

# **2026 ILLINOIS FACT BOOK**

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



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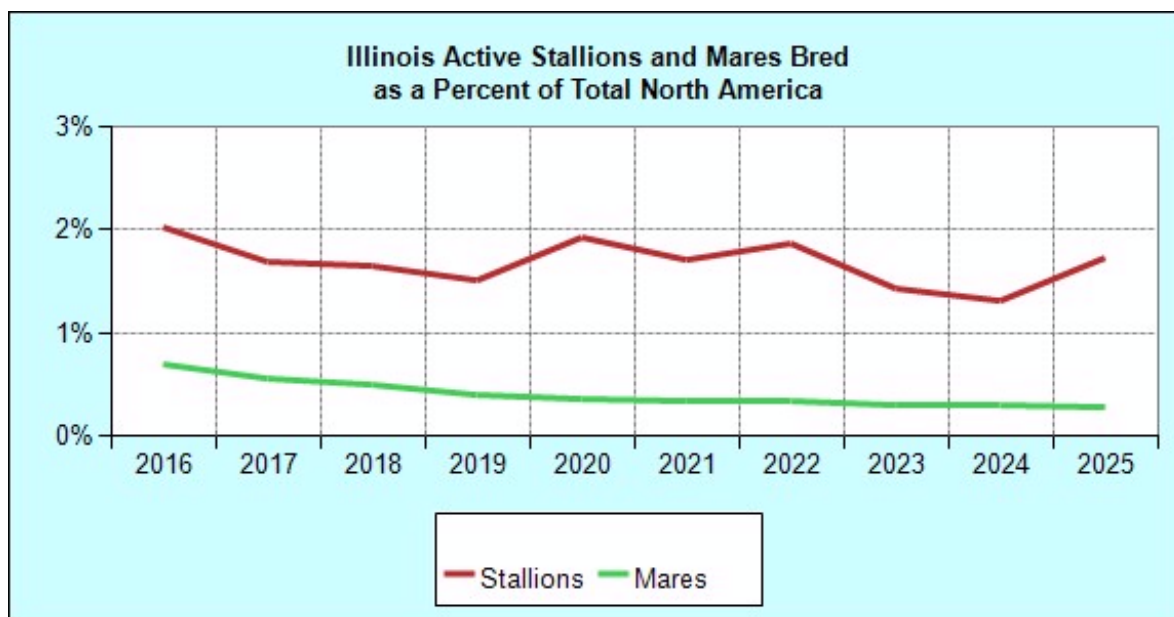
*Bred (Area Foaled): The term "bred" is sometimes used to describe the location where a foal was born, e.g., Kentucky bred (born in Kentucky) or New York bred (born in New York).*

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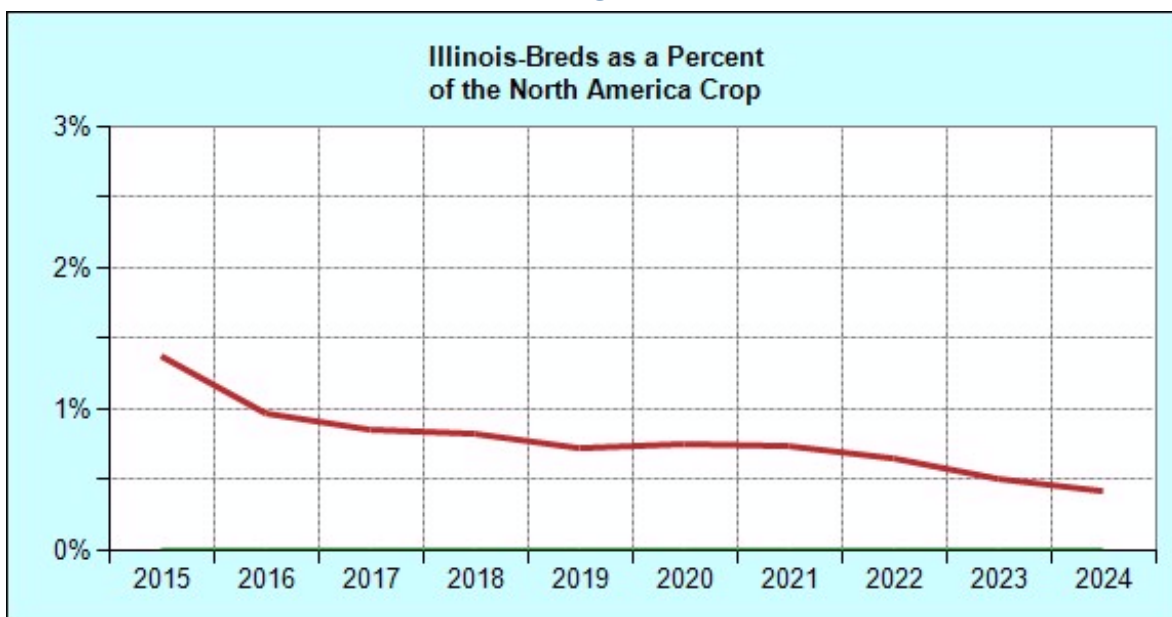
## Annual Mares Bred to Illinois Stallions



Year	Mares Bred	Pct. of NA	Stallions	Pct. of NA	Avg. Book Size	Avg. NA Book Size
2005	974	1.5	108	2.6	9.0	15.1
2006	997	1.6	109	2.7	9.1	15.5
2007	870	1.4	101	2.6	8.6	15.8
2008	739	1.3	96	2.6	7.7	15.6
2009	662	1.3	88	2.6	7.5	14.9
2010	540	1.2	79	2.5	6.8	14.2
2011	393	1.0	59	2.1	6.7	14.2
2012	331	0.9	62	2.4	5.3	14.7
2013	331	0.9	60	2.5	5.5	15.5
2014	314	0.8	46	2.0	6.8	16.5
2015	296	0.8	53	2.6	5.6	18.1
2016	253	0.7	40	2.0	6.3	18.4
2017	193	0.6	32	1.7	6.0	18.2
2018	160	0.5	29	1.6	5.5	18.7
2019	127	0.4	25	1.5	5.1	18.9
2020	107	0.4	30	1.9	3.6	19.3
2021	100	0.3	24	1.7	4.2	20.9
2022	97	0.3	25	1.9	3.9	21.5
2023	82	0.3	18	1.4	4.6	22.6
2024	78	0.3	15	1.3	5.2	24.0
2025	72	0.3	16	1.7	4.5	27.7

Figures as of 04/02/2026

## Annual Illinois Registered Foal Crop



Crop Year	Illinois	North America	Pct. of NA Crop
2004	973	37,949	2.6
2005	918	38,365	2.4
2006	917	38,104	2.4
2007	837	37,499	2.2
2008	838	35,274	2.4
2009	658	32,364	2.0
2010	644	28,420	2.3
2011	479	24,941	1.9
2012	367	23,542	1.6
2013	405	23,249	1.7
2014	371	23,001	1.6
2015	317	23,050	1.4
2016	221	22,680	1.0
2017	190	22,255	0.9
2018	176	21,298	0.8
2019	151	20,552	0.7
2020	150	19,911	0.8
2021	141	19,120	0.7
2022	121	18,554	0.7
2023	93	18,500	0.5
2024	75	18,000 *	0.4

\* Estimated figure

Figures as of 04/02/2026

## Foaling Area of Illinois-Sired Registered Foals

### Crop Year

Foaling Area	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
IL	26	41	41	44	52
IN	1	2	5	3	2
KY	1	0	0	0	0
MI	0	1	0	0	0
MN	0	0	1	1	1
NE	0	0	0	1	0
WV	0	1	0	0	0
FL	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>55</b>

Note: Figures include only foals born in the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico.  
 Ranked by number of registered foals in 2024  
 Figures as of 04/02/2026

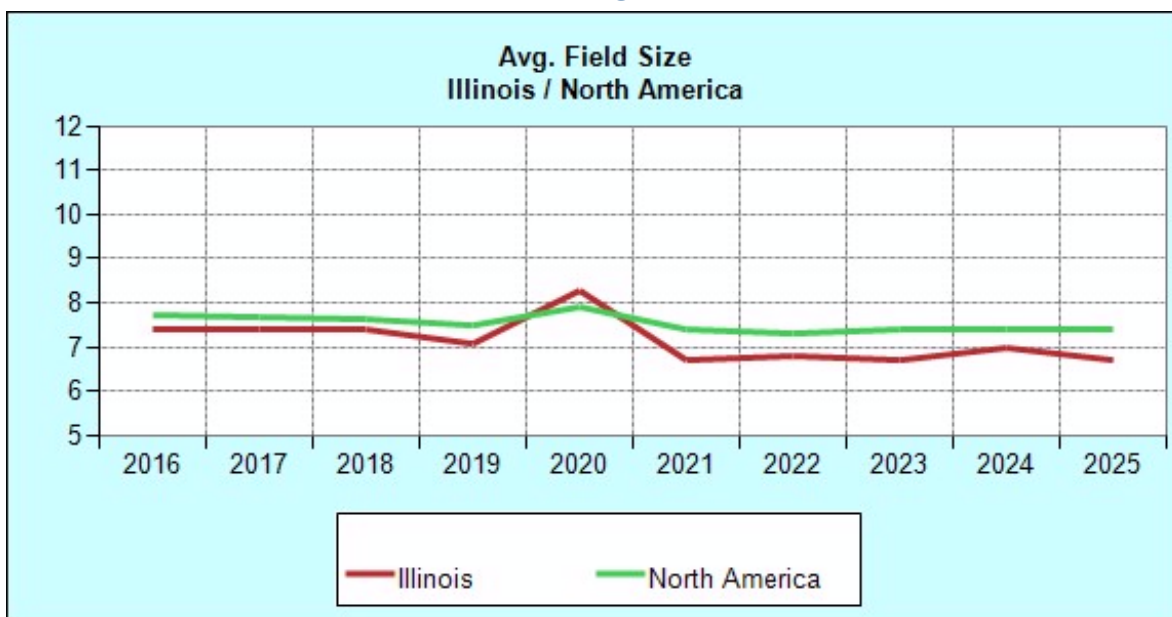
## Conception Area of Illinois-Bred Registered Foals

### Crop Year

Conception Area	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
KY	45	37	63	84	88
IL	26	41	41	44	52
FL	2	3	12	4	2
IN	1	4	4	2	3
OK	1	5	0	2	0
LA	0	0	0	1	0
MI	0	0	0	0	1
NY	0	0	0	2	1
OH	0	0	1	1	1
IA	0	3	0	0	0
AR	0	0	0	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>150</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 2024. Figures as of 04/02/2026

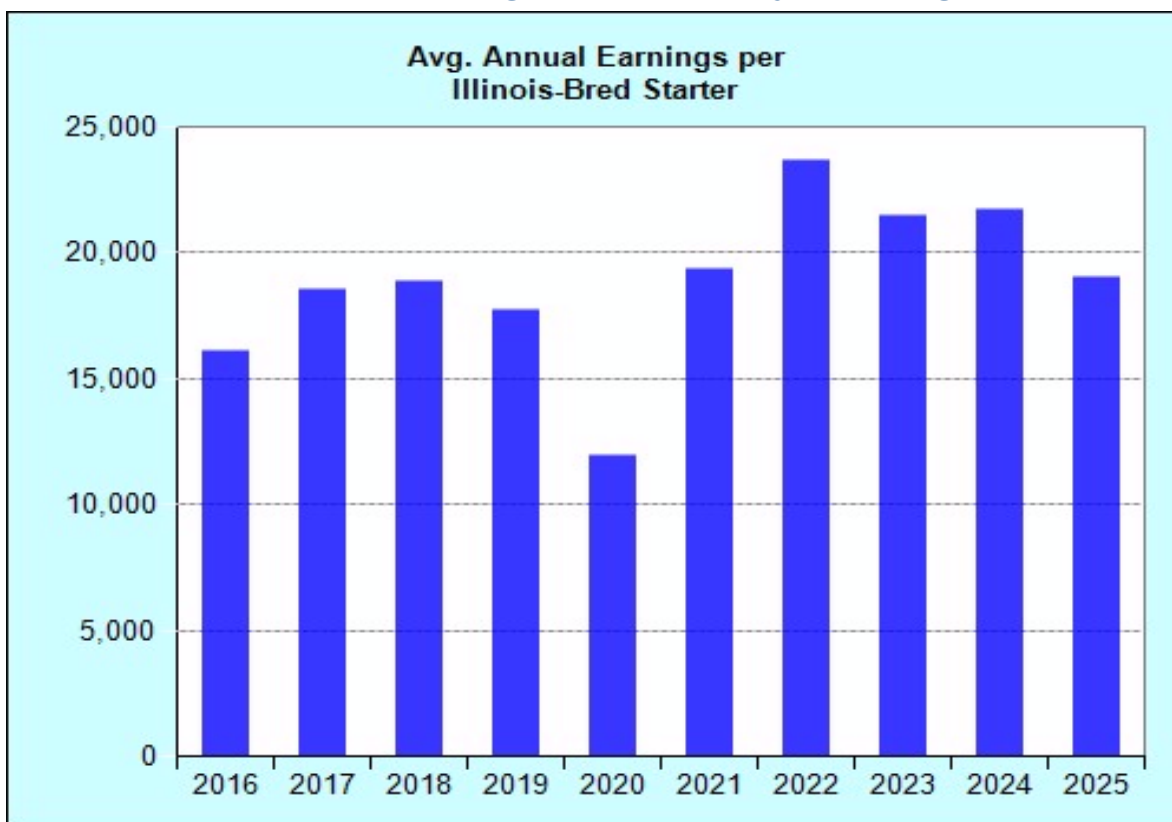
## Illinois Racing Overview



Year	Races	Purses	Starters	Starts	Race Days	Avg. Field Size	Avg. Purse per Race
2005	2,970	70,627,593	4,665	23,405	321	7.9	23,780
2006	2,856	69,856,840	4,431	21,718	311	7.6	24,460
2007	2,699	65,564,874	4,650	21,475	301	8.0	24,292
2008	2,409	61,227,246	4,371	19,984	266	8.3	25,416
2009	2,417	58,775,822	4,295	19,189	263	7.9	24,318
2010	2,104	46,285,006	3,884	17,029	238	8.1	21,999
2011	2,276	52,834,243	3,846	18,355	260	8.1	23,214
2012	2,213	64,234,699	3,699	18,163	252	8.2	29,026
2013	2,262	57,241,556	3,441	17,357	258	7.7	25,306
2014	1,987	44,804,667	3,093	14,841	226	7.5	22,549
2015	1,714	31,728,828	2,438	12,097	211	7.1	18,512
2016	1,420	27,838,303	2,349	10,441	180	7.4	19,604
2017	1,381	28,329,295	2,191	10,152	169	7.4	20,514
2018	1,294	28,947,300	2,125	9,571	161	7.4	22,370
2019	1,308	27,972,306	2,014	9,331	162	7.1	21,386
2020	774	14,234,564	1,658	6,400	97	8.3	18,391
2021	1,323	27,351,412	1,818	8,904	171	6.7	20,674
2022	1,002	23,456,627	1,538	6,791	128	6.8	23,410
2023	981	23,504,790	1,409	6,593	126	6.7	23,960
2024	987	23,343,309	1,475	6,887	120	7.0	23,651
2025	913	19,518,330	1,351	6,139	116	6.7	21,378

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

## Illinois-Bred Racing Statistics by Racing Year



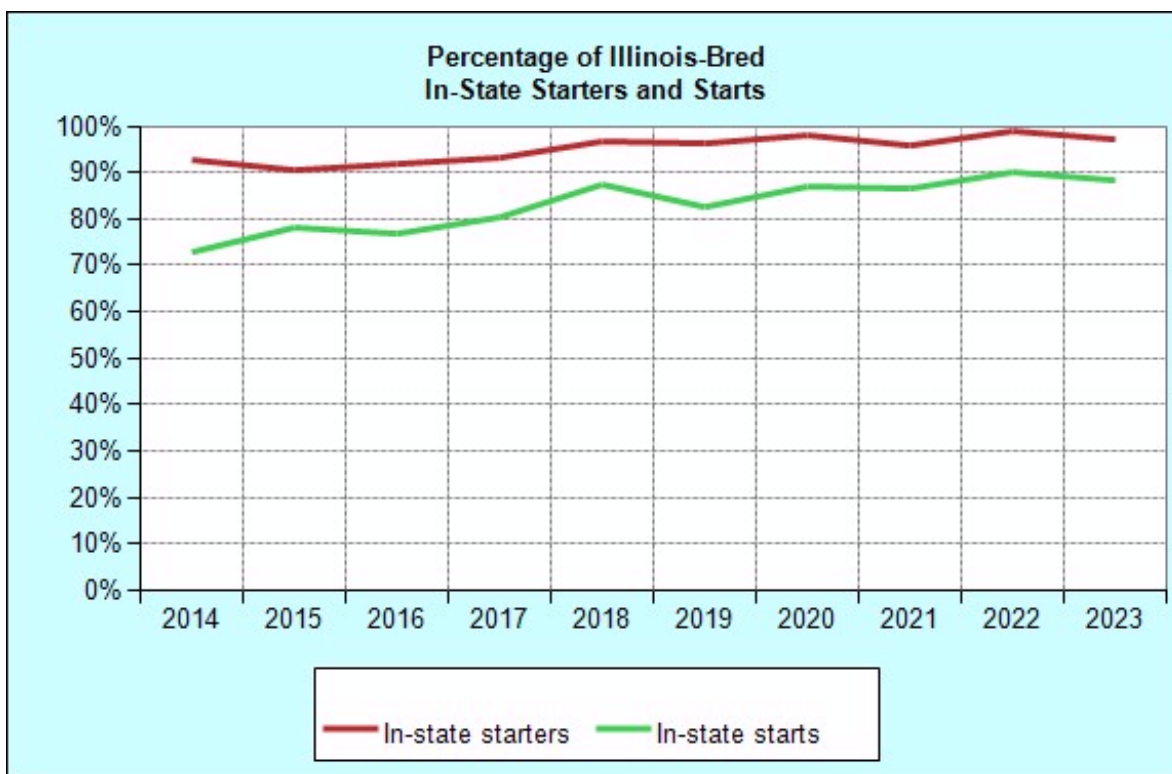
Racing Year	Starters	Starts	Earnings	Avg. Earnings per Starter	Avg. Starts per Starter
2005	2,020	14,594	28,713,845	14,215	7.2
2006	2,008	14,054	29,513,752	14,698	7.0
2007	2,009	13,893	29,253,686	14,561	6.9
2008	1,937	13,321	26,809,662	13,841	6.9
2009	1,930	13,537	27,589,046	14,295	7.0
2010	1,826	12,043	22,845,606	12,511	6.6
2011	1,656	12,086	24,889,865	15,030	7.3
2012	1,599	11,538	30,401,389	19,013	7.2
2013	1,486	10,667	26,778,785	18,021	7.2
2014	1,378	10,175	26,896,545	19,519	7.4
2015	1,270	9,217	22,894,584	18,027	7.3
2016	1,134	8,038	18,209,694	16,058	7.1
2017	1,016	7,477	18,836,623	18,540	7.4
2018	868	6,108	16,402,157	18,896	7.0
2019	733	5,110	13,007,985	17,746	7.0
2020	603	3,389	7,182,416	11,911	5.6
2021	525	3,496	10,175,857	19,383	6.7
2022	455	3,125	10,757,890	23,644	6.9
2023	453	2,841	9,716,870	21,450	6.3
2024	405	2,667	8,803,431	21,737	6.6
2025	380	2,182	7,215,137	18,987	5.7

## Illinois-Bred Racing Statistics by Foaling Year

Foaling Year	Reg. Foals	Starters	Lifetime Starts	Lifetime Earnings	Avg. Earnings per Starter	Avg. Starts per Starter
2004	973	681	14,263	28,140,116	41,322	20.9
2005	918	655	13,076	28,397,003	43,354	20.0
2006	917	631	12,315	26,600,770	42,157	19.5
2007	837	559	11,339	22,193,795	39,703	20.3
2008	838	567	12,607	29,140,809	51,395	22.2
2009	658	471	11,058	33,926,317	72,030	23.5
2010	644	465	9,318	24,196,195	52,035	20.0
2011	479	374	6,851	18,130,929	48,478	18.3
2012	367	277	3,977	10,515,642	37,963	14.4
2013	406	308	4,216	10,665,661	34,629	13.7
2014	371	281	5,991	15,148,736	53,910	21.3
2015	317	226	1,855	5,211,470	23,060	8.2
2016	223	134	1,018	2,737,361	20,428	7.6
2017	190	117	641	1,655,453	14,149	5.5
2018	176	120	827	2,874,704	23,956	6.9
2019	151	102	790	3,493,289	34,248	7.7
2020	150	103	721	2,923,272	28,381	7.0
2021	141	92	692	2,400,396	26,091	7.5
2022	121	84	606	2,729,628	32,496	7.2
2023	93	36	84	446,756	12,410	2.3

Figures as of 04/02/2026

## Illinois-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
2004	681	647	95.0	14,263	10,247	71.8
2005	655	602	91.9	13,076	9,066	69.3
2006	631	585	92.7	12,315	8,712	70.7
2007	559	513	91.8	11,339	7,767	68.5
2008	567	536	94.5	12,607	9,306	73.8
2009	471	452	96.0	11,058	8,237	74.5
2010	465	439	94.4	9,318	7,075	75.9
2011	374	357	95.5	6,851	5,193	75.8
2012	277	254	91.7	3,977	2,814	70.8
2013	308	291	94.5	4,216	3,233	76.7
2014	281	260	92.5	5,991	4,357	72.7
2015	226	205	90.7	1,855	1,448	78.1
2016	134	123	91.8	1,018	782	76.8
2017	117	109	93.2	641	514	80.2
2018	120	116	96.7	827	722	87.3
2019	102	98	96.1	790	652	82.5
2020	103	101	98.1	721	627	87.0
2021	92	88	95.7	692	600	86.7
2022	84	83	98.8	606	546	90.1
2023	36	35	97.2	84	74	88.1

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

Figures as of 04/02/2026

## Percentage of Illinois-Bred Earnings by Racing Area

### Racing Year

Racing Area	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
IL	86.45%	85.43%	82.21%	73.68%	83.21%
KY	2.80%	2.61%	3.67%	3.28%	1.43%
IA	1.57%	0.50%	0.36%	1.38%	0.92%
LA	1.37%	2.47%	3.55%	1.86%	1.70%
AR	1.35%	1.94%	1.50%	1.93%	2.94%
WV	1.07%	0.90%	0.64%	1.23%	1.22%
OH	0.97%	1.19%	1.43%	2.24%	2.19%
MD	0.78%	0.01%	0.26%	0.93%	0.16%
IN	0.75%	0.25%	1.02%	1.02%	0.72%
NE	0.48%	0.43%	0.02%	0.09%	0.34%
PA	0.46%	1.13%	0.22%	0.90%	0.77%
CA	0.34%	0.44%	0.56%	1.45%	0.20%
FL	0.34%	0.44%	1.10%	1.85%	0.64%
OK	0.31%	0.25%	1.24%	1.05%	0.37%
TX	0.24%	0.72%	0.88%	1.45%	1.06%
NM	0.22%	0.38%	0.05%	0.00%	0.00%
ON	0.12%	0.00%	0.34%	0.39%	0.46%
AZ	0.10%	0.28%	0.27%	0.16%	0.11%
MB	0.08%	0.00%	0.12%	0.00%	0.17%
MN	0.05%	0.16%	0.09%	1.20%	0.56%
ID	0.04%	0.06%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
ND	0.00%	0.04%	0.06%	0.01%	0.01%
VA	0.00%	0.19%	0.04%	2.45%	0.26%
WA	0.00%	0.00%	0.16%	0.00%	0.00%
WY	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.05%	0.00%
NY	0.00%	0.00%	0.07%	0.85%	0.11%
PR	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.04%	0.00%
AB	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	0.04%
CO	0.00%	0.04%	0.00%	0.15%	0.01%
DE	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.04%	0.23%
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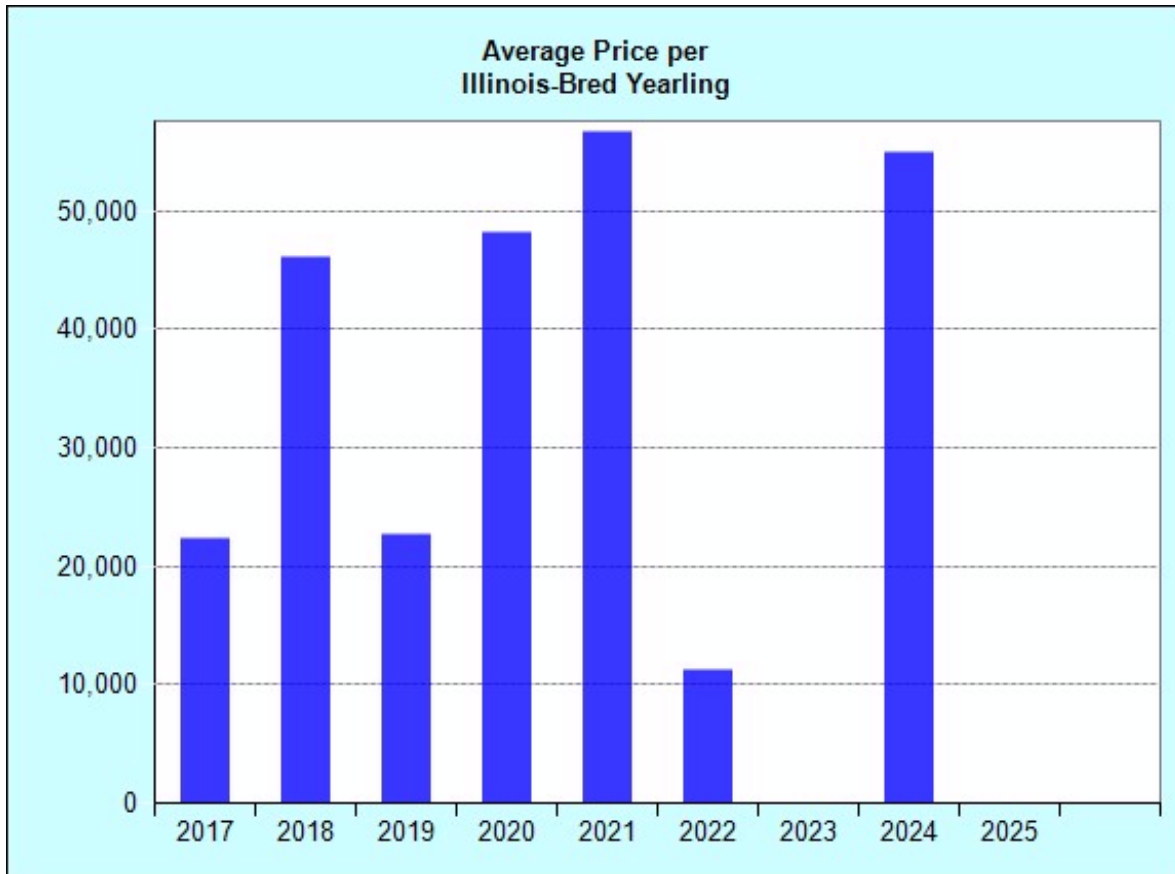
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## Auction Results for Illinois-Bred Weanlings



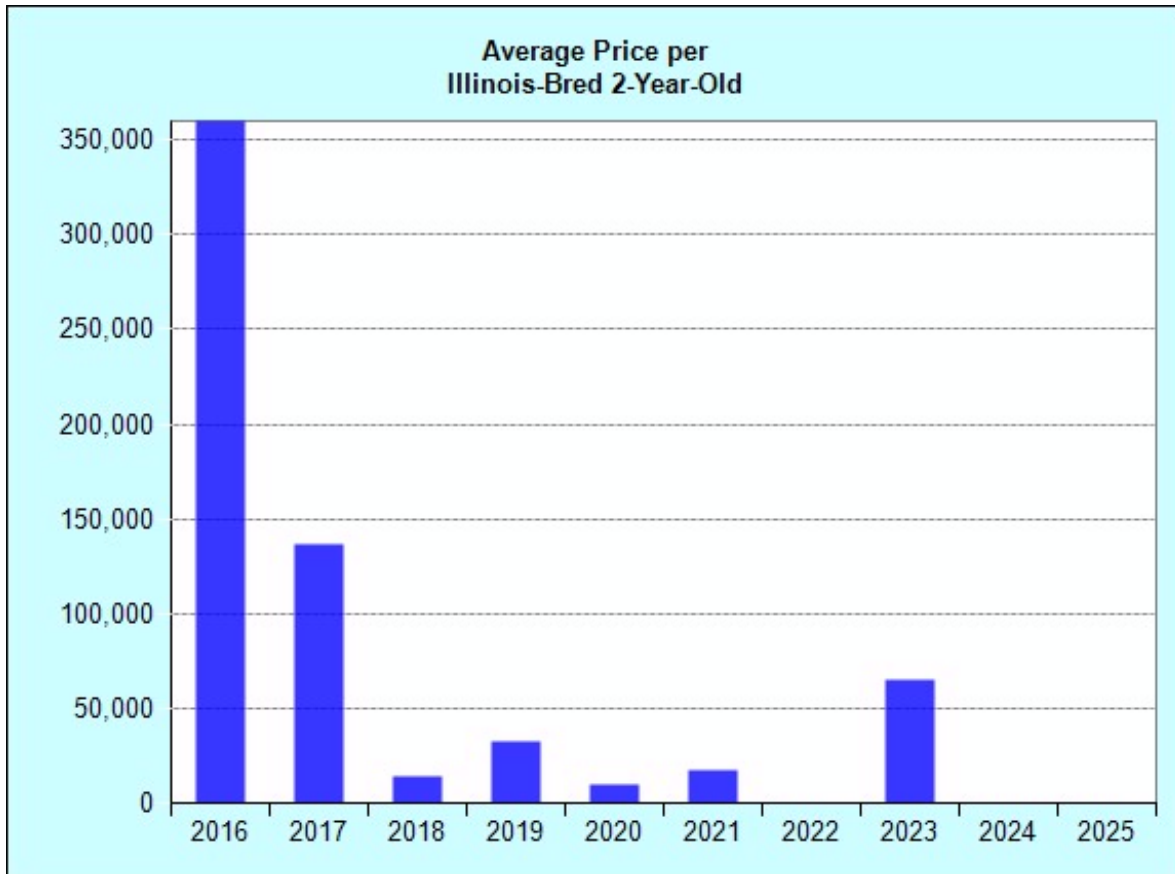
Sale Year	# Sold	Pct. Change	Gross Sales	Pct. Change	Avg. Price	Pct. Change	Median Price	Pct. Change
2005	11	0.0	330,500	0.0	30,045	0.0	20,000	0.0
2006	10	-9.1	290,100	-12.2	29,010	-3.4	20,000	0.0
2007	4	-60.0	78,000	-73.1	19,500	-32.8	16,500	-17.5
2008	6	50.0	88,900	14.0	14,817	-24.0	2,750	-83.3
2009	8	33.3	62,500	-29.7	7,812	-47.3	2,500	-9.1
2010	6	-25.0	70,900	13.4	11,817	51.3	7,500	200.0
2011	7	16.7	292,000	311.9	41,714	253.0	25,000	233.3
2012	6	-14.3	165,000	-43.5	27,500	-34.1	31,000	24.0
2013	2	-66.7	140,000	-15.2	70,000	154.6	70,000	125.8
2014	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2015	7	0.0	126,400	0.0	18,057	0.0	25,000	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	10,000	0.0	10,000	0.0	10,000	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
2023	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2024	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2025	2	0.0	5,000	0.0	2,500	0.0	2,500	0.0

## Auction Results for Illinois-Bred Yearlings



Sale Year	# Sold	Pct. Change	Gross Sales	Pct. Change	Avg. Price	Pct. Change	Median Price	Pct. Change
2005	76	0.0	1,183,600	0.0	15,574	0.0	7,900	0.0
2006	71	-6.6	1,369,000	15.7	19,282	23.8	10,000	26.6
2007	68	-4.2	1,306,500	-4.6	19,213	-0.4	13,750	37.5
2008	60	-11.8	1,085,900	-16.9	18,098	-5.8	12,500	-9.1
2009	59	-1.7	1,031,100	-5.1	17,476	-3.4	8,000	-36.0
2010	33	-44.1	533,589	-48.3	16,169	-7.5	4,500	-43.8
2011	49	48.5	1,193,600	123.7	24,359	50.7	11,000	144.4
2012	38	-22.5	1,500,000	25.7	39,474	62.1	15,000	36.4
2013	33	-13.2	787,000	-47.5	23,848	-39.6	20,000	33.3
2014	24	-27.3	628,000	-20.2	26,167	9.7	22,000	10.0
2015	33	37.5	805,700	28.3	24,415	-6.7	15,000	-31.8
2016	20	-39.4	383,600	-52.4	19,180	-21.4	9,250	-38.3
2017	11	-45.0	246,500	-35.7	22,409	16.8	7,000	-24.3
2018	10	-9.1	460,600	86.9	46,060	105.5	6,750	-3.6
2019	3	-70.0	68,000	-85.2	22,667	-50.8	20,000	196.3
2020	9	200.0	434,500	539.0	48,278	113.0	9,500	-52.5
2021	3	-66.7	170,000	-60.9	56,667	17.4	30,000	215.8
2022	9	200.0	102,200	-39.9	11,356	-80.0	12,000	-60.0
2023	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2024	1	0.0	55,000	0.0	55,000	0.0	55,000	0.0
2025	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

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



Sale Year	# Sold	Pct. Change	Gross Sales	Pct. Change	Avg. Price	Pct. Change	Median Price	Pct. Change
2005	20	0.0	881,000	0.0	44,050	0.0	21,000	0.0
2006	32	60.0	655,350	-25.6	20,480	-53.5	10,250	-51.2
2007	34	6.3	600,700	-8.3	17,668	-13.7	11,750	14.6
2008	14	-58.8	422,400	-29.7	30,171	70.8	8,250	-29.8
2009	33	135.7	370,950	-12.2	11,241	-62.7	3,500	-57.6
2010	9	-72.7	387,000	4.3	43,000	282.5	13,000	271.4
2011	13	44.4	227,200	-41.3	17,477	-59.4	4,500	-65.4
2012	11	-15.4	539,000	137.2	49,000	180.4	25,000	455.6
2013	4	-63.6	141,000	-73.8	35,250	-28.1	29,000	16.0
2014	6	50.0	666,000	372.3	111,000	214.9	102,500	253.5
2015	7	16.7	503,000	-24.5	71,857	-35.3	57,000	-44.4
2016	5	-28.6	1,798,000	257.5	359,600	400.4	28,000	-50.9
2017	9	80.0	1,230,000	-31.6	136,667	-62.0	90,000	221.4
2018	2	-77.8	28,500	-97.7	14,250	-89.6	14,250	-84.2
2019	3	50.0	98,000	243.9	32,667	129.2	35,000	145.6
2020	1	-66.7	10,000	-89.8	10,000	-69.4	10,000	-71.4
2021	1	0.0	17,000	70.0	17,000	70.0	17,000	70.0
2022	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2023	4	0.0	262,000	0.0	65,500	0.0	72,500	0.0
2024	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2025	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0