

Most Requested Statistics - U.S. Coal Industry



	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020r/	2021p/
Production (1,000 Short Tons) *	1,000,049	896,941	728,364	774,609	756,167	706,309	535,434	578,061
East of Mississippi River ^{5/}	409,521	348,978	281,631	304,430	310,663	296,046	209,032	231,637
West of Mississippi River	590,528	547,963	446,734	470,179	445,610	410,264	326,402	346,424
Appalachian ^{5/}	268,603	222,114	180,477	198,545	200,903	193,697	139,013	155,900
Interior	188,604	167,430	143,917	145,194	136,935	127,610	90,538	93,332
Western	542,842	507,397	403,971	430,870	418,329	385,003	305,883	328,829
Refuse Recovery	1,624	1,384	851	699	726	492	456	415
U.S. Recoverable Reserves (Mil. Sht. Tons)	255,755	254,896	254,197	253,453	252,733	252,057	251,539	251,000
Recoverable Reserves at Producing Mines (Million Short Tons) ^{1/}	19,351	18,327	16,956	16,101	15,216	14,151	13,201	13,000
Total Value of Production (\$1,000)	\$34,831,707	\$28,549,632	\$22,266,087	\$26,119,815	\$27,214,450	\$25,476,566	\$16,817,982	\$20,289,941
Domestic Consumption (1,000 Short Tons)	917,731	798,115	731,071	716,856	688,105	586,543	476,693	545,671
Electric Utilities/power	851,602	738,444	678,554	664,993	637,217	538,606	435,827	501,427
Coking	21,297	19,708	16,485	17,538	18,337	17,967	14,414	17,589
Other Industrial	42,946	38,459	34,849	33,264	31,580	29,095	25,660	25,845
Residential/Commercial	1,887	1,503	1,183	1,061	972	876	793	811
Stocks at End of Year (1,000 Short Tons)								
Consumers ^{2/}	158,833	202,560	167,681	142,957	108,105	134,014	138,078	99,108
Producer/Distributor	38,894	35,871	25,309	23,999	21,692	31,320	23,640	25,295
Exports (1,000 Short Tons)	97,257	73,958	60,271	96,953	115,632	93,765	69,067	85,208
Imports (1,000 Short Tons)	11,350	11,318	9,850	7,777	5,954	6,697	5,137	5,300
Price Indicators (Avg. \$/Short Ton or \$/mmBtu)								
Mine Sales Price Average (\$/short ton) ^{3/}	\$34.83	\$31.83	\$30.57	\$33.72	\$35.99	\$36.07	\$31.41	\$35.10
Cost of Coal Receipts at Elec.Power. Plants (\$/mmBtu)	\$2.39	\$2.22	\$2.11	\$2.06	\$2.06	\$2.02	\$1.92	\$1.98
Cost of Coal at Electric Utility Plants (receipts)	\$46.95	\$43.71	\$42.01	\$40.81	\$40.35	\$39.99	\$37.49	\$38.79
Cost of Coking Coal at Coke Plants (receipts)	\$131.41	\$118.69	\$102.00	\$122.14	\$128.75	\$145.85	\$127.16	\$122.37
Cost of Coal for Industrial Plant Uses (receipts)	\$68.20	\$65.44	\$60.34	\$58.67	\$59.01	\$61.37	\$57.18	\$57.90
Fuel Production Price (value \$/mmBtu)	\$1.72	\$1.59	\$1.62	\$1.67	\$1.77	\$1.71	\$1.66	\$1.74
Railroad Freight Charge, avg. (Frt. Rev./Tons Orig.)	\$20.11	\$19.00	18.49	19.67	20.65	19.81	17.84	20.12
Methods of Mining								
Underground (1,000 Short Tons)								
Continuous	142,574	122,380	96,327	100,224	122,362	117,467	86,052	94,129
Conventional & Other	5,178	2,373	11,947	2,887	1,558	2,277	329	360
Longwall	206,952	182,068	143,832	170,018	151,441	147,628	109,149	119,394
Total Underground Production	354,704	306,821	252,106	273,129	275,361	267,373	195,530	213,883
% of Total Production	35.5%	34.2%	34.6%	35.3%	36.4%	37.9%	37.0%	37.0%
Total Surface (1,000 Short Tons) ^{5/}	645,345	590,120	476,258	501,481	480,080	438,937	339,905	364,178
% of Total Production	64.5%	65.8%	65.4%	64.7%	63.6%	62.1%	63.0%	63.0%
Number of Mines (EIA)	985	853	710	680	679	669	552	N/A
Underground Mines (includes refuse)	372	324	268	246	249	237	196	N/A
Surface Mines	613	529	442	434	430	432	350	N/A
Number of Mine Operations (MSHA)	1,632	1,460	1,289	1,216	1,192	1,137	1,016	962
Average Number of Miners - Operators (EIA) ^{3/}	74,931	65,971	51,795	53,051	53,583	52,804	42,159	N/A
Underground Mines (includes refuse)	46,475	40,157	30,105	31,542	32,012	31,971	25,356	N/A
Surface Mines	28,456	25,814	21,690	21,509	21,477	20,833	16,761	N/A
Average Coal Mining Employment (MSHA) ^{6/}	116,295	102,867	81,880	82,932	82,857	81,415	63,760	61,210
Number of Mine Injuries ^{4/}								
Fatal	16	12	8	15	12	12	5	10
All Injuries	3,323	2,635	2,019	2,390	2,205	2,199	1,478	1,476
Production Per Miner Per Hour ^{3/}	5.96	6.28	6.61	6.55	6.23	5.94	6.12	N/A
Underground Mines	3.35	3.45	3.83	3.77	3.68	3.61	3.60	N/A
Surface Mines	10.42	10.95	10.73	10.92	10.36	9.88	10.24	N/A

Notes:

^{p/} Preliminary estimates. ^{r/} Revised. ^{g/} Estimated. n/a Not available.

^{1/} At active producing coal mines. ^{2/} The residential/commercial sector included.

^{3/} Excludes mines producing less than 10,000 short tons of coal during the year. Excludes contractors.

^{4/} Includes contractors and office workers. Excludes mines producing less than 10,000 short tons and prep plants with less than 5,000 employee hours.

^{5/} Includes refuse. ^{6/} Includes contractor employees. N/A Not available.

Sources: U.S. DOE/EIA, Mine Safety & Health Administration, Association of American Railroads, and NMA estimates.

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