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Table 1. Estimated rail transportation rates for coal, U.S. averages

comparison of EIA and STB data

Year	Transportation cost per short ton (nominal)		Transportation cost per short ton (real)		Percent difference EIA vs. STB	Total delivered cost per short ton		Percent transportation cost is of total delivered cost EIA	Shipments with transportation rates over total shipments (percent)	
	STB	EIA	STB	EIA		(nominal) EIA	(real) EIA		STB	EIA
2001	\$11.83	-	\$13.04	-	-	-	-	-	33.0%	-
2002	\$11.66	-	\$12.64	-	-	-	-	-	34.0%	-
2003	\$11.88	-	\$12.62	-	-	-	-	-	33.9%	-
2004	\$12.34	-	\$12.75	-	-	-	-	-	36.0%	-
2005	\$13.64	-	\$13.64	-	-	-	-	-	36.8%	-
2006	\$14.50	-	\$14.04	-	-	-	-	-	34.3%	-
2007	\$15.75	-	\$14.82	-	-	-	-	-	34.3%	-
2008	\$16.34	\$16.68	\$15.05	\$15.36	2.1%	\$41.15	\$37.90	40.5%	33.7%	82.9%
2009	\$15.97	\$15.80	\$14.56	\$14.40	-1.1%	\$43.59	\$39.73	36.2%	35.3%	89.0%
2010	-	\$17.25	-	\$15.54	-	\$44.74	\$40.31	38.6%	-	90.0%

Annual Percent Change

First to Last Year	3.8%	1.7%	1.4%	0.6%	-	4.3%	3.1%	-	-	-
Latest 2 Years	-2.3%	9.2%	-3.3%	7.9%	-	2.6%	1.5%	-	-	-

- = No data reported or value not applicable

STB Data Source: The Surface Transportation Board's 900-Byte Carload Waybill Sample

EIA Data Source: Form EIA-923 Power Plant Operations Report

Real values derived using the GDP Chain-type Price Index, 2005 = 100.