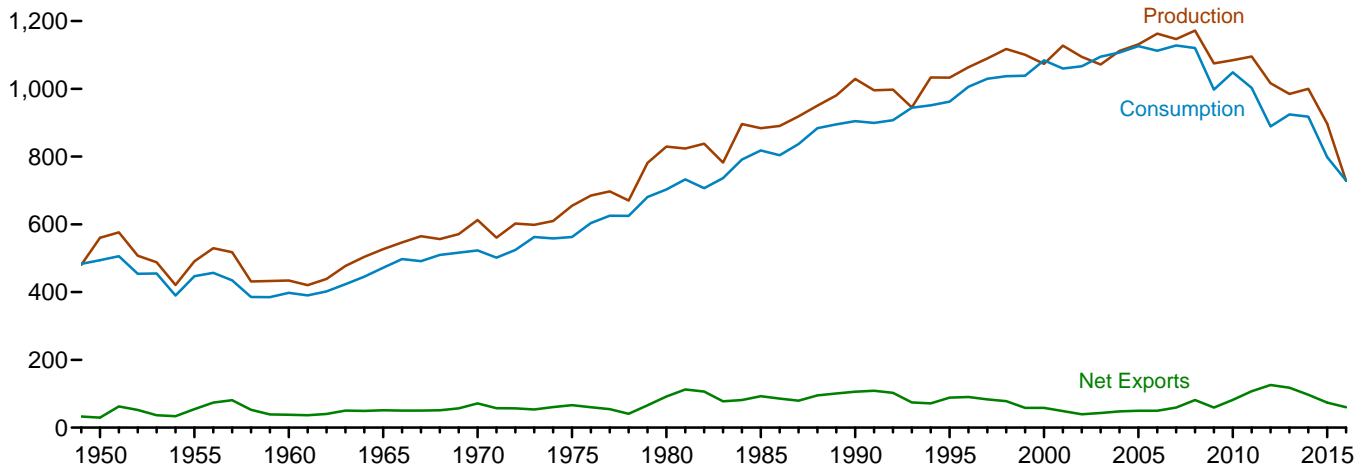


## **6. Coal**

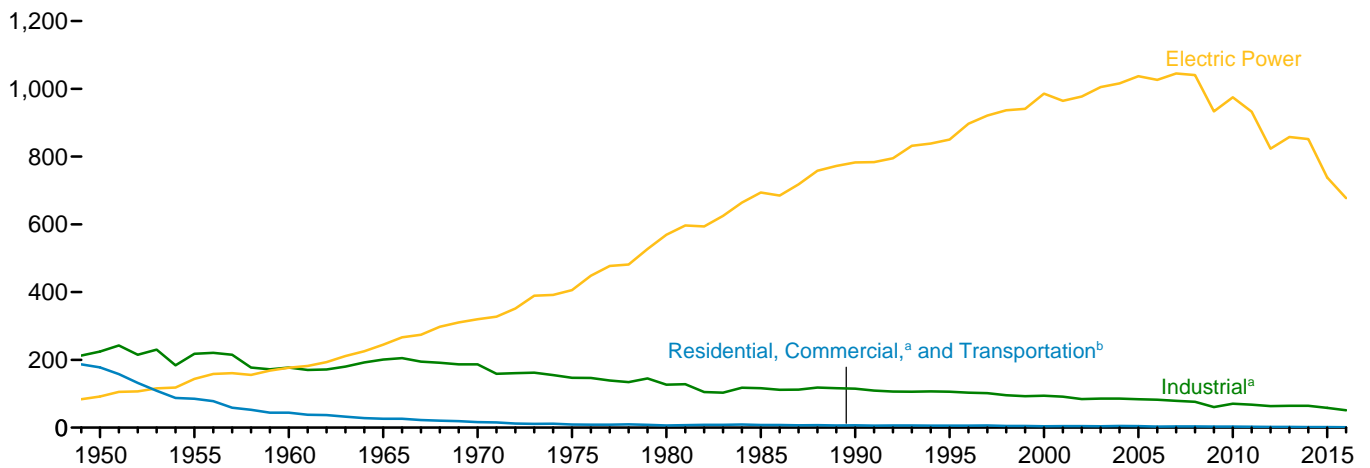
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**Figure 6.1 Coal**  
(Million Short Tons)

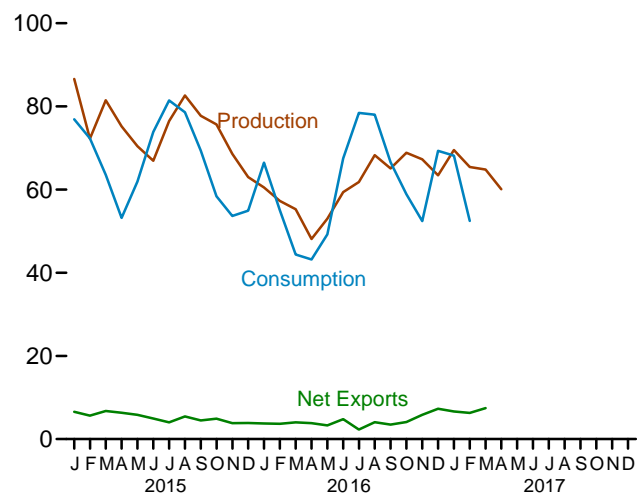
Overview, 1949–2016



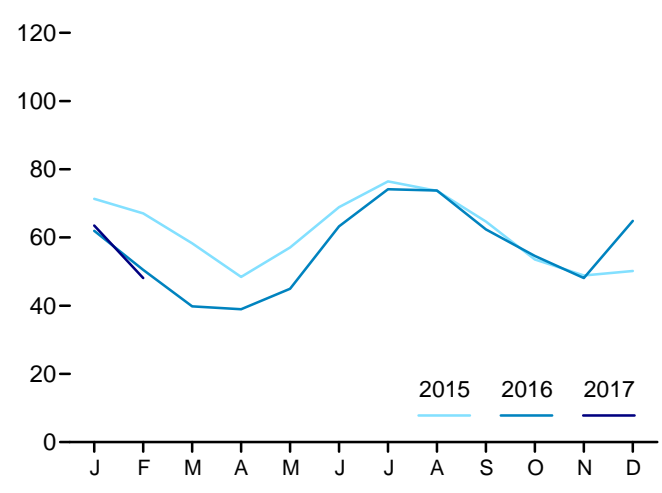
Consumption by Sector, 1949–2016



Overview, Monthly



Electric Power Sector Consumption, Monthly



<sup>a</sup> Includes combined-heat-and-power (CHP) plants and a small number of electricity-only-plants.

<sup>b</sup> For 1978 forward, small amounts of transportation sector use are included in "Industrial."

Web Page: <http://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/monthly/#coal>.  
Sources: Tables 6.1–6.2.

**Table 6.1 Coal Overview**  
(Thousand Short Tons)

	Production <sup>a</sup>	Waste Coal Supplied <sup>b</sup>	Trade			Stock Change <sup>d,e</sup>	Losses and Unaccounted for <sup>e,f</sup>	Consumption
			Imports	Exports	Net Imports <sup>c</sup>			
1950 Total	560,388	NA	365	29,360	-28,995	27,829	9,462	494,102
1955 Total	490,838	NA	337	54,429	-54,092	-3,974	-6,292	447,012
1960 Total	434,329	NA	262	37,981	-37,719	-3,194	1,722	398,081
1965 Total	526,954	NA	184	51,032	-50,848	1,897	2,244	471,965
1970 Total	612,661	NA	36	71,733	-71,697	11,100	6,633	523,231
1975 Total	654,641	NA	940	66,309	-65,369	32,154	-5,522	562,640
1980 Total	829,700	NA	1,194	91,742	-90,548	25,595	10,827	702,730
1985 Total	883,638	NA	1,952	92,680	-90,727	-27,934	2,796	818,049
1990 Total	1,029,076	3,339	2,699	105,804	-103,104	26,542	-1,730	904,498
1995 Total	1,032,974	8,561	9,473	88,547	-79,074	-275	632	962,104
2000 Total	1,073,612	9,089	12,513	58,489	-45,976	-48,309	938	1,084,095
2001 Total	1,127,689	10,085	19,787	48,666	-28,879	41,630	7,120	1,060,146
2002 Total	1,094,283	9,052	16,875	39,601	-22,726	10,215	4,040	1,066,355
2003 Total	1,071,753	10,016	25,044	43,014	-17,970	-26,659	-4,403	1,094,861
2004 Total	1,112,099	11,299	27,280	47,998	-20,718	-11,462	6,887	1,107,255
2005 Total	1,131,498	13,352	30,460	49,942	-19,482	-9,702	9,092	1,125,978
2006 Total	1,162,750	14,409	36,246	49,647	-13,401	42,642	8,824	1,112,292
2007 Total	1,146,635	14,076	36,347	59,163	-22,816	5,812	4,085	1,127,998
2008 Total	1,171,809	14,146	34,208	81,519	-47,311	12,354	5,740	1,120,548
2009 Total	1,074,923	13,666	22,639	59,097	-36,458	39,668	14,985	997,478
2010 Total	1,084,368	13,651	19,353	81,716	-62,363	-13,039	182	1,048,514
2011 Total	1,095,628	13,209	13,088	107,259	-94,171	211	11,506	1,002,948
2012 Total	1,016,458	11,196	9,159	125,746	-116,586	6,902	14,980	889,185
2013 Total	984,842	11,279	8,906	117,659	-108,753	-38,525	1,451	924,442
2014 Total	1,000,049	12,090	11,350	97,257	-85,907	-2,601	11,101	917,731
2015 January	86,597	1,065	1,293	7,871	-6,579	2,390	1,799	76,895
February	72,251	1,001	866	6,496	-5,630	-4,929	233	72,318
March	81,476	755	850	7,612	-6,762	4,930	6,979	63,560
April	75,209	580	879	7,216	-6,337	13,571	2,673	53,207
May	70,415	756	919	6,761	-5,842	5,575	-2,169	61,923
June	66,933	872	842	5,789	-4,947	-6,552	-4,434	73,845
July	76,476	883	1,091	5,117	-4,026	-8,638	523	81,449
August	82,623	954	970	6,409	-5,439	-3,360	2,924	78,574
September	77,724	885	904	5,388	-4,485	5,283	-529	69,369
October	75,662	544	854	5,744	-4,889	13,278	-366	58,405
November	68,574	840	882	4,709	-3,827	13,061	-1,114	53,640
December	63,001	834	969	4,846	-3,877	6,094	-1,067	54,930
Total	896,941	9,969	11,318	73,958	-62,640	40,704	5,452	798,115
2016 January	60,500	938	693	4,433	-3,740	-8,278	-507	66,483
February	57,263	822	819	4,511	-3,693	531	-1,165	55,026
March	55,265	719	1,186	5,208	-4,023	5,062	R 2,497	R 44,401
April	48,115	543	740	4,583	-3,843	R 2,155	R -525	R 43,186
May	53,012	609	910	4,209	-3,298	R -889	R 1,990	49,221
June	59,388	747	641	5,432	-4,790	R -10,676	-1,494	67,515
July	61,796	861	990	3,276	-2,286	-14,699	-3,374	78,444
August	68,261	851	943	5,003	-4,060	-10,656	-2,313	78,020
September	65,083	685	800	4,273	-3,473	-3,433	-844	66,572
October	68,851	483	768	4,863	-4,095	4,322	2,020	58,897
November	67,272	584	706	6,554	-5,847	9,366	219	52,424
December	63,427	886	652	7,926	-7,274	-7,921	-4,352	69,311
Total	728,232	8,727	9,850	60,271	-50,421	R -35,116	R -7,848	R 729,501
2017 January	69,500	F 852	743	7,385	-6,642	R -4,136	R -327	R 68,172
February	65,411	RF 852	612	6,908	-6,296	R 4,812	R 2,711	R 52,444
March	64,799	NA	R 560	R 8,013	R -7,453	NA	NA	NA
April	60,077	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
4-Month Total	259,786	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2016 4-Month Total	221,143	3,021	3,438	18,736	-15,298	-531	300	209,096
2015 4-Month Total	315,532	3,401	3,888	29,195	-25,307	15,963	11,684	265,980

<sup>a</sup> Beginning in 2001, includes a small amount of refuse recovery (coal recaptured from a refuse mine and cleaned to reduce the concentration of noncombustible materials).

<sup>b</sup> Waste coal (including fine coal, coal obtained from a refuse bank or slurry dam, anthracite culm, bituminous gob, and lignite waste) consumed by the electric power and industrial sectors. Beginning in 1989, waste coal supplied is counted as a supply-side item to balance the same amount of waste coal included in "Consumption."

<sup>c</sup> Net imports equal imports minus exports. A minus sign indicates exports are greater than imports.

<sup>d</sup> A negative value indicates a decrease in stocks and a positive value indicates an increase. See Table 6.3 for stocks data coverage.

<sup>e</sup> In 1949, stock change is included in "Losses and Unaccounted for."

<sup>f</sup> The difference between calculated coal supply and disposition, due to coal

quantities lost or to data reporting problems.

R=Revised. NA=Not available. F=Forecast.

Notes: • For methodology used to calculate production, consumption, and stocks, see Note 1, "Coal Production," Note 2, "Coal Consumption," and Note 3, "Coal Stocks," at end of section. • Data values preceded by "F" are derived from the U.S. Energy Information Administration's Short-Term Integrated Forecasting System. See Note 4, "Coal Forecast Values," at end of section. • Totals may not equal sum of components due to independent rounding. • Geographic coverage is the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Web Page: See <http://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/monthly/#coal> (Excel and CSV files) for all available annual data beginning in 1949 and monthly data beginning in 1973.

Sources: See end of section.

**Table 6.2 Coal Consumption by Sector**  
(Thousand Short Tons)

	End-Use Sectors										Electric Power Sector <sup>e,f</sup>	Total
	Residential	Commercial			Coke Plants	Industrial			Transportation			
		CHP <sup>a</sup>	Other <sup>b</sup>	Total		Other Industrial	Total	Total				
					CHP <sup>c</sup>	Non-CHP <sup>d</sup>	Total					
1950 Total	51,562	(g)	63,021	63,021	104,014	(h)	120,623	120,623	224,637	63,011	91,871	494,102
1955 Total	35,590	(g)	32,852	32,852	107,743	(h)	110,096	110,096	217,839	16,972	143,759	447,012
1960 Total	24,159	(g)	16,789	16,789	81,385	(h)	96,017	96,017	177,402	3,046	176,685	398,081
1965 Total	14,635	(g)	11,041	11,041	95,286	(h)	105,560	105,560	200,846	655	244,788	471,965
1970 Total	9,024	(g)	7,090	7,090	96,481	(h)	90,156	90,156	186,637	298	320,182	523,231
1975 Total	2,823	(g)	6,587	6,587	83,598	(h)	63,646	63,646	147,244	24	405,962	562,640
1980 Total	1,355	(g)	5,097	5,097	66,657	(h)	60,347	60,347	127,004	(h)	569,274	702,730
1985 Total	1,711	(g)	6,068	6,068	41,056	(h)	75,372	75,372	116,429	(h)	693,841	818,049
1990 Total	1,345	1,191	4,189	5,379	38,877	27,781	48,549	76,330	115,207	(h)	782,567	904,498
1995 Total	755	1,419	3,633	5,052	33,011	29,363	43,693	73,055	106,067	(h)	850,230	962,104
2000 Total	454	1,547	2,126	3,673	28,939	28,031	37,177	65,208	94,147	(h)	985,821	1,084,095
2001 Total	481	1,448	2,441	3,888	26,075	25,755	39,514	65,268	91,344	(h)	964,433	1,060,146
2002 Total	533	1,405	2,506	3,912	23,656	26,232	34,515	60,747	84,403	(h)	977,507	1,066,355
2003 Total	551	1,816	1,869	3,685	24,248	24,846	36,415	61,261	85,509	(h)	1,005,116	1,094,861
2004 Total	512	1,917	2,693	4,610	23,670	26,613	35,582	62,195	85,865	(h)	1,016,268	1,107,255
2005 Total	378	1,922	2,420	4,342	23,434	25,875	34,465	60,340	83,774	(h)	1,037,485	1,125,978
2006 Total	290	1,886	1,050	2,936	22,957	25,262	34,210	59,472	82,429	(h)	1,026,636	1,112,292
2007 Total	353	1,927	1,247	3,173	22,715	22,537	34,078	56,615	79,331	(h)	1,045,141	1,127,998
2008 Total	(i)	2,021	1,485	3,506	22,070	21,902	32,491	54,393	76,463	(h)	1,040,580	1,120,548
2009 Total	(i)	1,798	1,412	3,210	15,326	19,766	25,549	45,314	60,641	(h)	933,627	997,478
2010 Total	(i)	1,720	1,361	3,081	21,092	24,638	24,650	49,289	70,381	(h)	975,052	1,048,514
2011 Total	(i)	1,668	1,125	2,793	21,434	22,319	23,919	46,238	67,671	(h)	932,484	1,002,948
2012 Total	(i)	1,450	595	2,045	20,751	20,665	22,773	42,838	63,589	(h)	823,551	889,185
2013 Total	(i)	1,356	595	1,951	21,474	19,761	23,294	43,055	64,529	(h)	857,962	924,442
2014 Total	(i)	1,063	824	1,887	21,297	19,076	23,870	42,946	64,243	(h)	851,602	917,731
2015 January	(i)	97	101	198	1,908	1,613	1,852	3,465	5,373	(h)	71,323	76,895
February	(i)	97	101	198	1,598	1,483	1,977	3,460	5,058	(h)	67,061	72,318
March	(i)	83	87	171	1,649	1,506	1,962	3,468	5,117	(h)	58,272	63,560
April	(i)	54	45	99	1,543	1,336	1,780	3,116	4,659	(h)	48,449	53,207
May	(i)	50	41	92	1,677	1,378	1,717	3,095	4,772	(h)	57,060	61,923
June	(i)	61	50	111	1,766	1,381	1,720	3,101	4,867	(h)	68,867	73,845
July	(i)	64	39	104	1,801	1,505	1,588	3,093	4,894	(h)	76,452	81,449
August	(i)	58	35	93	1,711	1,420	1,673	3,093	4,804	(h)	73,678	78,574
September	(i)	51	31	82	1,519	1,391	1,696	3,087	4,606	(h)	64,682	69,369
October	(i)	52	49	101	1,586	1,296	1,865	3,161	4,747	(h)	53,557	58,405
November	(i)	59	56	115	1,479	1,325	1,841	3,166	4,645	(h)	48,879	53,640
December	(i)	72	69	141	1,469	1,350	1,805	3,155	4,624	(h)	50,165	54,930
Total	(i)	798	706	1,503	19,708	16,984	21,475	38,459	58,167	(h)	738,444	798,115
2016 January	(i)	76	73	148	1,328	1,503	1,533	3,036	4,365	(h)	61,970	66,483
February	(i)	78	75	153	1,361	1,395	1,630	3,025	4,386	(h)	50,487	55,026
March	(i)	75	72	147	1,434	1,370	1,663	3,033	4,466	(h)	59,788	64,401
April	(i)	49	27	76	1,324	1,006	1,796	2,802	4,126	(h)	38,984	43,186
May	(i)	40	22	62	1,367	1,149	1,661	2,810	4,177	(h)	44,983	49,221
June	(i)	46	25	71	1,405	1,212	1,584	2,796	4,201	(h)	63,243	67,515
July	(i)	46	17	63	1,433	1,234	1,578	2,812	4,245	(h)	74,136	78,444
August	(i)	50	19	69	1,395	1,234	1,565	2,799	4,193	(h)	73,577	78,020
September	(i)	49	18	67	1,336	1,053	1,749	2,802	4,138	(h)	62,366	66,572
October	(i)	50	39	89	1,335	993	1,880	2,873	4,208	(h)	54,601	58,897
November	(i)	61	48	109	1,326	998	1,889	2,887	4,213	(h)	48,102	52,424
December	(i)	71	56	127	1,442	1,155	1,729	2,884	4,326	(h)	64,858	69,311
Total	(i)	692	490	1,182	16,485	14,302	20,257	34,559	51,044	(h)	677,275	729,501
2017 January	(i)	62	F 71	F 134	F 1,554	R 1,288	RF 1,720	F 3,008	F 4,562	(h)	R 63,477	R 68,172
February	(i)	50	F 51	F 101	F 1,370	1,085	F 1,794	F 2,878	F 4,248	(h)	48,095	52,444
2-Month Total	(i)	112	F 122	F 234	F 2,924	2,372	F 3,514	F 5,886	F 8,810	(h)	111,572	120,616
2016 2-Month Total	(i)	154	148	301	2,690	2,898	3,163	6,061	8,751	(h)	112,457	121,509
2015 2-Month Total	(i)	193	203	396	3,507	3,095	3,829	6,925	10,432	(h)	138,384	149,212

<sup>a</sup> Commercial combined-heat-and-power (CHP) and a small number of commercial electricity-only plants, such as those at hospitals and universities. See Note 2, "Classification of Power Plants Into Energy-Use Sectors," at end of Section 7.

<sup>b</sup> All commercial sector fuel use other than that in "Commercial CHP."  
<sup>c</sup> Industrial combined-heat-and-power (CHP) and a small number of industrial electricity-only plants. See Note 2, "Classification of Power Plants Into Energy-Use Sectors," at end of Section 7.

<sup>d</sup> All industrial sector fuel use other than that in "Coke Plants" and "Industrial CHP."

<sup>e</sup> The electric power sector comprises electricity-only and combined-heat-and-power (CHP) plants within the NAICS 22 category whose primary business is to sell electricity, or electricity and heat, to the public.

<sup>f</sup> Through 1988, data are for electric utilities only. Beginning in 1989, data are for electric utilities and independent power producers.

<sup>g</sup> Included in "Commercial Other."

<sup>h</sup> Included in "Industrial Non-CHP."

<sup>i</sup> Beginning in 2008, residential coal consumption data are no longer collected by the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA).

R=Revised, E=Estimate, F=Forecast.

Notes: • CHP monthly values are from Table 7.4c; electric power sector monthly values are from Table 7.4b; all other monthly values are estimates derived from collected quarterly and annual data. See Note 2, "Coal Consumption," at end of section. • Data values preceded by "F" are derived from EIA's Short-Term Integrated Forecasting System. See Note 4, "Coal Forecast Values," at end of section. • Totals may not equal sum of components due to independent rounding.

• Geographic coverage is the 50 states and the District of Columbia.  
Web Page: See <http://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/monthly/#coal> (Excel and CSV files) for all available annual data beginning in 1949 and monthly data beginning in 1973.

Sources: See end of section.

**Table 6.3 Coal Stocks by Sector**  
(Thousand Short Tons)

	Producers and Distributors	End-Use Sectors					Electric Power Sector <sup>c,d</sup>	Total
		Residential <sup>a</sup> and Commercial	Industrial			Total		
			Coke Plants	Other <sup>b</sup>	Total			
1950 Year .....	NA	2,462	16,809	26,182	42,991	45,453	31,842	77,295
1955 Year .....	NA	998	13,422	15,880	29,302	30,300	41,391	71,691
1960 Year .....	NA	666	11,122	11,637	22,759	23,425	51,735	75,160
1965 Year .....	NA	353	10,640	13,122	23,762	24,115	54,525	78,640
1970 Year .....	NA	300	9,045	11,781	20,826	21,126	71,908	93,034
1975 Year .....	12,108	233	8,797	8,529	17,326	17,559	110,724	140,391
1980 Year .....	24,379	NA	9,067	11,951	21,018	21,018	183,010	228,407
1985 Year .....	33,133	NA	3,420	10,438	13,857	13,857	156,376	203,367
1990 Year .....	33,418	NA	3,329	8,716	12,044	12,044	156,166	201,629
1995 Year .....	34,444	NA	2,632	5,702	8,334	8,334	126,304	169,083
2000 Year .....	31,905	NA	1,494	4,587	6,081	6,081	102,296	140,282
2001 Year .....	35,900	NA	1,510	6,006	7,516	7,516	138,496	181,912
2002 Year .....	43,257	NA	1,364	5,792	7,156	7,156	141,714	192,127
2003 Year .....	38,277	NA	905	4,718	5,623	5,623	121,567	165,468
2004 Year .....	41,151	NA	1,344	4,842	6,186	6,186	106,669	154,006
2005 Year .....	34,971	NA	2,615	5,582	8,196	8,196	101,137	144,304
2006 Year .....	36,548	NA	2,928	6,506	9,434	9,434	140,964	186,946
2007 Year .....	33,977	NA	1,936	5,624	7,560	7,560	151,221	192,758
2008 Year .....	34,688	498	2,331	6,007	8,338	8,836	161,589	205,112
2009 Year .....	47,718	529	1,957	5,109	7,066	7,595	189,467	244,780
2010 Year .....	49,820	552	1,925	4,525	6,451	7,003	174,917	231,740
2011 Year .....	51,897	603	2,610	4,455	7,065	7,668	172,387	231,951
2012 Year .....	46,157	583	2,522	4,475	6,997	7,581	185,116	238,853
2013 Year .....	45,652	495	2,200	4,097	6,297	6,792	147,884	200,328
2014 Year .....	38,894	449	2,640	4,196	6,836	7,285	151,548	197,727
<b>2015</b> January .....	38,817	429	2,471	4,010	6,482	6,911	154,390	200,117
February .....	39,581	408	2,303	3,825	6,128	6,536	149,071	195,189
March .....	39,610	388	2,135	3,639	5,775	6,162	154,347	200,119
April .....	40,226	387	2,299	3,714	6,013	6,400	167,063	213,690
May .....	39,817	386	2,463	3,789	6,252	6,639	172,809	219,265
June .....	39,399	386	2,627	3,864	6,491	6,877	166,437	212,713
July .....	38,993	388	2,756	3,999	6,755	7,143	157,938	204,074
August .....	37,353	390	2,884	4,135	7,019	7,410	155,952	200,714
September .....	36,213	392	3,013	4,271	7,284	7,676	162,109	205,997
October .....	36,233	393	2,754	4,308	7,062	7,455	175,588	219,276
November .....	36,509	394	2,495	4,345	6,840	7,233	188,595	232,337
<b>December</b> .....	<b>35,871</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>2,236</b>	<b>4,382</b>	<b>6,618</b>	<b>7,012</b>	<b>195,548</b>	<b>238,431</b>
<b>2016</b> January .....	F 35,935	373	2,129	4,230	6,359	6,732	187,486	230,153
February .....	F 36,656	353	2,022	4,078	6,099	6,452	187,575	230,683
March .....	F 37,304	332	1,914	3,926	5,840	6,172	R 192,269	235,746
April .....	F 37,808	334	1,877	3,891	5,768	6,101	R 193,991	R 237,900
May .....	F 37,549	336	1,839	3,856	5,695	6,030	R 193,432	R 237,011
June .....	F 37,127	337	1,802	3,821	5,622	5,960	R 183,248	R 226,335
July .....	F 36,287	348	1,755	3,782	5,536	5,885	R 169,465	R 211,636
August .....	F 34,719	359	1,707	3,743	5,451	5,810	R 160,452	R 200,981
September .....	F 33,574	370	1,660	3,704	5,365	5,735	R 158,238	R 197,548
October .....	F 33,417	367	1,665	3,681	5,346	5,714	R 162,739	R 201,870
November .....	F 33,336	364	1,670	3,658	5,328	5,692	R 172,208	R 211,236
<b>December</b> .....	<b>F 33,699</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>1,675</b>	<b>3,634</b>	<b>5,309</b>	<b>5,670</b>	<b>R 163,946</b>	<b>R 203,315</b>
<b>2017</b> January .....	F 33,706	F 517	F 1,822	F 5,775	F 7,597	F 8,114	R 157,359	R 199,180
February .....	F 34,286	F 510	F 1,681	F 5,530	F 7,210	F 7,721	161,985	203,991

<sup>a</sup> Through 1979, data are for the residential and commercial sectors. Beginning in 2008, data are for the commercial sector only.

<sup>b</sup> Through 1979, data are for manufacturing plants and the transportation sector. For 1980–2007, data are for manufacturing plants only. Beginning in 2008, data are for manufacturing plants and coal transformation/processing plants.

<sup>c</sup> The electric power sector comprises electricity-only and combined-heat-and-power (CHP) plants within the NAICS 22 category whose primary business is to sell electricity, or electricity and heat, to the public.

<sup>d</sup> Excludes waste coal. Through 1998, data are for electric utilities only.

Beginning in 1999, data are for electric utilities and independent power producers.

R=Revised. NA=Not available. F=Forecast.

Notes: • Stocks are at end of period. • Electric power sector monthly values

are from Table 7.5; producers and distributors monthly values are estimates derived from collected annual data; all other monthly values are estimates derived from collected quarterly values. • Data values preceded by "F" are derived from the U.S. Energy Information Administration's Short-Term Integrated Forecasting System. See Note 4, "Coal Forecast Values," at end of section. • Totals may not equal sum of components due to independent rounding. • Geographic coverage is the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Web Page: See <http://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/monthly/#coal> (Excel and CSV files) for all available annual data beginning in 1949 and monthly data beginning in 1973.

Sources: See end of section.

## Coal

**Note 1. Coal Production.** Preliminary monthly estimates of national coal production are the sum of weekly estimates developed by the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) and published in the *Weekly Coal Production* report. When a week extends into a new month, production is allocated on a daily basis and added to the appropriate month. Weekly estimates are based on Association of American Railroads (AAR) data showing the number of railcars loaded with coal during the week by Class I and certain other railroads.

Through 2001, the weekly coal production model converted AAR data into short tons of coal by using the average number of short tons of coal per railcar loaded reported in the “Quarterly Freight Commodity Statistics” from the Surface Transportation Board. If an average coal tonnage per railcar loaded was not available for a specific railroad, the national average was used. To derive the estimate of total weekly production, the total rail tonnage for the week was divided by the ratio of quarterly production shipped by rail and total quarterly production. Data for the corresponding quarter of previous years were used to derive this ratio. This method ensured that the seasonal variations were preserved in the production estimates.

From 2002 through 2014, the weekly coal production model used statistical auto regressive methods to estimate national coal production as a function of railcar loadings of coal, heating degree-days, and cooling degree-days. On Thursday of each week, EIA received from the AAR data for the previous week. The latest weekly national data for heating degree-days and cooling degree-days were obtained from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Climate Prediction Center.

Beginning in 2015, the revised weekly coal production model uses statistical auto regressive methods to estimate national coal production as a function of railcar loadings of coal. EIA receives AAR data on Thursday of each week for prior week car loadings. The weekly coal model is run and a national level coal production estimate is obtained. From there, state-level estimates are calculated using historical state production share. The state estimates are then aggregated to various regional-level estimates. The weekly coal model is refit every quarter after preliminary coal data are available.

When preliminary quarterly data become available, the monthly and weekly estimates are adjusted to conform to the quarterly figures. The adjustment procedure uses historical state-level production data, the methodology for which can be seen in the documentation located at <http://www.eia.gov/coal/production/weekly/>. Initial estimates of annual production published in January of the following year are based on preliminary production data covering the first nine months (three quarters) and weekly/monthly estimates for the fourth quarter. All

quarterly, monthly, and weekly production figures are adjusted to conform to the final annual production data published in the *Monthly Energy Review* in the fall of the following year.

**Note 2. Coal Consumption.** Forecast data (designated by an “F”) are derived from forecasted values shown in EIA’s *Short-Term Energy Outlook* (DOE/EIA-0202) table titled “U.S. Coal Supply, Consumption, and Inventories.” The monthly estimates are based on the quarterly values, which are released in March, June, September, and December. The estimates are revised quarterly as collected data become available from the data sources. Sector-specific information follows.

**Residential and Commercial**—Through 2007, coal consumption by the residential and commercial sectors is reported to EIA for the two sectors combined; EIA estimates the amount consumed by the sectors individually. To create the estimates, it is first assumed that an occupied coal-heated housing unit consumes fuel at the same Btu rate as an oil-heated housing unit. Then, for the years in which data are available on the number of occupied housing units by heating source (1973–1981 and subsequent odd-numbered years), residential consumption of coal is estimated using the following steps: a ratio is created of the number of occupied housing units heated by coal to the number of occupied housing units heated by oil; that ratio is then multiplied by the Btu quantity of oil consumed by the residential sector to derive an estimate of the Btu quantity of coal consumed by the residential sector; and, finally, the amount estimated as the residential sector consumption is subtracted from the residential and commercial sectors’ combined consumption to derive the commercial sector’s estimated consumption. Beginning in 2008, residential coal consumption data are not collected by EIA, and commercial coal consumption data are taken directly from reported data.

**Industrial Coke Plants**—Through 1979, monthly coke plant consumption data were taken directly from reported data. For 1980–1987, coke plant consumption estimates were derived by proportioning reported quarterly data by using the ratios of monthly-to-quarterly consumption data in 1979, the last year in which monthly data were reported. Beginning in 1988, monthly coke plant consumption estimates are derived from the reported quarterly data by using monthly ratios of raw steel production data from the American Iron and Steel Institute. The ratios are the monthly raw steel production from open hearth and basic oxygen process furnaces as a proportion of the quarterly production from those kinds of furnaces.

**Industrial Other**—Through 1977, monthly consumption data for the other industrial sector (all industrial users minus coke plants) were derived by using reported data to modify baseline consumption figures from the most recent U.S. Census Bureau Annual Survey of Manufactures or Census of Manufactures. For 1978 and 1979, monthly estimates were derived from data reported on Forms EIA-3 and

EIA-6. For 1980–1987, monthly figures were estimated by proportioning quarterly data by using the ratios of monthly-to-quarterly consumption data in 1979, the last year in which monthly data were reported on Form EIA-3. Beginning in 1988, monthly consumption for the other industrial sector is estimated from reported quarterly data by using ratios derived from industrial production indices published by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Indices for six major industry groups are used as the basis for calculating the ratios: food manufacturing, which is North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code 311; paper manufacturing, NAICS 322; chemical manufacturing, NAICS 325; petroleum and coal products, NAICS 324; non-metallic mineral products manufacturing, NAICS 327; and primary metal manufacturing, NAICS 331. The monthly ratios are computed as the monthly sum of the weighted indices as a proportion of the quarterly sum of the weighted indices by using the 1977 proportion as the weights. Through 2007, quarterly consumption data for the other industrial sector were derived by adding beginning stocks at manufacturing plants to current receipts and subtracting ending stocks at manufacturing plants. In this calculation, current receipts are the greater of either reported receipts from manufacturing plants (Form EIA-3) or reported shipments to the other industrial sector (Form EIA-6), thereby ensuring that agriculture, forestry, fishing, and construction consumption data were included where appropriate. Beginning in 2008, quarterly consumption totals for other industrial coal include data for manufacturing and mining only. Over time, surveyed coal consumption data for agriculture, forestry, fishing, and construction dwindled to about 20–30 thousand short tons annually. Therefore, in 2008, EIA consolidated its programs by eliminating agriculture, forestry, fishing, and construction as surveyed sectors.

Electric Power Sector—Monthly consumption data for electric power plants are taken directly from reported data.

**Note 3. Coal Stocks.** Coal stocks data are reported by major end-use sector. Forecast data (designated by an “F”) are derived from forecasted values shown in EIA’s *Short-Term Energy Outlook* (DOE/EIA-0202) table titled “U.S. Coal Supply, Consumption, and Inventories.” The monthly estimates are based on the quarterly values (released in March, June, September, and December) or annual values. The estimates are revised as collected data become available from the data sources. Sector-specific information follows.

Producers and Distributors—Through 1997, quarterly stocks at producers and distributors were taken directly from reported data. Monthly data were estimated by using one-third of the current quarterly change to indicate the monthly change in stocks. Beginning in 1998,

end-of-year stocks are taken from reported data. Monthly stocks are estimated by a model.

Residential and Commercial—Through 1979, stock estimates for the residential and commercial sector were taken directly from reported data. For 1980–2007, stock estimates were not collected. Beginning in 2008, quarterly commercial (excluding residential) stocks data are collected on Form EIA-3 (data for “Commercial and Institutional Coal Users”).

Industrial Coke Plants—Through 1979, monthly stocks at coke plants were taken directly from reported data. Beginning in 1980, coke plant stocks are estimated by using one-third of the current quarterly change to indicate the monthly change in stocks. Quarterly stocks are taken directly from data reported on Form EIA-5.

Industrial Other—Through 1977, stocks for the other industrial sector were derived by using reported data to modify baseline figures from a one-time Bureau of Mines survey of consumers. For 1978–1982, monthly estimates were derived by judgmentally proportioning reported quarterly data based on representative seasonal patterns of supply and demand. Beginning in 1983, other industrial coal stocks are estimated as indicated above for coke plants. Quarterly stocks are taken directly from data reported on Form EIA-3 and therefore include only manufacturing industries; data for agriculture, forestry, fishing, mining, and construction stocks are not available.

Electric Power Sector—Monthly stocks data at electric power plants are taken directly from reported data.

**Note 4. Coal Forecast Values.** Data values preceded by “F” in this section are forecast values. They are derived from EIA’s Short-Term Integrated Forecasting System (STIFS). The model is driven primarily by data and assumptions about key macroeconomic variables, the world oil price, and weather. The coal forecast relies on other variables as well, such as alternative fuel prices (natural gas and oil) and power generation by sources other than fossil fuels, including nuclear and hydroelectric power. Each month, EIA staff review the model output and make adjustments, if appropriate, based on their knowledge of developments in the coal industry.

The STIFS model results are published monthly in EIA’s *Short-Term Energy Outlook*, which is accessible on the Web at <http://www.eia.gov/forecasts/steo/>.

## Table 6.1 Sources

### Production

1949–September 1977: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Mines, *Minerals Yearbook* and *Minerals Industry Surveys*.

October 1977 forward: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), *Weekly Coal Production*.

### **Waste Coal Supplied**

1989–1997: EIA, Form EIA-867, “Annual Nonutility Power Producer Report.”

1998–2000: EIA, Form EIA-860B, “Annual Electric Generator Report—Nonutility.”

2001–2003: EIA, Form EIA-906, “Power Plant Report,” and Form EIA-3, “Quarterly Coal Consumption and Quality Report—Manufacturing Plants.”

2004–2007: EIA, Form EIA-906, “Power Plant Report,” Form EIA-920, “Combined Heat and Power Plant Report,” and Form EIA-3, “Quarterly Coal Consumption and Quality Report—Manufacturing Plants.”

2008 forward: EIA, Form EIA-923, “Power Plant Operations Report,” and Form EIA-3, “Quarterly Coal Consumption and Quality Report—Manufacturing and Transformation/Processing Coal Plants and Commercial and Institutional Coal Users”; and, for forecast values, EIA, Short-Term Integrated Forecasting System.

### **Imports and Exports**

1949 forward: U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Monthly Reports IM 145 (Imports) and EM 545 (Exports).

### **Stock Change**

1950 forward: Calculated from data in Table 6.3.

### **Losses and Unaccounted for**

1949 forward: Calculated as the sum of production, imports, and waste coal supplied, minus exports, stock change, and consumption.

### **Consumption**

1949 forward: Table 6.2.

## **Table 6.2 Sources**

### **Residential and Commercial Total**

Through 2007, coal consumption by the residential and commercial sectors combined is reported to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA). EIA estimates the sectors individually using the method described in Note 2, “Consumption,” at the end of Section 6. Data for the residential and commercial sectors combined are from:

1949–1976: U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), Bureau of Mines (BOM), *Minerals Yearbook*.

January–September 1977: DOI, BOM, Form 6-1400, “Monthly Coal Report, Retail Dealers—Upper Lake Docks.” October 1977–1979: EIA, Form EIA-2, “Monthly Coal Report, Retail Dealers—Upper Lake Docks.”

1980–1997: EIA, Form EIA-6, “Coal Distribution Report,” quarterly.

1998–2007: DOI, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Form 7000-2, “Quarterly Coal Consumption and Quality Report—Coke Plants.”

### **Commercial Total**

Beginning in 2008, coal consumption by the commercial (excluding residential) sector is reported to EIA. Data for total commercial consumption are from:

2008 forward: EIA, Form EIA-3, “Quarterly Coal Consumption and Quality Report—Manufacturing and Transformation/Processing Coal Plants and Commercial and Institutional Coal Users” (data for “Commercial and Institutional Coal Users”); and, for forecast values, EIA, Short-Term Integrated Forecasting System (STIFS).

### **Commercial CHP**

1989 forward: Table 7.4c.

### **Commercial Other**

1949 forward: Calculated as “Commercial Total” minus “Commercial CHP.”

### **Industrial Coke Plants**

1949–September 1977: DOI, BOM, *Minerals Yearbook* and *Minerals Industry Surveys*.

October 1977–1980: EIA, Form EIA-5/5A, “Coke and Coal Chemicals—Monthly/Annual Supplement.”

1981–1984: EIA, Form EIA-5/5A, “Coke Plant Report—Quarterly/Annual Supplement.”

1985 forward: EIA, Form EIA-5, “Quarterly Coal Consumption and Quality Report—Coke Plants”; and, for forecast values, EIA, STIFS.

### **Other Industrial Total**

1949–September 1977: DOI, BOM, *Minerals Yearbook* and *Minerals Industry Surveys*.

October 1977–1979: EIA, Form EIA-3, “Monthly Coal Consumption Report—Manufacturing Plants.”

1980–1997: EIA, Form EIA-3, “Quarterly Coal Consumption Report—Manufacturing Plants,” and Form EIA-6, “Coal Distribution Report,” quarterly.

1998–2007: EIA, Form EIA-3, “Quarterly Coal Consumption Report—Manufacturing Plants,” Form EIA-6A, “Coal Distribution Report,” annual, and Form EIA-7A, “Coal Production Report,” annual.

2008 forward: EIA, Form EIA-3, “Quarterly Coal Consumption and Quality Report—Manufacturing and Transformation/Processing Coal Plants and Commercial and Institutional Coal Users,” and Form EIA-7A, “Coal Production Report,” annual; and, for forecast values, EIA, STIFS.

### **Other Industrial CHP**

1989 forward: Table 7.4c.

### **Other Industrial Non-CHP**

1949 forward: Calculated as “Other Industrial Total” minus “Other Industrial CHP.”

### **Transportation**

1949–1976: DOI, BOM, *Minerals Yearbook*.



January–September 1977: DOI, BOM, Form 6-1400, “Monthly Coal Report, Retail Dealers—Upper Lake Docks.”  
October–December 1977: EIA, Form EIA-6, “Coal Distribution Report,” quarterly.

#### **Electric Power**

1949 forward: Table 7.4b.

### **Table 6.3 Sources**

#### **Producers and Distributors**

1973–1979: U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), Bureau of Mines (BOM), Form 6-1419Q, “Distribution of Bituminous Coal and Lignite Shipments.”

1980–1997: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Form EIA-6, “Coal Distribution Report,” quarterly.  
1998–2007: EIA, Form EIA-6A, “Coal Distribution Report,” annual.

2008 forward: EIA, Form EIA-7A, “Coal Production Report,” annual, and Form EIA-8A, “Coal Stocks Report,” annual; and, for forecast values, EIA, Short-Term Integrated Forecasting System (STIFS).

#### **Residential and Commercial**

1949–1976: DOI, BOM, *Minerals Yearbook*.

January–September 1977: DOI, BOM, Form 6-1400, “Monthly Coal Report, Retail Dealers—Upper Lake Docks.”

October 1977–1979: EIA, Form EIA-2, “Monthly Coal Report, Retail Dealers—Upper Lake Docks.”

2008 forward: EIA, Form EIA-3, “Quarterly Coal Consumption and Quality Report, Manufacturing and

Transformation/Processing Coal Plants and Commercial and Institutional Coal Users” (data for “Commercial and Institutional Coal Users”); and, for forecast values, EIA, STIFS.

#### **Industrial Coke Plants**

1949–September 1977: DOI, BOM, *Minerals Yearbook* and *Minerals Industry Surveys*.

October 1977–1980: EIA, Form EIA-5/5A, “Coke and Coal Chemicals—Monthly/Annual.”

1981–1984: EIA, Form EIA 5/5A, “Coke Plant Report—Quarterly/Annual Supplement.”

1985 forward: EIA, Form EIA-5, “Quarterly Coal Consumption and Quality Report—Coke Plants” and, for forecast values, EIA, STIFS.

#### **Industrial Other**

1949–September 1977: DOI, BOM, *Minerals Yearbook* and *Minerals Industry Surveys*.

October 1977–1979: EIA, Form EIA-3, “Monthly Coal Consumption Report—Manufacturing Plants.”

1998–2007: EIA, Form EIA-3, “Quarterly Coal Consumption Report—Manufacturing Plants.”

2008 forward: EIA, Form EIA-3, “Quarterly Coal Consumption and Quality Report—Manufacturing and Transformation/Processing Coal Plants and Commercial and Institutional Coal Users”; and, for forecast values, EIA, STIFS.

#### **Electric Power**

1949 forward: Table 7.5.

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