

Table 37. U.S. coal stocks, 2012 - 2018

(thousand short tons)

Last day of quarter	Coal consumers				Total	Coal producers and distributors	Total
	Electric power sector ¹	Coke plants	Other industrial ²	Commercial and institutional users			
2012							
March 31	195,380	2,300	3,929	557	202,166	51,141	253,307
June 30	197,924	2,295	4,219	585	205,023	50,374	255,397
September 30	182,020	2,396	4,518	596	189,530	46,231	235,761
December 31	185,116	2,522	4,475	583	192,696	46,157	238,853
2013							
March 31	171,736	2,207	3,946	530	178,419	48,422	226,841
June 30	171,124	2,500	3,957	529	178,110	50,129	228,239
September 30	152,694	2,546	4,308	530	160,079	47,135	207,214
December 31	147,884	2,200	4,097	495	154,676	45,652	200,328
2014							
March 31	118,260	1,791	3,534	405	123,990	44,728	168,718
June 30	133,479	1,937	3,626	429	139,471	42,682	182,153
September 30	124,546	2,307	4,070	462	131,386	38,828	170,214
December 31	151,548	2,640	4,196	449	158,833	38,894	197,727
2015							
March 31	154,347	2,135	3,639	388	160,509	39,610	200,119
June 30	166,437	2,627	3,864	386	173,314	39,399	212,713
September 30	162,109	3,013	4,271	392	169,784	36,213	205,997
December 31	195,548	2,236	4,382	394	202,560	35,871	238,431
2016							
March 31	191,553	1,914	3,956	332	197,755	35,207	232,962
June 30	182,086	1,802	3,834	337	188,060	32,932	220,992
September 30	156,567	1,660	3,720	370	162,318	27,282	189,600
December 31	162,009	1,675	3,637	360	167,681	25,309	192,990
2017							
March 31	161,815	1,388	3,236	335	166,774	25,190	191,964
June 30	158,014	1,626	3,295	329	163,264	23,430	186,694
September 30	139,571	1,670	3,482	337	145,060	23,430	168,490
December 31	137,687	1,718	3,242	310	142,957	23,999	166,956
2018							
March 31	126,532	1,508	2,891	275	131,206	26,775*	157,981
June 30	121,529	1,616	2,897	257	126,298	24,524*	150,822
September 30	100,781	1,811	3,022	263	105,877	23,413*	129,290
December 31	102,786	1,807	3,270	250	108,114	23,978*	132,092

1 The electric power sector (electric utilities and independent power producers) comprises electricity-only and combined-heat-and-power (CHP) plants whose primary business is to sell electricity, or electricity and heat, to the public (i.e. NAICS 22 plants).

2 Manufacturing plants only.

* Estimated.

- = No data reported.

Note: Beginning in 1999, the first three quarters of each year's data for Coal Producers and Distributors are estimated. Electric power sector stocks include anthracite, bituminous coal, sub-bituminous coal, and lignite, and exclude waste coal. Total may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA). *Electric Power Sector: Form EIA-923, 'Power Plant Operations Report.' *Coke Plants: Form EIA-3, 'Quarterly Survey of Industrial, Commercial & Institutional Coal Users.' *Other Industrial and Commercial and Institutional Users: Form EIA-3, 'Quarterly Survey of Industrial, Commercial & Institutional Coal Users.' *Producers and Distributors: 'Short Term Energy Outlook' estimates, Form EIA-7A, 'Annual Survey of Coal Production and Preparation,' and Form EIA-8A, 'Annual Survey of Coal Stocks and Coal Exports.' Prior to third quarter 2014, coke plant data was collected under Form EIA-5, 'Quarterly Coal Consumption and Quality Report - Coke Plants.'