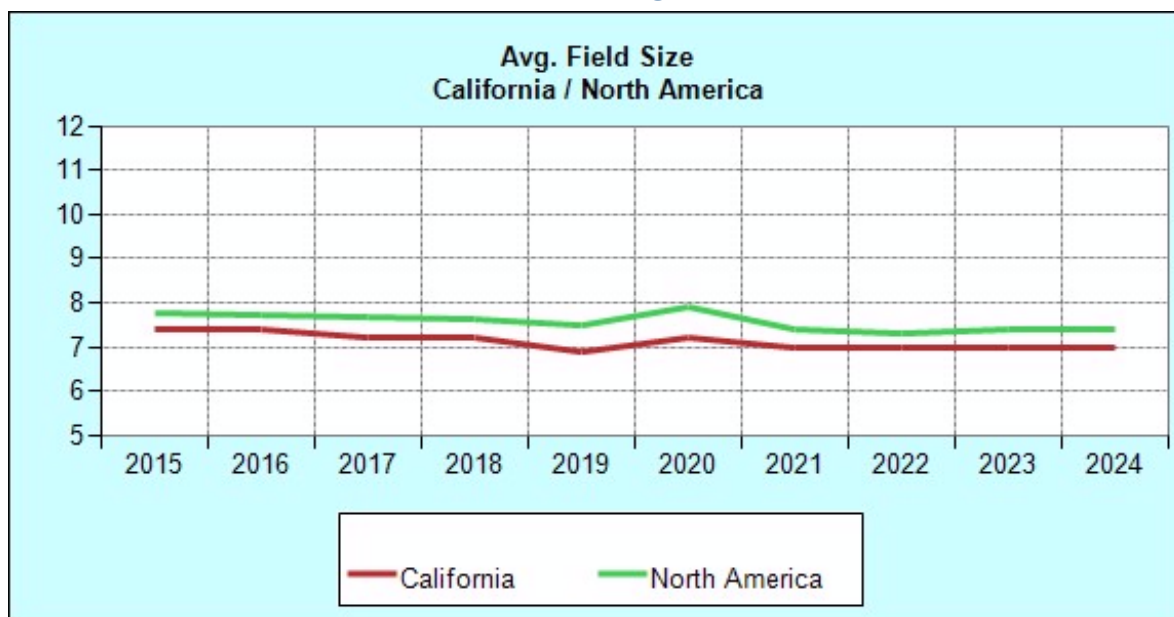
Conception Area of California-Bred Registered Foals

Crop Year

Conception Area	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
CA	1,046	1,173	1,156	1,292	1,452
KY	132	147	153	173	185
WA	5	9	0	4	4
MD	3	0	1	1	1
LA	2	0	0	0	3
NM	1	0	3	0	0
TX	1	0	0	0	0
AZ	1	0	0	1	0
UT	0	0	2	1	0
NY	0	1	2	0	1
OH	0	0	1	0	0
ON	0	0	0	1	0
OR	0	4	5	3	12
PA	0	0	3	6	0
FL	0	2	0	1	3
IA	0	1	0	0	0
IN	0	0	0	0	4
Total	1,191	1,337	1,326	1,483	1,665

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 2023. Figures as of 04/01/2025

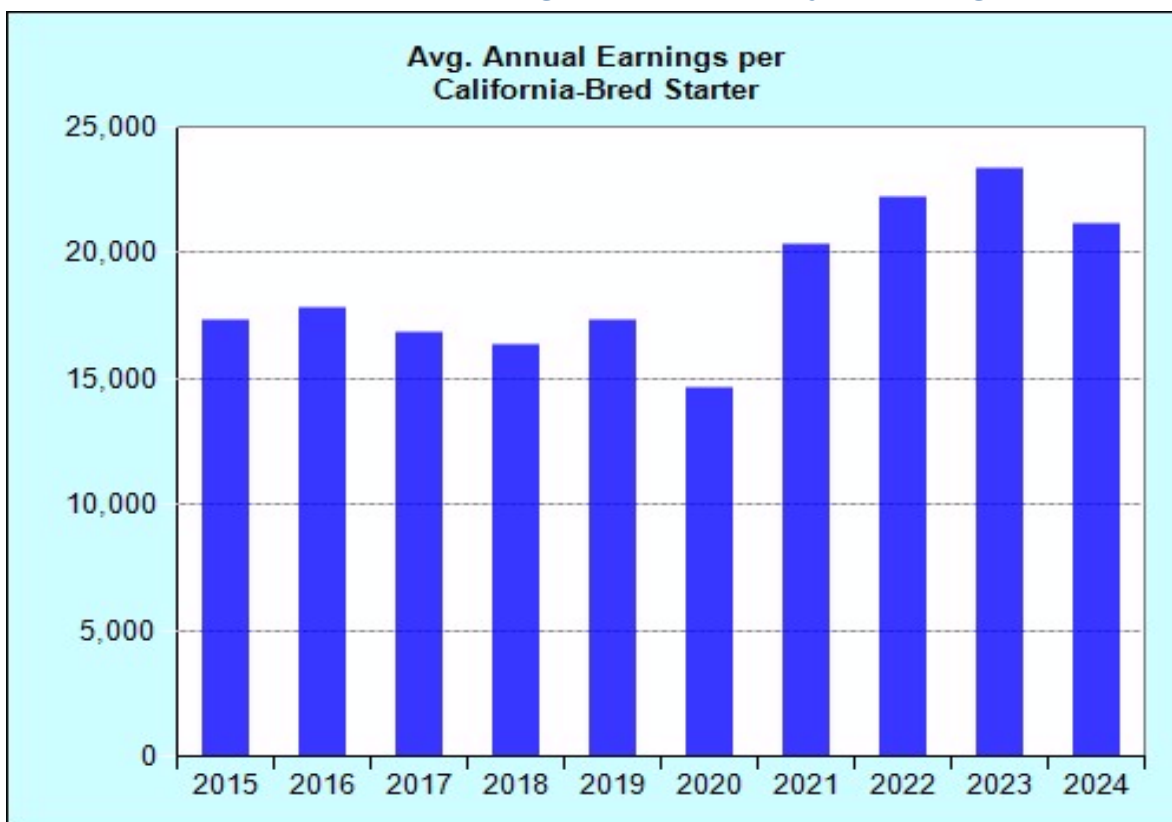
California Racing Overview



Year	Races	Purses	Starters	Starts	Race Days	Avg. Field Size	Avg. Purse per Race
2004	5,128	169,881,579	8,064	38,797	755	7.6	33,128
2005	5,012	169,694,557	7,877	37,672	738	7.5	33,858
2006	5,094	177,135,584	8,223	39,000	742	7.7	34,773
2007	5,055	179,231,621	8,438	40,045	731	7.9	35,456
2008	5,076	198,311,069	8,357	39,945	733	7.9	39,068
2009	4,782	174,432,359	7,694	36,972	690	7.7	36,477
2010	4,403	132,541,382	6,651	32,412	618	7.4	30,103
2011	4,184	140,521,016	6,537	31,272	578	7.5	33,585
2012	4,064	170,539,513	6,455	30,303	581	7.5	41,963
2013	4,117	171,303,718	6,345	31,446	578	7.6	41,609
2014	3,900	172,627,195	6,195	28,768	552	7.4	44,263
2015	3,873	144,285,157	5,870	28,739	560	7.4	37,254
2016	3,863	167,848,423	5,862	28,548	551	7.4	43,450
2017	3,758	162,094,001	5,750	27,106	542	7.2	43,133
2018	3,874	136,865,358	5,653	28,027	551	7.2	35,329
2019	3,574	160,375,859	5,368	24,764	520	6.9	44,873
2020	2,784	104,096,053	4,718	19,920	414	7.2	37,391
2021	3,134	161,548,990	4,904	21,822	437	7.0	51,547
2022	3,011	143,021,613	4,694	21,101	404	7.0	47,500
2023	2,921	165,023,914	4,710	20,358	394	7.0	56,496
2024	2,644	148,994,822	4,393	18,589	375	7.0	56,352

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

California-Bred Racing Statistics by Racing Year



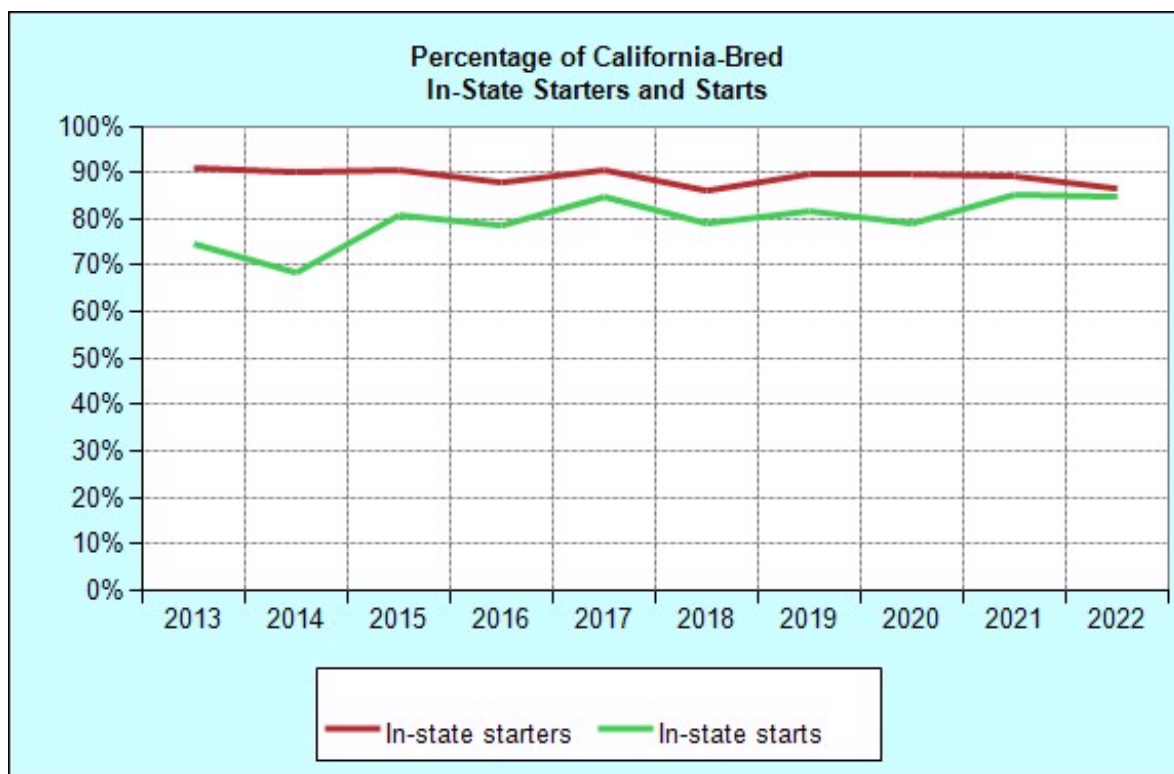
Racing Year	Starters	Starts	Earnings	Avg. Earnings per Starter	Avg. Starts per Starter
2004	6,326	39,096	85,114,876	13,455	6.2
2005	6,425	39,191	91,920,460	14,307	6.1
2006	6,537	39,559	94,506,263	14,457	6.1
2007	6,437	39,190	93,285,295	14,492	6.1
2008	6,379	38,590	84,751,426	13,286	6.1
2009	5,799	36,041	72,491,714	12,501	6.2
2010	5,322	33,439	69,753,684	13,107	6.3
2011	4,879	29,542	69,494,847	14,244	6.1
2012	4,408	27,622	67,217,944	15,249	6.3
2013	4,195	26,825	69,773,564	16,633	6.4
2014	4,020	24,748	72,643,378	18,070	6.2
2015	3,855	24,175	66,757,695	17,317	6.3
2016	3,708	23,484	65,985,050	17,795	6.3
2017	3,597	22,370	60,532,240	16,829	6.2
2018	3,620	22,673	59,205,702	16,355	6.3
2019	3,529	21,356	61,110,202	17,317	6.1
2020	3,267	16,476	47,896,444	14,661	5.0
2021	3,221	19,141	65,361,482	20,292	5.9
2022	3,078	17,955	68,309,029	22,193	5.8
2023	2,984	17,476	69,676,390	23,350	5.9
2024	2,831	16,698	59,762,327	21,110	5.9

California-Bred Racing Statistics by Foaling Year

Foaling Year	Reg. Foals	Starters	Lifetime Starts	Lifetime Earnings	Avg. Earnings per Starter	Avg. Starts per Starter
2003	3,867	2,493	39,959	90,443,246	36,279	16.0
2004	3,787	2,375	36,987	82,708,790	34,825	15.6
2005	3,664	2,316	36,367	79,974,562	34,531	15.7
2006	3,320	2,080	33,099	75,350,099	36,226	15.9
2007	3,087	1,881	30,529	68,021,947	36,163	16.2
2008	2,914	1,746	28,853	68,755,367	39,379	16.5
2009	2,467	1,560	25,651	69,293,759	44,419	16.4
2010	1,998	1,297	21,919	63,850,719	49,230	16.9
2011	1,842	1,264	19,779	68,512,358	54,203	15.6
2012	1,714	1,154	14,497	44,579,674	38,631	12.6
2013	1,694	1,165	12,841	38,407,564	32,968	11.0
2014	1,748	1,158	18,954	54,015,034	46,645	16.4
2015	1,855	1,076	8,225	25,776,512	23,956	7.6
2016	1,794	1,083	8,557	28,539,647	26,352	7.9
2017	1,841	1,011	6,574	23,005,315	22,755	6.5
2018	1,779	1,001	6,892	27,559,627	27,532	6.9
2019	1,664	948	7,077	31,332,947	33,052	7.5
2020	1,483	893	6,553	29,682,916	33,240	7.3
2021	1,326	789	5,323	24,010,736	30,432	6.7
2022	1,337	538	2,123	10,570,677	19,648	3.9

Figures as of 04/01/2025

California-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
2003	2,493	2,022	81.1	39,959	21,419	53.6
2004	2,375	1,937	81.6	36,987	21,073	57.0
2005	2,316	1,918	82.8	36,367	21,150	58.2
2006	2,080	1,714	82.4	33,099	18,560	56.1
2007	1,881	1,601	85.1	30,529	18,308	60.0
2008	1,746	1,526	87.4	28,853	17,957	62.2
2009	1,560	1,391	89.2	25,651	17,034	66.4
2010	1,297	1,174	90.5	21,919	14,183	64.7
2011	1,264	1,181	93.4	19,779	14,013	70.8
2012	1,154	1,061	91.9	14,497	10,597	73.1
2013	1,165	1,062	91.2	12,841	9,600	74.8
2014	1,158	1,044	90.2	18,954	12,989	68.5
2015	1,076	975	90.6	8,225	6,634	80.7
2016	1,083	953	88.0	8,557	6,717	78.5
2017	1,011	917	90.7	6,574	5,572	84.8
2018	1,001	864	86.3	6,892	5,459	79.2
2019	948	851	89.8	7,077	5,771	81.5
2020	893	802	89.8	6,553	5,190	79.2
2021	789	705	89.4	5,323	4,537	85.2
2022	538	465	86.4	2,123	1,802	84.9

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

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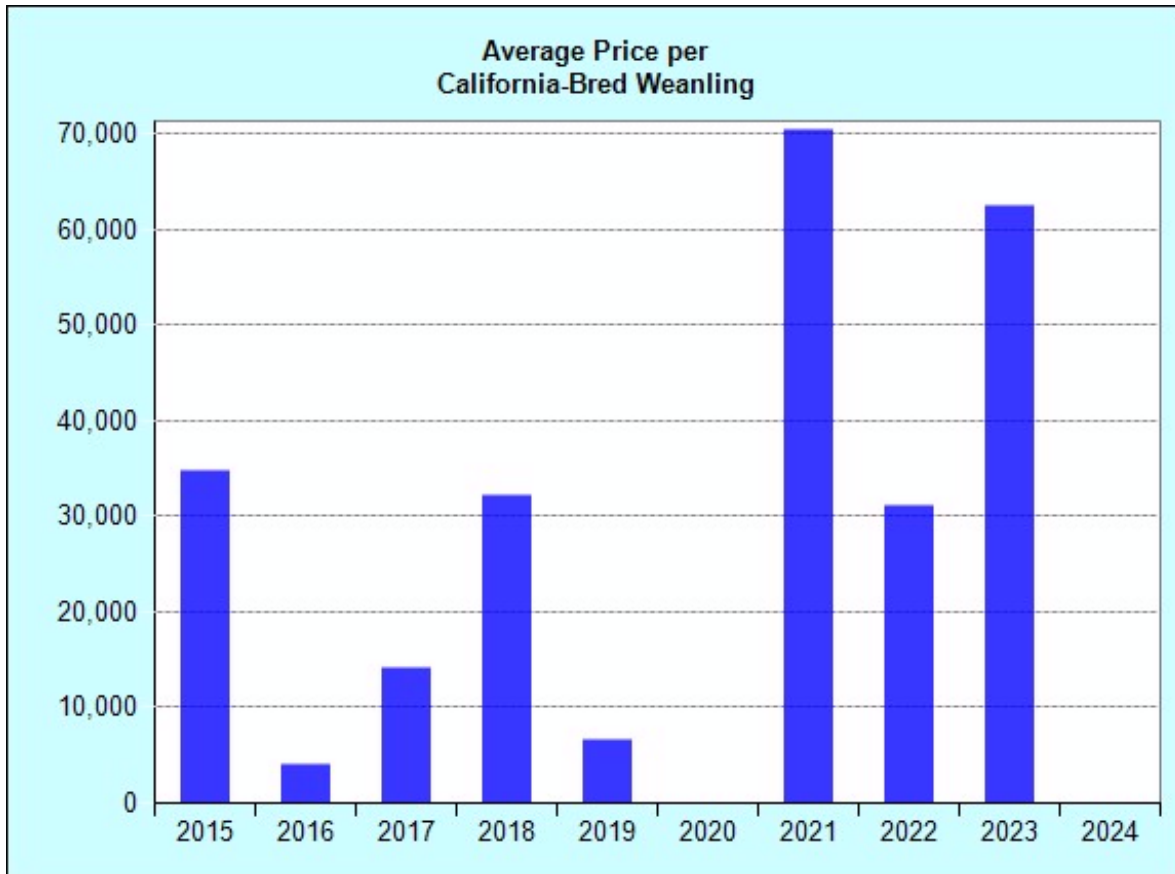
Percentage of California-Bred Earnings by Racing Area

Racing Year

Racing Area	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
CA	75.08%	76.11%	78.25%	80.69%	83.04%
AZ	5.24%	4.61%	7.23%	5.80%	2.06%
NM	3.29%	2.85%	2.29%	1.16%	1.46%
WA	2.19%	2.49%	2.22%	1.56%	1.58%
WY	1.21%	0.67%	0.52%	0.36%	0.34%
WV	1.04%	1.09%	0.68%	0.74%	0.88%
AR	1.04%	0.56%	0.48%	0.30%	1.13%
AB	0.99%	0.58%	0.50%	0.36%	0.42%
PA	0.84%	1.48%	0.89%	1.12%	1.30%
MB	0.78%	0.97%	0.58%	0.70%	0.49%
FL	0.77%	0.42%	0.24%	0.27%	0.42%
OR	0.68%	0.56%	0.25%	1.10%	1.00%
NY	0.67%	1.17%	0.27%	0.35%	0.26%
MN	0.62%	0.57%	0.91%	1.03%	0.98%
LA	0.54%	0.33%	0.26%	0.42%	0.31%
OK	0.53%	0.24%	0.46%	0.66%	0.76%
OH	0.50%	0.66%	0.56%	0.47%	0.68%
CO	0.46%	0.48%	0.16%	0.14%	0.58%
IA	0.45%	0.31%	0.06%	0.06%	0.17%
KY	0.44%	1.05%	0.61%	0.27%	0.38%
ON	0.42%	0.29%	0.23%	0.11%	0.10%
TX	0.39%	0.19%	0.61%	0.73%	0.45%
IL	0.33%	0.15%	0.13%	0.11%	0.06%
BC	0.30%	0.19%	0.22%	0.11%	0.14%
DE	0.14%	0.19%	0.27%	0.30%	0.06%
IN	0.14%	0.22%	0.10%	0.01%	0.11%
MT	0.14%	0.07%	0.04%	0.05%	0.00%
NV	0.14%	0.15%	0.09%	0.11%	0.00%
NE	0.13%	0.07%	0.16%	0.17%	0.08%
PR	0.12%	0.12%	0.04%	0.07%	0.03%
NJ	0.10%	0.30%	0.15%	0.14%	0.16%
MD	0.05%	0.63%	0.28%	0.31%	0.38%
ID	0.04%	0.02%	0.02%	0.01%	0.01%
ND	0.03%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%
VA	0.01%	0.02%	0.00%	0.01%	0.02%
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Ranked by percentage of total earnings in 2024

Auction Results for California-Bred Weanlings



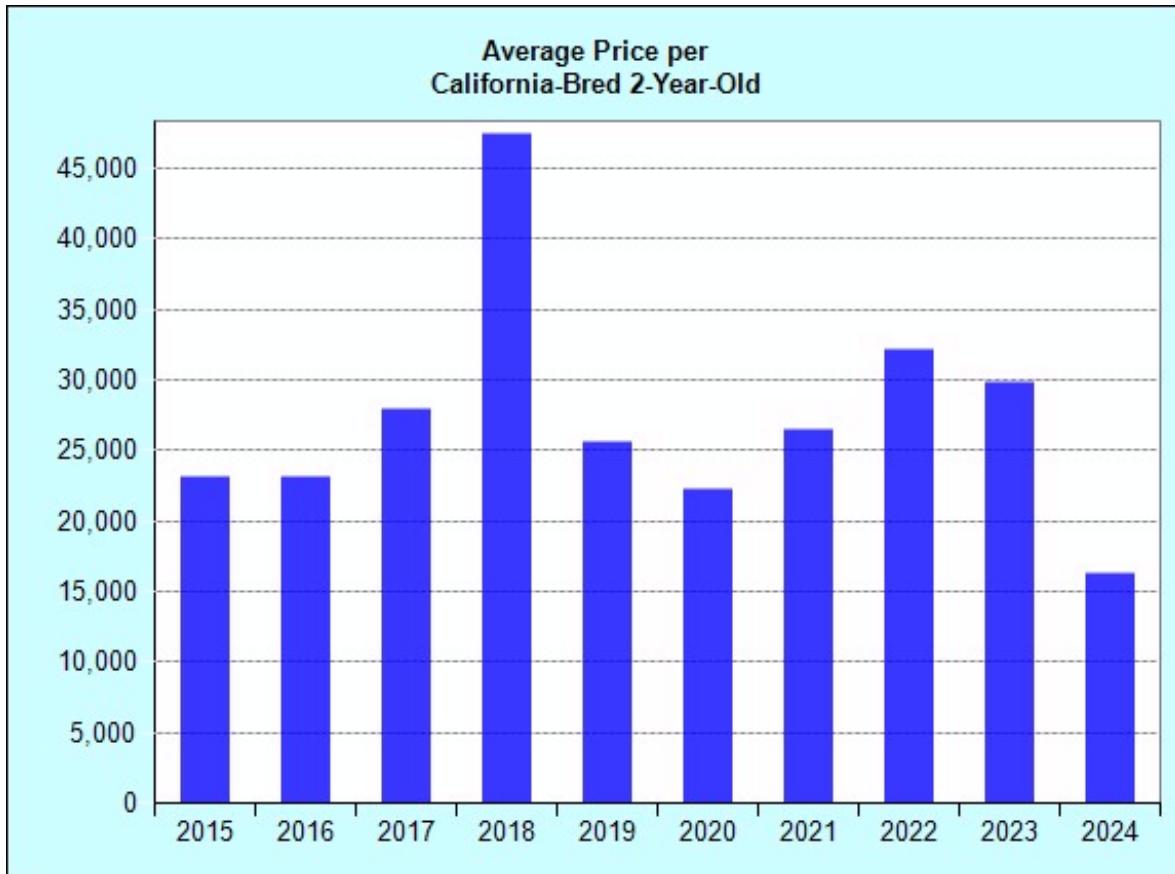
Sale Year	# Sold	Pct. Change	Gross Sales	Pct. Change	Avg. Price	Pct. Change	Median Price	Pct. Change
2004	113	0.0	633,800	0.0	5,609	0.0	2,500	0.0
2005	86	-23.9	470,000	-25.8	5,465	-2.6	3,000	20.0
2006	68	-20.9	298,050	-36.6	4,383	-19.8	2,300	-23.3
2007	59	-13.2	341,450	14.6	5,787	32.0	2,700	17.4
2008	44	-25.4	230,100	-32.6	5,230	-9.6	1,950	-27.8
2009	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2010	30	0.0	299,200	0.0	9,973	0.0	6,500	0.0
2011	1	-96.7	130,000	-56.6	130,000	1203.5	130,000	1900.0
2012	1	0.0	6,500	-95.0	6,500	-95.0	6,500	-95.0
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	5	0.0	174,500	0.0	34,900	0.0	40,000	0.0
2016	2	-60.0	8,000	-95.4	4,000	-88.5	4,000	-90.0
2017	8	300.0	114,000	1325.0	14,250	256.3	11,250	181.3
2018	5	-37.5	161,200	41.4	32,240	126.3	33,000	193.3
2019	3	-40.0	19,700	-87.8	6,567	-79.6	5,500	-83.3
2020	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2021	4	0.0	282,000	0.0	70,500	0.0	37,500	0.0
2022	4	0.0	124,600	-55.8	31,150	-55.8	6,750	-82.0
2023	2	-50.0	125,000	0.3	62,500	100.6	62,500	825.9
2024	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

Auction Results for California-Bred Yearlings



Sale Year	# Sold	Pct. Change	Gross Sales	Pct. Change	Avg. Price	Pct. Change	Median Price	Pct. Change
2004	732	0.0	10,508,110	0.0	14,355	0.0	6,000	0.0
2005	692	-5.5	10,010,471	-4.7	14,466	0.8	5,600	-6.7
2006	584	-15.6	7,687,539	-23.2	13,164	-9.0	5,850	4.5
2007	553	-5.3	6,929,359	-9.9	12,530	-4.8	5,000	-14.5
2008	445	-19.5	4,493,595	-35.2	10,098	-19.4	3,700	-26.0
2009	353	-20.7	3,272,100	-27.2	9,269	-8.2	3,700	0.0
2010	285	-19.3	3,433,150	4.9	12,046	30.0	5,000	35.1
2011	250	-12.3	2,808,700	-18.2	11,235	-6.7	4,500	-10.0
2012	261	4.4	5,393,200	92.0	20,664	83.9	10,000	122.2
2013	268	2.7	4,219,600	-21.8	15,745	-23.8	7,000	-30.0
2014	309	15.3	5,900,323	39.8	19,095	21.3	9,500	35.7
2015	325	5.2	5,428,910	-8.0	16,704	-12.5	9,500	0.0
2016	380	16.9	6,770,652	24.7	17,818	6.7	7,100	-25.3
2017	318	-16.3	5,778,300	-14.7	18,171	2.0	5,000	-29.6
2018	289	-9.1	4,714,500	-18.4	16,313	-10.2	5,000	0.0
2019	276	-4.5	5,469,800	16.0	19,818	21.5	5,500	10.0
2020	294	6.5	5,134,400	-6.1	17,464	-11.9	5,500	0.0
2021	323	9.9	8,510,350	65.8	26,348	50.9	10,000	81.8
2022	329	1.9	6,556,407	-23.0	19,928	-24.4	7,500	-25.0
2023	336	2.1	7,095,500	8.2	21,118	6.0	7,000	-6.7
2024	324	-3.6	5,906,301	-16.8	18,229	-13.7	7,000	0.0

Auction Results for California-Bred 2-Year-Olds



Sale Year	# Sold	Pct. Change	Gross Sales	Pct. Change	Avg. Price	Pct. Change	Median Price	Pct. Change
2004	259	0.0	6,349,000	0.0	24,514	0.0	12,000	0.0
2005	282	8.9	5,536,550	-12.8	19,633	-19.9	10,000	-16.7
2006	263	-6.7	9,809,589	77.2	37,299	90.0	11,000	10.0
2007	230	-12.6	4,727,400	-51.8	20,554	-44.9	7,000	-36.4
2008	166	-27.8	3,151,950	-33.3	18,988	-7.6	7,000	0.0
2009	90	-45.8	1,867,700	-40.7	20,752	9.3	5,600	-20.0
2010	109	21.1	1,889,800	1.2	17,338	-16.5	7,500	33.9
2011	105	-3.7	1,578,600	-16.5	15,034	-13.3	5,000	-33.3
2012	75	-28.6	1,540,000	-2.5	20,533	36.6	7,000	40.0
2013	108	44.0	3,065,100	99.0	28,381	38.2	10,000	42.9
2014	110	1.9	3,075,900	0.4	27,963	-1.5	11,500	15.0
2015	128	16.4	2,961,900	-3.7	23,140	-17.3	7,500	-34.8
2016	95	-25.8	2,197,900	-25.8	23,136	-0.0	8,000	6.7
2017	86	-9.5	2,404,700	9.4	27,962	20.9	5,000	-37.5
2018	85	-1.2	4,029,600	67.6	47,407	69.5	7,000	40.0
2019	89	4.7	2,282,600	-43.4	25,647	-45.9	6,500	-7.1
2020	61	-31.5	1,355,400	-40.6	22,220	-13.4	6,500	0.0
2021	57	-6.6	1,511,000	11.5	26,509	19.3	10,500	61.5
2022	87	52.6	2,797,400	85.1	32,154	21.3	8,000	-23.8
2023	64	-26.4	1,911,100	-31.7	29,861	-7.1	9,750	21.9
2024	83	29.7	1,349,900	-29.4	16,264	-45.5	7,500	-23.1