

EIA Coal Mine Operator Employment by State,
Region and Method of Mining, 2020
(Thousand Short Tons)



State	Underground	Surface	Total
East:			
Alabama	2,146	384	2,530
Illinois	1,983	192	2,175
Indiana	1,045	953	1,998
Kentucky	3,020	986	4,006
Eastern	1,405	954	2,359
Western	1,615	32	1,647
Maryland	130	96	226
Mississippi	0	194	194
Ohio	352	165	517
Pennsylvania	3,424	1,394	4,818
Bituminous	3,359	557	3,916
Anthracite	65	837	902
Tennessee	33	5	38
Virginia	1,452	642	2,094
West Virginia	9,129	2,289	11,418
Northern	3,789	115	3,904
Southern	5,340	2,174	7,514
Total East	22,714	7,300	30,014
West:			
Alaska	0	102	102
Arizona	0	0	0
Arkansas	0	0	0
California	0	0	0
Colorado	725	393	1,118
Iowa	0	0	0
Kansas	0	0	0
Louisiana	0	125	125
Missouri	0	12	12
Montana	258	844	1,102
New Mexico	202	630	832
North Dakota	2	1,225	1,227
Oklahoma	0	17	17
Texas	0	1,328	1,328
Utah	1,316	57	1,373
Washington	0	0	0
Wyoming	139	4,728	4,867
Total West	2,642	9,461	12,103
Refuse Recovery	0	0	42
Grand Total - US	25,356	16,761	42,159
Percent of Total	60%	40%	100%
Regional Production:			
Appalachian	18,071	5,929	24,000
Interior	4,643	2,853	7,496
Western	2,642	7,979	10,621
Northern Appalachia	7,695	1,770	9,465
Central Appalachia	8,230	3,775	12,005
Southern Appalachia	2,146	384	2,530
Illinois Basin	4,643	1,177	5,820
Other Interior	-	1,676	1,676
Powder River Basin	0	4,939	4,939
Uinta Region	1,956	415	2,371
Other Western	686	2,625	3,311

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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