Table 5. Coal Production and Coalbed Thickness by Major Coalbeds and Mine Type, 2023

		Production (thousand short tons)				Thickness (inches)		
Coalbed ID Number ¹ Coalbed Name		Underground	Surface	Total	Average ²	Low	High	
1699	Wyodak	-	204,372	204,372	775	120	931	
0212	Pittsburgh	53,815	370	54,185	80	66	108	
0484	Herrin (Illinois No. 6)	36,315	1,399	37,714	73	46	79	
0489	No. 9	24,248	3,794	28,042	62	36	105	
1701	Smith	-	18,359	18,359	903	775	1,092	
0036	Pittsburgh	13,598	826	14,425	84	20	97	
1569	Beulah-Zap	-	13,547	13,547	196	124	210	
0084	Lower Kittanning	12,248	1,175	13,424	68	19	115	
1696	Anderson-Dietz 1-Dietz 2	-	12,455	12,455	960	960	960	
0280	Blue Creek	10,685	167	10,852	53	16	66	
1570	Hagel	-	9,436	9,436	116	104	122	
0344	Pocahontas No. 3	8,490	-	8,490	57	35	66	
1808	Rosebud	-	7,977	7,977	265	186	276	
1787	Roland	-	7,728	7,728	372	288	446	
0176	Eagle	5,092	1,122	6,214	42	18	52	
0168	Lower Elkhorn	4,791	1,395	6,186	41	18	70	
1806	Mammoth	5,686	-	5,686	108	108	108	
0071	Upper Freeport	4,070	106	4,176	50	6	77	
0506	No. 6	3,474	-	3,474	92	92	92	
1756	E	3,099	194	3,293	156	60	162	
1003	Menefee Formation	643	2,644	3,287	86	84	87	
0151	Upper Elkhorn No. 3	1,562	1,527	3,089	48	14	96	
0111	Coalburg	53	2,898	2,951	91	15	123	
0483	Indiana No. 6	-	2,898	2,898	56	24	64	
0266	Jawbone	2,654	165	2,819	70	45	74	
Major Coalbeds Total		190,524	294,554	485,078	435	6	1,092	
Other Coalbeds		27,079	64,057	91,136	97	1	607	
Unknown *		327	1,116	1,739	NA	NA	NA	
U.S. Total		217,930	359,727	577,954	380	-	1,092	

- = No data reported.

NA = Not Available.

* Includes mines with production of less than 50,000 short tons, which are not required to provide data, and refuse recovery.

1 The coalbed ID number is a unique code assigned by EIA to each correlated coalbed or to coal-bearing geologic formations, coal groups, or coal zones. See Coalbed name discussion in note below.

2 Average thickness is the bed thickness weighted by bed production.

Notes: This table lists the top 25 producing coalbeds. The category 'Other Coalbeds' includes all coalbeds from which less than 4.0 million short tons were produced during the year. In some regions, coalbeds are characteristically discontinuous or uncorrelatable from one location to another, and production is identified by the geological formations, coal groups, or coal zones of the native rock where the coalbeds occur. These types of coalbeds are found primarily in the Rocky Mountain States and even in the Gulf Coast lignite belt. Coalbeds of these types are also included in 'Other Coalbeds,' even though production may exceed 4.0 million short tons. Totals may not equal sum of components due to independent rounding. The coalbed name given is the name most commonly used in the State having the greatest production fore that coalbed codes 1495, 1699, and 1701); West Virginia (coalbed codes 212, 84, 111, 168, 103, 71); Illinois (coalbed code 484); Indiana (coalbed code 489); Pennsylvania (coalbed code 36); North Dakota (coalbed codes 1569, 1570); Montana (coalbed codes 1696, 1808, 204); Virginia (coalbed code 344); Alabama (coalbed code 280); Utah (coalbed code 1847); New Mexico (coalbed code 1003); Colorado (coalbed code 1756); West Virginia (coalbed code 157, 176); Kentucky (coalbed code 151). In some other States where these are major producing beds, the following alternative coalbed nose 36 (Pennsylvania/Ohio, Pittsburgh No. 8), coalbed code 111 (Lentucky, Hazard No 6).

Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration Form EIA-7A, 'Annual Survey of Coal Production and Preparation,' and U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration Form 7000-2, 'Quarterly Mine Employment and Coal Production Report.'