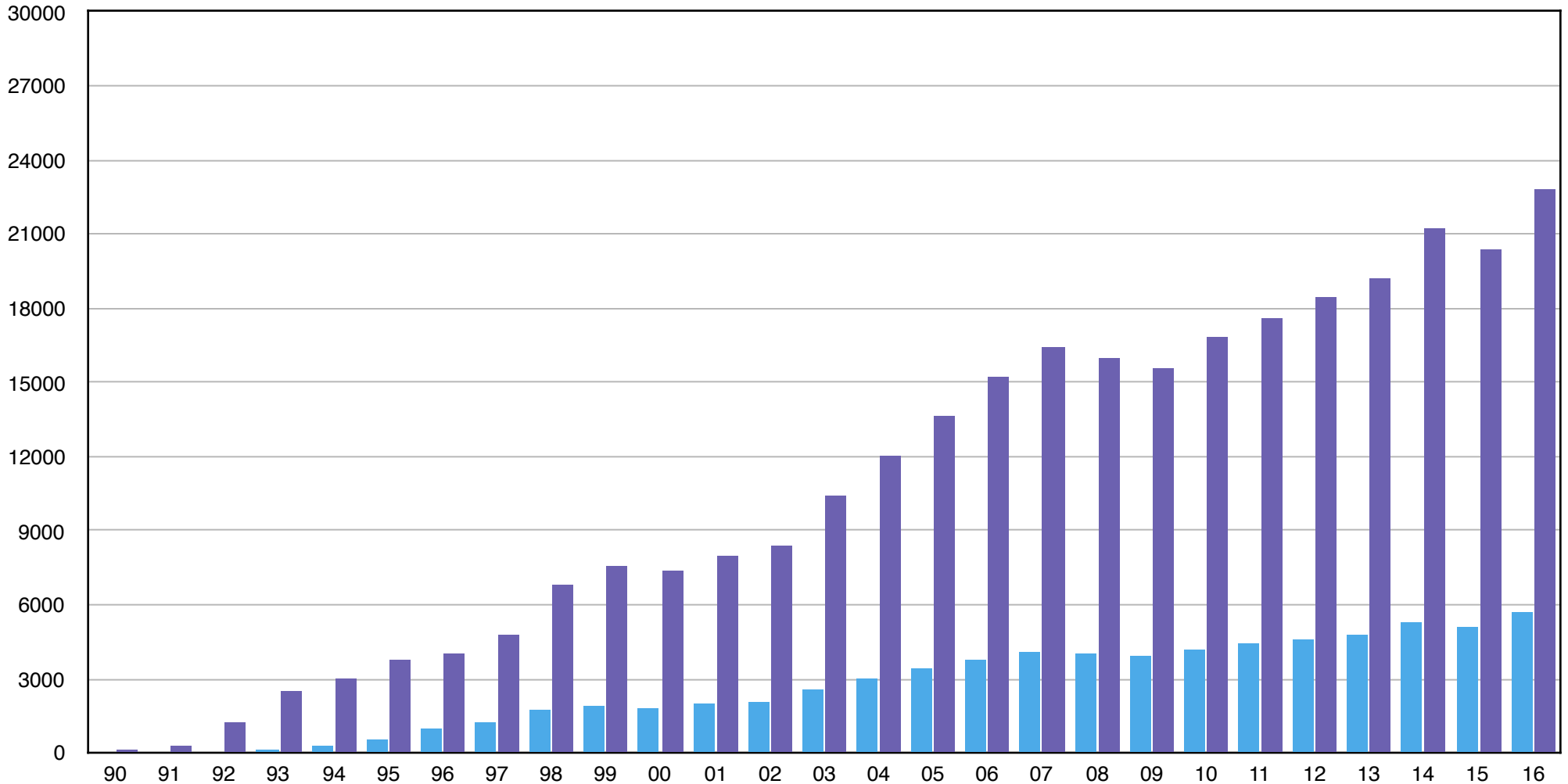


# Piedras Blancas Elephant Seal Population

■ Number of pups born      ■ Total number of seals



Notes & Numbers: A small number of northern elephant seals first appeared on Piedras Blancas beaches in 1990. In 1992 the first pup was born at Piedras Blancas. By the year 2000, we had an estimated count of 1,850 births and a total seal population of about 7,400. For 2016, the estimated seal birth count was 5,700, giving Piedras Blancas a total seal population of about 22,800. The total seal population is being estimated here by multiplying the number of counted births by the number 4. Some suggest that the multiplier should be set as high as 4.4 which would make for a larger total estimate for all of our seals.