

# HERD COUNTS



PRONGHORN BUCK  
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Every year, Colorado Parks and Wildlife's (CPW) big-game biologists compile data on the state's deer, elk and pronghorn herds by Data Analysis Units (DAU). These DAUs encompass several of the Game Management Units (GMU) that hunters are more familiar with.

The reports include data on male-to-female ratios, birth and

winter survival rates of newborn animals, overall herd size and health. The information is collected throughout the entire winter and summer range of each herd and used in models to estimate population size and trends, and to establish annual hunting quotas for the GMUs.

Hunters may increase their odds for a successful Colorado hunt by adding this tool to their individual hunt-planning database.

## PRONGHORN 2017 POST-HUNT POPULATION ESTIMATES

DAU	Herd Name	Game Management Units (GMUs)	Post-Hunt Population	Buck / Doe Ratio / 100
A-1	Escarpment	87, 88, 89, 90, 94, 95, 951	7,220	41
A-2	Hardpan	99, 100	1,550	33
A-3	North Park	6, 16, 17, 161, 171	1,840	41
A-4	Sandhills	93, 97, 98, 101, 102	660	20
A-5	Haswell	120, 121, 125, 126	3,600	47
A-6	Hugo	112, 113, 114, 115	3,130	20
A-7	Thatcher	128, 129, 133, 134, 135, 140, 141, 142, 147	9,570	41
A-8	Yoder	110, 111, 118, 119, 123, 124	12,060	50
A-9	Great Divide	3, 4, 5, 13, 14, 214, 301, 441	21,260	47
A-10	Maybell	11	500	18
A-11	Sand Wash	1, 2, 201	1,200	40
A-12	Cheyenne	116, 117, 122, 127	1,360	48
A-13	Tobe	130, 136, 137, 138, 143, 144, 146	3,420	23
A-14	San Luis Valley - North	68, 79, 82, 681, 682, 791	1,340	27
A-16	San Luis Valley - South	80, 81, 83	620	16
A-18	Two Buttes	132, 139, 145	690	80
A-19	Last Chance	103, 106, 107, 109	2,120	27
A-20	Wet Mountain	69, 84, 85, 86, 691, 851, 861	2,700	43
A-23	Gunnison Basin	66, 67, 551	450	56
A-30	South Park	49, 50, 57, 58, 500, 501, 511, 581	1,260	34
A-31	Ft Carson	59, 591	290	72
A-33	Cherokee	9, 19, 191	1,560	52
A-34	Axial Basin	12, 23, 211	350	48
A-35	Kiowa Creek	51, 104, 105	4,810	33
A-36	Laramie River	7, 8	660	30
A-37	Middle Park	18, 27, 28, 37, 181, 371	890	99
A-39	Collegiate	48, 56, 481	170	17
			<b>85,280</b>	

(a) DAU-38 combined with DAU-23 in 2001

(b) DAU-15 and DAU-24 were combined with DAU-14 in 2008

(c) DAU-17 and DAU-28 were combined with DAU-16 in 2008

## DEER 2017 POST-HUNT POPULATION ESTIMATES

DAU	Herd name	Game Management Units (GMUs)	Post-Hunt Population	Buck / Doe Ratio / 100
D-1	Little Snake	1, 2, 201	2,060	38
D-2	Bear's Ears	3, 4, 5, 14, 214, 301, 441	40,410	32
D-3	North Park	6, 16, 17, 161, 171	6,560	56
D-4	Red Feather	7, 8, 9, 19, 191	14,970	27
D-5	Table Lands North	87, 88, 89, 90, 95	2,800	43
D-6	Rangely	10	950	52
D-7	White River	11, 12, 13, 22, 23, 24, 131, 211, 231	32,500	30
D-8	State Bridge	15, 35, 36, 45	13,730	27
D-9	Middle Park	18, 27, 28, 37, 181, 371	15,410	40
D-10	Big Thompson	20	7,810	40
D-11	Bookcliffs	21, 30	6,720	31
D-12	North Grand Mesa	41, 42, 421	16,450	24
D-13	Maroon Bells	43, 47, 471	6,130	30
D-14	Red Table Mountain	44	2,320	41
D-15	Cottonwood Creek	48, 56, 481, 561	3,620	22
D-16	Cripple Creek	49, 57, 58, 581	13,430	24
D-17	Bailey	39, 46, 51, 391, 461	8,260	43
D-18	Glade Park	40	4,420	34
D-19	Uncompahgre	61, 62	16,440	33
D-20	North Fork Gunnison River	53, 63	7,150	32
D-21	West Elk	54	3,950	35
D-22	Taylor River	55, 551	5,010	31
D-23	La Sal	60	1,440	40
D-24	Groundhog	70, 71, 711	15,080	25
D-25	Powderhorn Creek	66, 67	5,780	40
D-26	Saquache	68, 681, 682	5,680	31
D-27	Boulder	29, 38	7,690	47
D-28	Arkansas River	122, 125, 126, 127, 130, 132, 137, 138, 139, 146	5,900	41
D-29	Mesa Verde	72, 73	6,290	25
D-30	San Juan	75, 77, 78, 751, 771	27,060	35
D-31	Trinchera	83	1,120	20
D-32	Trinidad	85, 140, 851	6,300	25
D-33	Mesa de Maya	143, 144, 145	1,790	36
D-34	Wet Mountain	69, 84, 86, 691, 861	12,390	26
D-35	Lower Rio Grande	80, 81	6,370	31
D-36	Upper Rio Grande	76, 79, 791	2,600	30
D-37	Sand Dunes	82	2,480	30
D-38	South Park	50, 500, 501	3,020	27
D-40	Cimarron	64, 65	7,780	37
D-41	Logan Mountain	31, 32	5,950	31
D-42	Rifle Creek	33	7,730	33
D-43	Sweetwater Creek	25, 26, 34	5,840	34
D-44	South Platte River	91, 92, 94, 96, 951	3,560	37
D-45	Las Animas	128, 129, 133, 134, 135, 136, 141, 142, 147	3,630	33
D-46	Big Sandy	107, 112, 113, 114, 115, 120, 121	2,100	20
D-47	South Republican	103, 109, 116, 117	3,040	43
D-48	Chico Basin	110, 111, 118, 119, 123, 124	2,420	31
D-49	Bijou Creek	104, 105, 106	6,780	48
D-50	Rampart	59, 511, 512, 591	4,120	30
D-51	South Grand Mesa	52, 411, 521	8,300	28
D-52	Hermosa	74, 741	5,080	25
D-53	Basalt	444	4,370	26
D-54	South Tablelands	93, 97, 98, 99, 100	3,630	40
D-55	Arickaree	101, 102	2,380	43
			<b>418,800</b>	

(a) DAU-54 was split from DAU-5 in 2001

(b) DAU-55 was split from DAU-54 in 2003

(c) GMUs 59 & 591 were moved from DAU-16 to DAU-50 in 2007

## ELK 2017 POST-HUNT POPULATION ESTIMATES

DAU	Herd Name	Game Management Units (GMUs)	Post-Hunt Population	Bull / Cow Ratio/100
E-1	Cold Springs	2, 201	860	22
E-2	Bear's Ears	3, 4, 5, 14, 214, 301, 441	24,250	16
E-3	North Park	6, 16, 17, 161, 171	4,150	23
E-4	Poudre River	7, 8, 9, 19, 191	4,420	26
E-6	White River	11, 12, 13, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 34, 131, 211, 231	42,600	21
E-7	Gore Pass	15, 27	6,200	41
E-8	Troublesome Creek	18, 181	5,240	37
E-9	St. Vrain	20	2,320	45
E-10	Yellow Creek	21, 22, 30, 31, 32	11,420	23
E-11	Sand Dunes	82	4,530	49
E-12	Piney River	35, 36	3,120	27
E-13	Williams Fork River	28, 37, 371	6,440	42
E-14	Grand Mesa	41, 42, 52, 411, 421, 521	14,040	27
E-15	Avalanche Creek	43, 471	4,330	26
E-16	Frying Pan River	44, 45, 47, 444	4,610	22
E-17	Collegiate Range	48, 56, 481, 561	3,560	25
E-18	Kenosha Pass	50, 500, 501	2,000	34
E-19	Glade Park	40	3,100	24
E-20	Uncompahgre	61, 62	8,750	16
E-21	Rangely - Blue Mountain	10	3,880	69
E-22	Buffalo Peaks	49, 57, 58	3,910	32
E-23	Eleven Mile	59, 511, 512, 581, 591	3,590	22
E-24	Disappointment Creek	70, 71, 72, 73, 711	17,950	22
E-25	Lake Fork	66, 67	6,030	18
E-26	Saquache	68, 681	3,350	13
E-27	Sangre de Cristo	86, 691, 861	2,020	22
E-28	Grape Creek	69, 84	2,190	41
E-30	Hermosa	74, 741	4,810	17
E-31	San Juan	75, 77, 78, 751, 771	19,260	20
E-32	Lower Rio Grande	80, 81	10,810	18
E-33	Trinchera	83, 85, 140, 851	16,510	25
E-34	Upper Rio Grande	76, 79	5,110	30
E-35	Cimarron	64, 65	6,090	20
E-38	Clear Creek	29, 38	1,190	30
E-39	Mt Evans	39, 46, 391, 461	2,240	32
E-40	Paradox	60	2,520	38
E-41	West Elk	54	3,670	27
E-43	Fossil Ridge	55, 551	4,710	23
E-47	Green River	1	200	33
E-51	Castle Rock	51, 104, 105, 106, 110, 111	1,440	19
E-52	Coal Creek / Fruitland	53, 63	3,190	28
E-53	Apishipa	133, 134, 135, 141, 142	940	21
E-55	Northern San Luis Valley Floor	682, 791	150	18
			<b>281,700</b>	

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(a) DAU-46 was split in 1999 with the creation of DAU-53 and DAU-54  
 (b) DAU-26 and DAU-34 were split in 2006 with the creation of DAU-55

