

ELK POPULATION - UNITED STATES



STATE	SUBSPECIES	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	NOTES/COMMENTS
ALASKA	Roosevelt	500	800	1,100	1,200	1,200	1,365	
ARIZONA	Rocky Mountain	15,000	19,000	35,000	50,000	51,000	24,000	Pre-hunt total does not include reservation lands
ARKANSAS	Rocky Mountain	0	0	112	250	350	400-450	
CALIFORNIA	Rocky Mountain	1,000	1,150	1,500	1,000	1,250	1,250	1982 data for 1985, 2000 population estimated to be 1,000-1,500
	Roosevelt	2,500	2,500	2,500	3,500	4,000	4,000	
	Tule	600	875	1,470	2,500	2,900	3,500	
COLORADO	Rocky Mountain	105,000	130,000	175,000	220,000	203,000	292,580	
CONNECTICUT	No Elk	0	0	0	0	0	0	
DELAWARE	No Elk	0	0	0	0	0	0	
FLORIDA	No Elk	0	0	0	0	0	0	
GEORGIA	No Elk	0	0	0	0	0	0	
IDAHO	Rocky Mountain	75,000	90,000	110,000	115,000	116,000	110,000	1975 data not available
INDIANA	No Elk	0	0	0	0	0	0	
IOWA	No Elk	0	0	0	0	0	0	
ILLINOIS	No Elk	0	0	0	0	0	0	Feasibility study resulted in decision not to restore elk
KANSAS	Rocky Mountain	0	0	32	145	150	150	1990 average of 138-151
KENTUCKY	Manitoba	0	0	0	0	0	850	
LOUISIANA	No Elk	0	0	0	0	0	0	
MAINE	No Elk	0	0	0	0	0	0	
MARYLAND	No Elk	0	0	0	0	0	0	
MASSACHUSETTS	No Elk	0	0	0	0	0	0	
MICHIGAN	Rocky Mountain	200	500	950	980	1,200	90	
MINNESOTA	Rocky Mountain	18	-	32	18	33	60	
MISSOURI	No Elk	0	0	0	0	0	0	Restoration feasibility study terminated in 2001 due to CWD concerns
MISSISSIPPI	No Elk	0	0	0	0	0	0	
MONTANA	Rocky Mountain	75,000	-	-	90,595	93,401	160,000	No reports prior to 1992, 1992 estimate for 1990
NEBRASKA	Rocky Mountain	20	40	80	80	200	360	
NEVADA	Rocky Mountain	500	-	-	1,965	3,335	5,700	
NEW MEXICO	Rocky Mountain	27,500	28,000	32,500	40,000	50,000	70,000	2000 population estimated to be 60,000-80,000
NORTH CAROLINA	No Elk	0	0	0	0	0	0	
NORTH DAKOTA	Manitoba	0	4	20	40	100		Genetic testing did not differentiate any elk as Manitoban
	Rocky Mountain	0	16	200	275	550	650	
NEW HAMPSHIRE	No Elk	0	0	0	0	0	0	
NEW JERSEY	No Elk	0	0	0	0	0	0	
NEW YORK	No Elk	0	0	0	0	0	0	
OHIO	No Elk	0	0	0	0	0	0	
OKLAHOMA	Rocky Mountain	600	650	750	1,000	950	1,000	
OREGON	Rocky Mountain	50,000	54,300	51,150	51,500	64,000	61,000	
	Roosevelt	38,900	36,200	42,800	52,800	56,000	62,800	
PENNSYLVANIA	Rocky Mountain	45	120	135	150	300	622	
RHODE ISLAND	No Elk	0	0	0	0	0	0	
SOUTH CAROLINA	No Elk	0	0	0	0	0	0	
SOUTH DAKOTA	Rocky Mountain	600	950	1,850	1,500	3,350	6,060	1975 data not available
TENNESSEE	Manitoban	0	0	0	0	0	50	
TEXAS	Rocky Mountain	-	-	-	-	300		1975-1990 unreported, No response to requests for 2000 data
UTAH	Rocky Mountain	18,000	25,000	40,000	58,000	60,000	62,635	
VERMONT	No Elk	0	0	0	0	0	0	
VIRGINIA	No Elk	0	0	0	0	0	0	Feasibility study resulted in decision not to restore elk
WASHINGTON	Rocky Mountain	23,000	24,000	24,000	24,900	30,700	23,000	
	Roosevelt	35,000	31,000	31,000	30,000	31,500	35,000	
WEST VIRGINIA	No Elk	0	0	0	0	0	0	
WISCONSIN	Rocky Mountain	0	0	0	0	25	104	Elk restored to state in 1995
WYOMING	Rocky Mountain	43,178	67,465	70,352	82,128	102,439	105,868	
REPORTED TOTALS		512,161	512,570	622,533	829,526	878,233	1,032,694	

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation plans to update this population information every five years. 2005 data will be available in 2006.