

EIA Coal Mine Operator Employment by
State, Region and Method of Mining, 2018
(Thousand Short Tons)



State	Underground	Surface	Total
East:			
Alabama	2,340	564	2,904
Illinois	2,729	350	3,079
Indiana	1,464	1,459	2,923
Kentucky	4,929	1,573	6,502
Eastern	2,623	1,498	4,121
Western	2,306	75	2,381
Maryland	171	135	306
Mississippi	0	199	199
Ohio	691	431	1,122
Pennsylvania	3,854	1,531	5,385
Bituminous	3,776	709	4,485
Anthracite	78	822	900
Tennessee	55	35	90
Virginia	2,047	683	2,730
West Virginia	10,767	3,194	13,961
Northern	4,042	89	4,131
Southern	6,725	3,106	9,831
Total East	29,047	10,154	39,201
West:			
Alaska	0	99	99
Arizona	0	416	416
Arkansas	0	0	0
California	0	0	0
Colorado	830	428	1,258
Iowa	0	0	0
Kansas	0	0	0
Louisiana	0	322	322
Missouri	0	16	16
Montana	264	1,047	1,311
New Mexico	313	592	905
North Dakota	0	1,249	1,249
Oklahoma	75	69	144
Texas	0	1,646	1,646
Utah	1,314	49	1,363
Washington	0	0	0
Wyoming	169	5,389	5,558
Total West	2,965	11,322	14,287
Refuse Recovery	0	0	94
Grand Total - US	32,012	21,476	53,582
Percent of Total	60%	40%	100%
Regional Production:			
Appalachian	22,548	8,072	30,620
Interior	6,574	4,136	10,710
Western	2,890	9,269	12,159
Northern Appalachia	8,758	2,186	10,944
Central Appalachia	11,450	5,322	16,772
Southern Appalachia	2,340	564	2,904
Illinois Basin	6,499	1,884	8,383
Other Interior	145	2,825	2,970
Powder River Basin	0	5,740	5,740
Uinta Region	2,061	449	2,510
Other Western	829	3,080	3,909

Note: EIA employment data exclude contract workers at mines and prep plants with less than 5,000 employees hours.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy / Energy Information Administration

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