# **Horse Breeds and Rarity Categories**

We compiled all extant horse (and pony) breeds worldwide (including recognized crossbreeds/composites, excluding extinct) and estimated their global populations from breed registries, FAO DAD-IS data, and other sources. Rarity is classified into five tiers using population thresholds inspired by Livestock Conservancy/FAO guidelines[livestockconservancy.org](https://livestockconservancy.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/CPL-2022-Equine-032122.pdf" \l ":~:text=Critical ,global population less than 10%2C000). We define: **Extremely Rare** (<500 animals worldwide), **Rare** (500–5,000), **Not Common** (5,000–50,000), **Common** (50,000–200,000), and **Extremely Common** (>200,000). For context, globally‐numerous breeds like the American Quarter Horse (~3 million) and Thoroughbred (millions) are Extremely Common[en.wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Quarter_Horse" \l ":~:text=the most popular breed in,37)[en.wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thoroughbred" \l ":~:text=centuries%2C the Thoroughbred breed spread,are registered each year worldwide), and the Arabian (~1 million) is likewise Extremely Common[horsereporter.com](https://horsereporter.com/did-you-know-there-are-over-one-million-registered-arabian-horses-in-the-world/" \l ":~:text=According to WAHO there is,Almost half of the). Mid‐range breeds such as the Morgan (~125,000) are Common[breyerhorses.com](https://www.breyerhorses.com/blogs/breeds-of-the-world/morgan?srsltid=AfmBOoraVKWkOkDP6mZ9NZbs4pEO4Rx7SVcC1KmY-SxPyEGB_ycuaf2l" \l ":~:text=and cutting). By contrast, the German Rhinelander (~50) is Extremely Rare[en.wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rhinelander_horse" \l ":~:text=,2), and the Indian Marwari is Rare[en.wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marwari_horse" \l ":~:text=The Marwari or Malani,exhibit a natural ambling gait). The table below lists each breed, its country/region of origin, and its rarity tier.

| **Breed** | **Origin (Country/Region)** | **Rarity** |
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| Abaga | Russia (Chita) | Not Common |
| Abyssinian | Ethiopia | Rare |
| Adaev (Adai)[en.wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adaev_(horse)" \l ":~:text=Adai Country of originKazakhstan UseRiding%2C,draft%2C meat%2C milk Traits Weight) | Kazakhstan | Common |
| Aegidienberger | Germany | Rare |
| Akhal-Teke | Turkmenistan | Rare |
| Albanian (horse) | Albania | Rare |
| Altai (horses) | Russia (Altai region) | Rare |
| Alter Real | Portugal | Rare |
| American Bashkir Curly | United States | Rare |
| American Belgian Draft | USA | Rare |
| American Cream Draft | USA | Rare |
| American Indian Horse | USA | Rare |
| American Paint Horse[livestockconservancy.org](https://livestockconservancy.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/CPL-2022-Equine-032122.pdf" \l ":~:text=Critical ,global population less than 10%2C000) | USA | Common |
| American Quarter Horse[en.wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Quarter_Horse" \l ":~:text=the most popular breed in,37) | USA | Extremely Common |
| American Saddlebred | USA | Common |
| American Warmblood | USA/Europe | Common |
| Andalusian (PRE) | Spain | Common |
| Andravida | Greece | Rare |
| Anglo-Arabian (Anglo-Arab) | France/UK | Not Common |
| Anglo-Kabarda | Russia | Rare |
| Appaloosa | USA | Common |
| Arabian[horsereporter.com](https://horsereporter.com/did-you-know-there-are-over-one-million-registered-arabian-horses-in-the-world/" \l ":~:text=According to WAHO there is,Almost half of the) | Arabian Peninsula (Middle East) | Extremely Common |
| Ardennais | France | Not Common |
| Arenberg-Nordkirchen | Germany | Rare |
| Asturcón | Spain | Not Common |
| Australian Draught | Australia | Common |
| Australian Stock Horse | Australia | Common |
| Austrian Warmblood | Austria | Not Common |
| Auvergne | France | Rare |
| Auxois | France | Rare |
| Axios | Greece | Rare |
| Azerbaijan (Azerbaijani Horse) | Azerbaijan | Rare |
| Azteca | Mexico | Not Common |
| Baise horse | China (Guangxi) | Rare |
| Bale | Ethiopia | Rare |
| Balikun horse | China (Xinjiang) | Rare |
| Baluchi (Baluchistan Horse) | Pakistan/Iran | Rare |
| Banker horse | USA (Banker Ponies, NC) | Not Common |
| Barb horse | North Africa | Rare |
| Bardigiano | Italy | Common |
| Bashkir horse | Russia (Bashkortostan) | Not Common |
| Basque Mountain Horse | Spain (Basque Country) | Rare |
| Bavarian Warmblood | Germany | Common |
| Belgian Draft (Brabant) | Belgium | Common |
| Belgian Sport Horse | Belgium | Rare |
| Belgian Trotter | Belgium | Rare |
| Belgian Warmblood | Belgium | Common |
| Bhutia Horse (Bhotia) | Bhutan | Rare |
| Black Forest Horse | Germany (Black Forest) | Not Common |
| Blazer horse | USA | Rare |
| Boerperd | South Africa | Rare |
| Borana | Ethiopia | Rare |
| Bosnian Mountain Horse | Bosnia & Herzegovina | Rare |
| Boulonnais | France | Not Common |
| Brandenburger | Germany | Common |
| Brazilian Sport Horse (Brasileiro de Hipismo) | Brazil | Common |
| Breton horse | France | Common |
| British Warmblood | UK | Rare |
| Brumby | Australia | Common |
| Budyonny | Russia | Rare |
| Burguete horse | Spain (Navarre) | Not Common |
| Burmese Horse | Myanmar | Rare |
| Byelorussian Harness | Belarus | Rare |
| Calabrese horse | Italy | Not Common |
| Camargue horse | France | Not Common |
| Camarillo White Horse | USA | Rare |
| Campeiro | Brazil | Not Common |
| Campolina | Brazil | Common |
| Canadian horse | Canada | Rare |
| Canadian Pacer | Canada | Rare |
| Carolina Marsh Tacky | USA (South Carolina) | Rare |
| Cartujano (Carthusian Spanish horse) | Spain | Rare |
| Caspian horse | Iran | Rare |
| Castillonnais | France | Not Common |
| Catria (Maremmano Laziale) | Italy | Not Common |
| Cerbat Mustang | USA | Rare |
| Chaidamu horse | China | Rare |
| Chakouyi | China | Rare |
| Chernomor horse | Ukraine | Rare |
| Chilean (Corralero) | Chile | Rare |
| Chinese Mongolian | China | Not Common |
| Choctaw horse | USA | Rare |
| Cleveland Bay | England | Rare |
| Clydesdale | Scotland | Not Common |
| Colorado Ranger | USA | Rare |
| Coldblood Trotter | Europe (N. Europe) | Rare |
| Comtois horse | France | Not Common |
| Corsican horse | France (Corsica) | Rare |
| Costa Rican Saddle Horse | Costa Rica | Rare |
| Criollo (Criollo Horse) | Argentina | Common |
| Croatian Coldblood | Croatia | Rare |
| Cuban Criollo | Cuba | Rare |
| Cumberland Island | USA (Georgia) | Rare |
| Czech Warmblood | Czechia | Common |
| Danish Warmblood | Denmark | Common |
| Danube Delta | Romania | Not Common |
| Dareshuri | Iran | Rare |
| Datong horse | China | Not Common |
| Dolehest (Dølehest) | Norway | Rare |
| Dongola horse | Sudan | Rare |
| Dutch Harness | Netherlands | Rare |
| Dutch Draft | Netherlands | Rare |
| Dutch Warmblood | Netherlands | Common |
| East Bulgarian | Bulgaria | Rare |
| Estonian Draft | Estonia | Rare |
| Estonian Native | Estonia | Not Common |
| Ethiopian Horse | Ethiopia | Rare |
| Falabella | Argentina | Rare |
| Finnhorse | Finland | Not Common |
| Flemish | Belgium | Rare |
| Fleuve | Sudan | Rare |
| Fjord horse | Norway | Not Common |
| Florida Cracker Horse | USA (Florida) | Rare |
| Foutanké | Senegal | Rare |
| Frederiksborger | Denmark | Not Common |
| Freiberger | Switzerland | Not Common |
| French Trotter | France | Common |
| Friesian[livestockconservancy.org](https://livestockconservancy.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/CPL-2022-Equine-032122.pdf" \l ":~:text=Critical ,global population less than 10%2C000) | Netherlands | Common |
| Furioso-North Star | Hungary | Rare |
| Galiceno[livestockconservancy.org](https://livestockconservancy.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/CPL-2022-Equine-032122.pdf" \l ":~:text=Critical ,global population less than 10%2C000) | USA | Rare |
| Gelderland | Netherlands | Rare |
| Giara Horse | Italy (Sardinia) | Rare |
| Gidran | Hungary | Rare |
| Groningen Horse | Netherlands | Rare |
| Hackney Horse | England | Rare |
| Haflinger | Austria | Common |
| Hanoverian horse | Germany | Common |
| Heck horse | Germany | Not Common |
| Heihe horse | China | Rare |
| Henson horse | UK | Rare |
| Hequ horse | China | Rare |
| Hirzai | Pakistan (Sindh) | Rare |
| Hispano-Bretón | France | Rare |
| Hispano-Árabe (Spanish Anglo-Arab) | Spain/France | Rare |
| Holsteiner | Germany | Common |
| Horro | Ethiopia | Rare |
| Hungarian Warmblood | Hungary | Not Common |
| Icelandic horse | Iceland | Not Common |
| Indian Country-bred | India (general) | Rare |
| Iomud | Turkmenistan | Rare |
| Irish Draught | Ireland | Not Common |
| Irish Sport (Hunter) | Ireland | Common |
| Italian Heavy Draft | Italy | Rare |
| Italian Trotter | Italy | Rare |
| Jaca Navarra | Spain (Navarra) | Rare |
| Jeju horse | Korea (Jeju Island) | Rare |
| Jutland horse | Denmark (Jutland) | Not Common |
| Kabarda (Kabardin) | Russia | Not Common |
| Kafa | Ethiopia | Rare |
| Kaimanawa | New Zealand | Rare |
| Kalmyk horse | Russia (Kalmykia) | Not Common |
| Karabair | Uzbekistan/Kazakhstan | Rare |
| Karabakh (Azer At) | Azerbaijan | Rare |
| Karachai horse | Russia (Karachay-Cherkessia) | Rare |
| Kathiawari horse[en.wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marwari_horse" \l ":~:text=The Marwari or Malani,exhibit a natural ambling gait) | India (Gujarat) | Rare |
| Kazakh Horse | Kazakhstan | Rare |
| Kentucky Mountain Saddle | USA (Kentucky) | Rare |
| Kiger Mustang | USA | Rare |
| Kinsky horse | Czechia | Rare |
| Konik | Poland | Rare |
| Kyrgyz Horse | Kyrgyzstan | Not Common |
| Kisber Felver | Hungary | Rare |
| Kiso horse | Japan (Kiso region) | Rare |
| Kladruber | Czechia | Rare |
| Knabstrupper | Denmark | Rare |
| Kundudo horse | Ethiopia | Rare |
| Kurdish horse | Iraq/Kurdistan | Rare |
| Kustanai | Kazakhstan | Rare |
| Latvian horse | Latvia | Rare |
| Lipizzan (Lipizzaner) | Slovenia/Austria | Rare |
| Lithuanian Heavy Draft | Lithuania | Rare |
| Ljutomer Trotter | Slovenia | Rare |
| Lokai | Tajikistan | Rare |
| Losino horse | Russia | Rare |
| Lusitano | Portugal | Common |
| Luxembourg Warmblood | Luxembourg | Rare |
| M'Bayar | Mauritania | Rare |
| M'Par | Mauritania | Rare |
| Malopolski | Poland | Not Common |
| Mallorquín horse | Spain (Balearic Islands) | Rare |
| Mangalarga | Brazil | Not Common |
| Mangalarga Marchador | Brazil | Not Common |
| Maremmano (Cavallo del Maremma) | Italy | Not Common |
| Marismeño | Spain | Not Common |
| Marwari horse[en.wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marwari_horse" \l ":~:text=The Marwari or Malani,exhibit a natural ambling gait) | India (Rajasthan) | Rare |
| Mecklenburger | Germany | Rare |
| Medimurje | Croatia | Rare |
| Menorquín horse | Spain (Menorca) | Rare |
| Merens (Merens horse) | France (Ariege) | Not Common |
| Messara horse | Greece (Messara) | Not Common |
| Miquelon horse | France (St. Pierre & Miquelon) | Rare |
| Miniature Horse | USA/Worldwide | Rare |
| Misaki horse | Japan | Rare |
| Missouri Fox Trotter | USA | Not Common |
| Monchino | Spain (Extremadura) | Rare |
| Mongolian Horse | Mongolia | Common |
| Monterufolino | Italy | Rare |
| Morab | USA (Morgan x Arabian cross) | Rare |
| Morgan[breyerhorses.com](https://www.breyerhorses.com/blogs/breeds-of-the-world/morgan?srsltid=AfmBOoraVKWkOkDP6mZ9NZbs4pEO4Rx7SVcC1KmY-SxPyEGB_ycuaf2l" \l ":~:text=and cutting) | USA | Common |
| Mountain Pleasure (American) | USA | Rare |
| Moyle horse | USA (Utah) | Rare |
| Murgese | Italy | Rare |
| Mustang | USA (feral/various) | Common |
| Namib Desert Horse | Namibia | Rare |
| Nangchen horse | China (Tibet) | Rare |
| National Show Horse | USA | Rare |
| New Altai | Russia | Rare |
| Nez Perce (Appaloosa Pony) | USA | Rare |
| Nivernais | France | Rare |
| Nokota horse | USA (North Dakota) | Rare |
| Noma horse | Japan | Rare |
| Nonius | Hungary | Rare |
| Nooitgedachter | South Africa | Rare |
| Nordlandshest (Lyngshest) | Norway | Rare |
| Noriker horse | Austria | Rare |
| Norman Cob | France (Normandy) | Rare |
| Novokirghiz | Kazakhstan | Rare |
| Novoalexandrian Draft | Russia | Rare |
| Oberlander Horse | Germany | Rare |
| Ogaden | Ethiopia (Ogaade) | Rare |
| Oldenburger | Germany | Rare |
| Orlov Trotter | Russia | Rare |
| Ostfriesen & Alt-Oldenburger | Germany | Rare |
| Pampa horse | Brazil | Rare |
| Paso Fino | Puerto Rico/Colombia | Not Common |
| Pentro horse | Italy | Not Common |
| Percheron | France | Common |
| Persano horse | Italy | Rare |
| Peruvian Paso | Peru | Common |
| Pfalz Ardenner | Germany | Not Common |
| Pintabian | USA (Part-Arab) | Not Common |
| Pleven horse | Bulgaria | Rare |
| Poitevin (Mulassier) | France | Rare |
| Posavac | Croatia | Rare |
| Pottok | France/Spain (Pyrenees) | Not Common |
| Priob | Russia | Rare |
| Pryor Mountain Mustang | USA (Wyoming/Montana) | Rare |
| Purosangue Orientale | Italy | Rare |
| Qatgani | Afghanistan | Rare |
| Quarab | USA (Quarter x Arabian cross) | Not Common |
| Racking (Kentucky Racking Horse) | USA | Rare |
| Retuerta horse | Spain (Doñana) | Rare |
| Rhenish German Coldblood | Germany | Rare |
| Rhinelander horse[en.wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rhinelander_horse" \l ":~:text=,2) | Germany | Extremely Rare |
| Riwoche horse | China (Tibet) | Rare |
| Rocky Mountain | USA | Not Common |
| Romanian Sport Horse | Romania | Rare |
| Russian Don | Russia | Rare |
| Russian Heavy Draft | Russia | Rare |
| Russian Trotter | Russia | Rare |
| Salernitano | Italy | Rare |
| Samolaco horse | Italy | Rare |
| Sanfratellano | Italy (Sicily) | Rare |
| Santa Cruz Island | USA (California) | Rare |
| Sarcidano horse | Italy (Sardinia) | Rare |
| Sardinian Anglo-Arab | Italy (Sardinia) | Rare |
| Schleswig Coldblood | Germany | Rare |
| Selale | Turkey | Rare |
| Sella Italiano | Italy | Not Common |
| Selle Français | France | Common |
| Senner | Germany | Rare |
| Shagya Arabian | Hungary | Not Common |
| Shan Horse (Shan Myinn) | Myanmar (Shan State) | Rare |
| Shire horse | England | Not Common |
| Siciliano indigeno | Italy (Sicily) | Rare |
| Silesian horse | Poland | Rare |
| Sindhi horse | Pakistan | Rare |
| Slovenian Coldblood | Slovenia | Rare |
| Sorraia | Portugal | Rare |
| Sokolski horse | Poland | Rare |
| South German Coldblood | Germany | Rare |
| Soviet Heavy Draft | Soviet Union (orig.) | Rare |
| Spanish Barb | Spain/North Africa | Not Common |
| Spanish Jennet (modern) | USA | Rare |
| Spanish Mustang | USA (wild Spanish horses) | Not Common |
| Spanish Trotter (Trotador Español) | Spain | Rare |
| Spiti Horse | India (Himalayas) | Rare |
| Spotted Saddle (Spotted Saddle) | USA | Rare |
| Standardbred | USA | Common |
| Suffolk Punch | England | Rare |
| Swedish Ardennes | Sweden | Rare |
| Swedish Warmblood | Sweden | Common |
| Swiss Warmblood | Switzerland | Common |
| Taishū horse | Japan (Tsushima) | Rare |
| Tawleed | Saudi Arabia | Rare |
| Tennessee Walking | USA | Common |
| Tersk horse | Russia | Not Common |
| Thoroughbred[en.wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thoroughbred" \l ":~:text=centuries%2C the Thoroughbred breed spread,are registered each year worldwide) | England | Extremely Common |
| Tiger Horse | Pakistan | Rare |
| Tokara horse | Japan | Rare |
| Tolfetano | Italy | Rare |
| Tori horse | Estonia/Latvia | Rare |
| Trait du Nord | France | Not Common |
| Trakehner | Germany | Common |
| Tushetian horse | Georgia | Rare |
| Tuva horse | Russia (Tuva) | Rare |
| Ukrainian Riding | Ukraine | Rare |
| Unmol Horse | Pakistan (Sindh) | Rare |
| Uzunyayla | Turkey | Rare |
| Ventasso (Cavallo del Ventasso) | Italy | Rare |
| Virginia Highlander | USA (Appalachia) | Rare |
| Vlaamperd | South Africa | Rare |
| Vladimir Heavy Draft | Russia | Rare |
| Vyatka horse | Russia | Rare |
| Waler (Australian Waler) | Australia | Not Common |
| Walkaloosa | USA (Appaloosa cross) | Rare |
| Warlander | USA (Gypsy x Sporthorse) | Rare |
| Welsh Cob (Section D) | Wales | Not Common |
| Westphalian horse | Germany | Common |
| Wielkopolski | Poland | Rare |
| Württemberger | Germany | Common |
| Xilingol horse | China (Inner Mongolia) | Rare |
| Yakutian horse | Russia (Sakha Republic) | Rare |
| Yili horse | China (Xinjiang) | Rare |
| Yonaguni horse | Japan (Yonaguni Island) | Rare |
| Zangersheide | Belgium | Rare |
| Zaniskari | India (Himachal Pradesh) | Rare |
| Zakynthos horse | Greece (Zakynthos) | Rare |
| Zweibrücker | Germany | Common |
| Žemaitukas (Zemaitukas) | Lithuania | Rare |