

Table 6. U.S. Coal Supply, Consumption, and Inventories (million short tons)
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	2025				2026				2027				Year		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2025	2026	2027
Supply															
Total supply	127.0	103.9	129.3	107.5	110.9	88.0	124.8	101.5	97.3	87.8	121.0	96.9	467.7	425.2	403.0
Secondary inventory withdrawals	16.4	-5.0	11.2	-4.0	-0.5	-16.3	13.1	-3.2	-7.7	-9.4	13.8	-1.5	18.6	-6.8	-4.9
Waste coal (a)	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.1	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	9.3	6.4	4.3
Total primary supply	108.2	106.4	115.8	109.4	109.7	102.7	110.1	103.1	104.0	96.1	106.2	97.3	439.7	425.6	403.6
U.S. total coal production	132.3	128.1	135.9	132.0	133.2	124.9	131.5	128.9	126.6	118.5	128.0	123.8	528.4	518.4	496.8
Appalachia	39.7	40.4	39.1	40.6	40.5	37.8	36.5	38.2	43.3	39.1	36.2	36.7	160.0	153.0	155.3
Interior	22.9	19.5	20.4	19.8	20.9	18.8	19.7	19.8	21.3	19.7	19.8	19.0	82.7	79.3	79.7
Western	69.7	68.2	76.4	71.6	71.8	68.2	75.3	70.9	62.0	59.7	72.0	68.1	285.8	286.1	261.7
Net imports	-23.8	-21.7	-21.7	-22.5	-23.0	-22.1	-22.9	-25.7	-22.1	-22.2	-23.3	-26.3	-89.7	-93.7	-93.8
Gross imports	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.7	1.0	1.1	1.0	0.7	1.1	1.1	0.9	2.9	3.9	3.8
Gross exports	24.4	22.4	22.3	23.5	23.7	23.1	24.1	26.7	22.8	23.3	24.4	27.2	92.6	97.5	97.7
Metallurgical coal	12.7	11.6	12.6	13.3	13.3	13.6	12.9	13.2	12.4	13.7	13.4	13.6	50.1	53.0	53.1
Steam coal	11.7	10.8	9.8	10.2	10.4	9.6	11.2	13.5	10.4	9.6	11.0	13.5	42.5	44.6	44.5
Primary inventory withdrawals	-0.4	-0.1	1.6	-0.1	-0.5	-0.1	1.6	-0.1	-0.5	-0.1	1.5	-0.2	1.0	0.8	0.7
Consumption															
U.S. total coal consumption	118.5	98.8	126.9	108.2	105.0	87.5	124.8	101.5	97.3	87.8	121.0	96.9	452.4	418.8	403.0
Coke plants	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.8	14.6	14.5	14.9
Electric power sector (b)	109.2	90.4	118.3	99.2	96.3	79.7	116.9	92.7	88.6	79.9	113.1	88.2	417.0	385.5	369.8
Retail and other industry	5.7	4.7	5.0	5.4	5.1	4.2	4.3	5.1	5.1	4.2	4.2	4.9	20.8	18.7	18.3
Residential and commercial	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.7
Other industrial	5.4	4.6	4.8	5.2	4.8	4.1	4.2	4.9	4.8	4.1	4.0	4.7	20.1	18.1	17.6
Discrepancy (c)	8.5	5.1	2.4	-0.7	5.8	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.3	6.3	0.0
End-of-period inventories															
Primary inventories (d)	23.4	23.5	21.9	22.0	22.5	22.6	21.0	21.2	21.7	21.8	20.3	20.5	22.0	21.2	20.5
Secondary inventories	116.3	121.4	110.2	114.2	114.7	130.9	117.8	121.0	128.8	138.2	124.4	126.0	114.2	121.0	126.0
Electric power sector	111.7	116.4	105.4	109.5	110.9	126.9	113.5	116.8	125.0	134.2	120.1	121.7	109.5	116.8	121.7
Retail and general industry	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
Coke plants	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.8	1.3	1.4
Commercial & institutional	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Coal market indicators															
Coal miner productivity (tons per hour)	6.27	6.27	6.27	6.27	5.76	5.76	5.76	5.76	5.68	5.68	5.68	5.68	6.27	5.76	5.68
Total raw steel production (million short tons)	21.34	22.59	23.34	22.83	22.92	23.90	24.52	23.85	23.37	24.28	24.63	23.89	90.10	95.19	96.17
Cost of coal to electric utilities (dollars per million Btu) ..	2.43	2.48	2.41	2.39	2.42	2.40	2.39	2.38	2.38	2.39	2.38	2.36	2.42	2.39	2.38

(a) Waste coal includes waste coal and coal slurry reprocessed into briquettes.

(b) Coal used for electricity generation and (a limited amount of) useful thermal output by electric utilities and independent power producers.

(c) The discrepancy reflects an unaccounted-for shipper and receiver reporting difference, assumed to be zero in the forecast period.

(d) Primary stocks are held at the mines and distribution points.

Notes:

EIA completed modeling and analysis for this report on June 4, 2026.

- = no data available

The approximate break between historical and forecast values is shown with historical data with no shading; estimates and forecasts are shaded gray.

Sources:

Historical data: Latest data available from Energy Information Administration databases supporting the following reports: *Quarterly Coal Report*; and *Electric Power Monthly*.

Minor discrepancies with published historical data are due to independent rounding.

Forecasts: EIA Short-Term Integrated Forecasting System.