

Table ES-4 Nominal²Coal Prices, 1949- 2023

(dollars per short ton)

Year	Bituminous	Subbituminous	Lignite ¹	Anthracite	Total
1949	4.90	*	2.37	8.90	5.24
1950	4.86	*	2.41	9.34	5.19
1951	4.94	*	2.44	9.94	5.29
1952	4.92	*	2.39	9.58	5.27
1953	4.94	*	2.38	9.87	5.23
1954	4.54	*	2.43	8.76	4.81
1955	4.51	*	2.38	8.00	4.69
1956	4.83	*	2.39	8.33	5.01
1957	5.09	*	2.35	9.11	5.28
1958	4.87	*	2.35	9.14	5.07
1959	4.79	*	2.25	8.55	4.95
1960	4.71	*	2.29	8.01	4.83
1961	4.60	*	2.24	8.26	4.73
1962	4.50	*	2.23	7.99	4.62
1963	4.40	*	2.17	8.64	4.55
1964	4.46	*	2.14	8.93	4.60
1965	4.45	*	2.13	8.51	4.55
1966	4.56	*	1.98	8.08	4.62
1967	4.64	*	1.92	8.15	4.69
1968	4.70	*	1.79	8.78	4.75
1969	5.02	*	1.86	9.91	5.08
1970	6.30	*	1.86	11.03	6.34
1971	7.13	*	1.93	12.08	7.15
1972	7.78	*	2.04	12.40	7.72
1973	8.71	*	2.09	13.65	8.59
1974	16.01	*	2.19	22.19	15.82
1975	19.79	*	3.17	32.26	19.35
1976	20.11	*	3.74	33.92	19.56
1977	20.59	*	4.03	34.86	19.95
1978	22.64	*	5.68	35.25	21.86
1979	27.31	9.55	6.48	41.06	23.75
1980	29.17	11.08	7.60	42.51	24.65
1981	31.51	12.18	8.85	44.28	26.40
1982	32.15	13.37	9.79	49.85	27.25
1983	31.11	13.03	9.91	52.29	25.98
1984	30.63	12.41	10.45	48.22	25.61
1985	30.78	12.57	10.68	45.80	25.20
1986	28.84	12.26	10.64	44.12	23.79
1987	28.19	11.32	10.85	43.65	23.07
1988	27.66	10.45	10.06	44.16	22.07
1989	27.40	10.16	9.91	42.93	21.82
1990	27.43	9.70	10.13	39.40	21.76
1991	27.49	9.68	10.89	36.34	21.49
1992	26.78	9.68	10.81	34.24	21.03
1993	26.15	9.33	11.11	32.94	19.85
1994	25.68	8.37	10.77	36.07	19.41
1995	25.56	8.10	10.83	39.78	18.83
1996	25.17	7.87	10.92	36.78	18.50
1997	24.64	7.42	10.91	35.12	18.14
1998	24.87	6.96	11.08	42.91	17.67
1999	23.92	6.87	11.04	35.13	16.63
2000	24.15	7.12	11.41	40.90	16.78
2001	25.67	7.00	13.29	47.67	17.58
2002	26.54	7.64	12.52	47.78	17.89
2003	26.77	8.11	12.20	49.87	17.92
2004	30.75	8.51	12.59	43.52	20.07
2005	36.70	8.93	13.26	47.70	23.34
2006	39.61	10.12	13.83	51.68	24.63

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2007	41.24	11.21	14.99	58.92	25.82
2008	51.39	12.31	16.50	60.76	31.25
2009	55.44	13.35	17.26	57.10	33.24
2010	60.88	14.11	18.76	59.51	35.61
2011	68.50	14.07	18.77	75.70	41.01
2012	66.04	15.34	19.60	80.21	39.95
2013	60.61	14.86	19.96	87.82	37.24
2014	55.99	14.72	19.44	90.98	34.83
2015	51.55	14.63	22.09	97.91	31.81
2016	48.24	14.83	19.98	97.61	30.57
2017	55.60	14.29	19.51	93.17	33.72
2018	59.43	13.64	20.21	99.97	35.99
2019	58.93	14.01	19.86	102.22	36.07
2020	50.05	14.43	22.16	90.68	31.41
2021	61.68	14.18	20.10	107.08	36.45
2022	97.96	16.55	21.79	155.03	54.46
2023	96.23	17.56	22.25	165.88	54.04

* = Through 1978, subbituminous coal is included in 'Bituminous Coal'.

1 Because of withholding to protect company confidentiality, lignite prices exclude Texas for 1955- 1977 and Montana for 1974 1978. As a result, lignite prices for 1974-1977 are for North Dakota only.

2 See 'Nominal Dollars' in Glossary.

Notes: Prices are free-on-board (F.O.B.) rail/barge prices, which are the F.O.B. prices of coal at the point of first sale, excluding freight or shipping and insurance costs. Prices are for open market and captive coal sales; see 'Captive Coal,' 'Free on Board (F.O.B.),' and 'Open Market Coal' in Glossary.

Web Page: For related information, see <http://www.eia.gov/coal/>.

Sources: 1949-1975 Bureau of Mines (BOM), Minerals Yearbook. 1976 U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Energy Data Report, Coal Bituminous and Lignite in 1976, and BOM, Minerals Yearbook. 1977 and 1978 EIA, Energy Data Reports, Bituminous Coal and Lignite Production and Mine Operations, and Coal Pennsylvania Anthracite. 1979 EIA, Coal Production, and Energy Data Report, Coal Pennsylvania Anthracite. 1980-1992 EIA, Coal Production, annual reports. 1993-2000 EIA, Coal Industry Annual, annual reports and unpublished revisions. 2001-2010 EIA, Annual Coal Report, annual reports. 2011 EIA, Form EIA-7A, 'Coal Production Report,' and U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Form 7000-2, 'Quarterly Mine Employment and Coal Production Report.'