

EIA Coal Mine Operator Employment by State, Region and Method of Mining, 2021



State	Underground	Surface	Total
East:			
Alabama	1,385	346	1,731
Illinois	1,965	52	2,017
Indiana	1,092	714	1,806
Kentucky	3,084	1,110	4,194
Eastern	1,600	1,078	2,678
Western	1,484	32	1,516
Maryland	114	102	216
Mississippi	0	205	205
Ohio	213	141	354
Pennsylvania	3,087	1,247	4,334
Bituminous	3,030	494	3,524
Anthracite	57	753	810
Tennessee	4	-	4
Virginia	1,312	630	1,942
West Virginia	9,099	2,412	11,511
Northern	4,008	93	4,101
Southern	5,091	2,319	7,410
Total East	21,355	6,959	28,314
West:			
Alaska	0	102	102
Arizona	0	0	0
Arkansas	0	0	0
California	0	0	0
Colorado	721	347	1,068
Iowa	0	0	0
Kansas	0	0	0
Louisiana	0	34	34
Missouri	0	8	8
Montana	245	685	930
New Mexico	235	585	820
North Dakota	0	1,176	1,176
Oklahoma	0	1	1
Texas	0	1,037	1,037
Utah	1,313	58	1,371
Washington	0	0	0
Wyoming	112	4,455	4,567
Total West	2,626	8,488	11,114
Refuse Recovery	0	0	89
Grand Total - US	23,981	15,447	39,517
Percent of Total	61%	39%	100%
Regional Production:			
Appalachian	16,814	5,956	22,770
Interior	4,541	2,083	6,624
Western	2,626	7,409	10,035
Northern Appalachia	7,422	1,583	9,005
Central Appalachia	8,007	4,027	12,034
Southern Appalachia	1,385	346	1,731
Illinois Basin	4,541	798	5,339
Other Interior	-	1,285	1,285
Powder River Basin	0	4,541	4,541
Uinta Region	1,883	378	2,261
Other Western	743	2,490	3,233

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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