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Introduction

In this report, the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) reports detailed data on U.S. uranium production activities from 2003 through 2018 and summary data back to 1993.

Data in this report are based primarily on information reported on Form EIA-851A, *Domestic Uranium Production Report (Annual)*, and some information reported on Form EIA-858, *Uranium Marketing Annual Survey*. The Form EIA-851A survey collects data on uranium milling and in-situ leach processing, feed sources, mining, employment, drilling, expenditures, and reserve estimates. The Form EIA-858 survey includes data collected on uranium contracts and deliveries.

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Mining, production, shipments, and sales

U.S. uranium mines produced 0.7 million pounds of triuranium octoxide (U_3O_8), or uranium concentrate¹, in 2018, 37% less than in 2017. The production of uranium concentrate is the first step in the nuclear fuel production process, preceding the conversion of U_3O_8 into UF_6 , to enable uranium enrichment, then fuel pellet fabrication, and finally fuel assembly fabrication. Six in-situ-leach (ISL) mining operations produced solutions containing uranium in 2018, the same number as in 2017.

Total production of U.S. uranium concentrate in 2018 was 1.6 million pounds U_3O_8 , 33% less than in 2017, from seven facilities: one mill in Utah (White Mesa Mill) and six in-situ leaching (ISL) plants in Nebraska and Wyoming (Crow Butte Operation, Lost Creek Project, Nichols Ranch ISR Project, Ross CPP, Smith Ranch-Highland Operation and Willow Creek Project).

Total shipments of uranium concentrate from U.S. mill and ISL plants were 1.5 million pounds U_3O_8 in 2018, 35% less than in 2017. U.S. producers sold 1.5 million pounds of uranium concentrate in 2018 at a weighted average price of \$32.51 per pound.

Facility status (mills, heap leach plants, and in-situ-leach plants)

At the end of 2018, the White Mesa Mill in Utah was operating with a capacity of 2,000 short tons of material per day. Shootaring Canyon Uranium Mill in Utah and Sweetwater Uranium Project in Wyoming were on standby with a total capacity of 3,750 short tons of material per day. IN Wyoming, one heap leach plant is in the planning stages (Sheep Mountain).

At the end of 2018, five U.S. uranium ISL plants were operating with a combined capacity of 10.9 million pounds U_3O_8 per year (Crow Butte Operation in Nebraska and Lost Creek Project, Nichols Ranch ISR Project, Ross CPP, and the Smith Ranch-Highland Operation in Wyoming). Four ISL plants were on standby as of the end of 2018, and six ISL plants were planned for four states: New Mexico, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming.

¹A yellow or brown powder obtained by milling uranium ore, processing of in-situ leach mining solutions, or as a byproduct of phosphoric acid production.

Employment

Total employment in the U.S. uranium production industry was 372 full-time person-years in 2018, a decrease of 12% from the 2017 total and the lowest level since 2003. Exploration employment was 27 person-years, a 46% decrease from the 2017 total. Mining employment was 110 person-years, a 19% decrease from 2017. Reclamation employment increased 38% to 138 person-years from 2017 to 2018. Wyoming accounted for 53% of total employment in the U.S. uranium production industry in 2018, down slightly from 58% of total employment in 2017.

Expenditures

Total expenditures for land, exploration, drilling, production, and reclamation were \$109 million in 2018, 11% less than in 2017 and the lowest total since 2004. Expenditures for U.S. uranium production, including facility expenses, were the largest category of expenditures in 2018 at \$66 million, down by 16% from the 2017 level and the lowest total since 2006.

Reserve estimates

At the end of 2018, reported estimated uranium reserves were 43 million pounds U_3O_8 at a maximum forward cost of up to \$30 per pound. At up to \$50 per pound, reported estimated reserves were 174 million pounds U_3O_8 . At up to \$100 per pound, reported estimated reserves were 353 million pounds U_3O_8 . These reserves are a fraction of likely total domestic uranium reserves because we did not include inferred resources that were not reported because of a lack of cost estimates or because the reserves were not located on actively-managed properties.

The uranium reserve estimates presented here cannot be compared with the much larger historical data set of uranium reserves published in the July 2010 report [U.S. Uranium Reserves Estimates](#). EIA estimated those reserves based on data we collected and data the National Uranium Resource Evaluation (NURE) program developed. The NURE is located in Grand Junction, Colorado, and is operated by the U.S. Department of Energy and predecessor organizations. The EIA data include about 200 uranium properties that have reserves, collected from 1984 through 2002. The NURE data include about 800 uranium properties with reserves, developed from 1974 through 1983. Although the data collected on the Form EIA-851A survey covers a much smaller set of properties than the earlier EIA data and NURE data, we believe that within its scope, the Form EIA-851A data provide more reliable estimates of the uranium recoverable at each forward cost than the estimates derived from 1974 through 2002. In particular, because the NURE data have not been comprehensively updated in many years and are no longer considered a current data source.

Table 1. U.S. uranium drilling activities, 2005–18

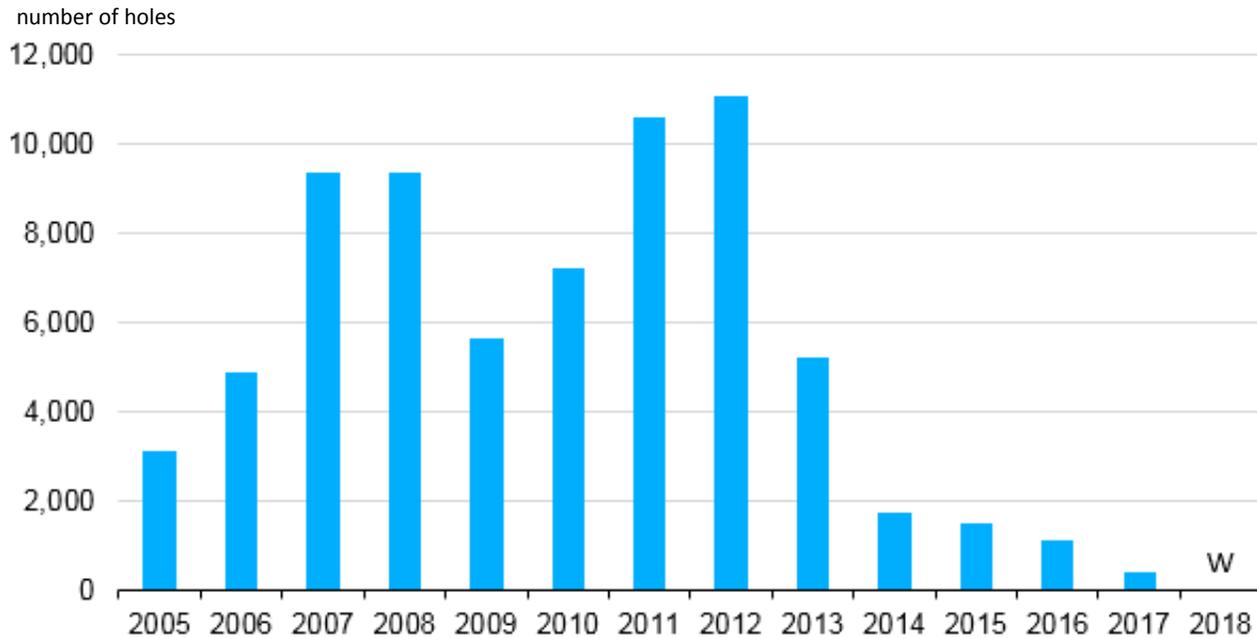
Year	Exploration drilling		Development drilling		Exploration and development drilling	
	number of holes	feet (thousand)	number of holes	feet (thousand)	number of holes	feet (thousand)
2005	W	W	W	W	3,143	1,668
2006	1,473	821	3,430	1,892	4,903	2,713
2007	4,351	2,200	4,996	2,946	9,347	5,146
2008	5,198	2,543	4,157	2,551	9,355	5,093
2009	1,790	1,051	3,889	2,691	5,679	3,742
2010	2,439	1,460	4,770	3,444	7,209	4,904
2011	5,441	3,322	5,156	3,003	10,597	6,325
2012	5,112	3,447	5,970	3,709	11,082	7,156
2013	1,231	919	4,013	2,926	5,244	3,845
2014	W	W	W	W	1,752	1,299
2015	W	W	W	W	1,518	878
2016	W	W	W	W	1,158	757
2017	W	W	W	W	420	196
2018	W	W	W	W	W	W

NA = Not available. W = Data withheld to avoid disclosure of individual company data.

Note: Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-851A, *Domestic Uranium Production Report* (2005–18).

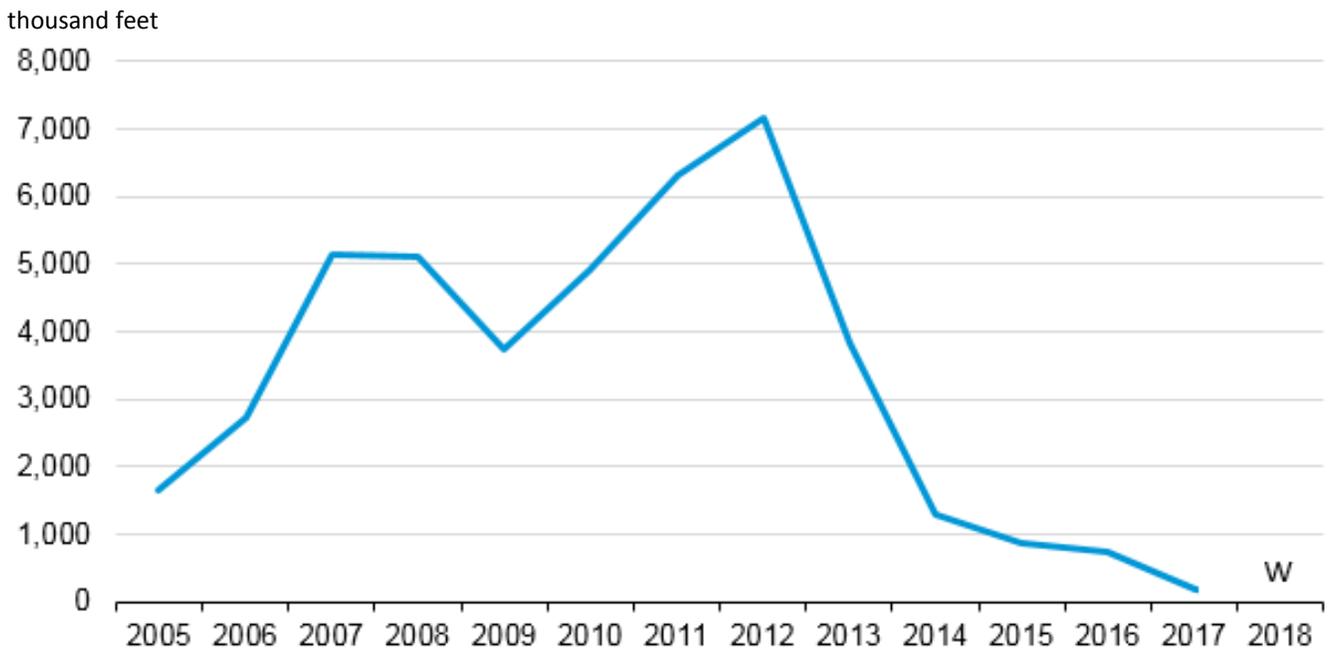
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Figure 2. U.S. uranium drilling, 2005–18



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Table 2. U.S. uranium mine production and number of mines and sources, 2005–18

Production / mining method	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Underground (estimated contained thousand pounds U ₃ O ₈)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Open Pit (estimated contained thousand pounds U ₃ O ₈)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
In-Situ leaching (thousand pounds U ₃ O ₈)	2,681	4,259	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Other¹ (thousand pounds U ₃ O ₈)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Total mine production (thousand pounds U ₃ O ₈)	3,045	4,692	4,541	3,879	4,145	4,237	4,114	4,335	4,577	4,912	3,711	2,545	1,150	721
Number of operating mines														
Underground	4	5	6	10	14	4	5	6	3	2	1	0	0	0
Open pit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
In-Situ leaching	4	5	5	6	4	4	5	5	7	8	7	8	6	6
Other sources ¹	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
Total mines and sources	10	11	12	17	20	9	11	12	12	11	9	9	7	7

E = Estimated data. W = Data withheld to avoid disclosure of individual company data.

¹ *Other* includes, in various years, mine water, mill site cleanup and mill tailings, and well field restoration as sources of uranium.

Notes: Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding. Table does not include byproduct production and sources.

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Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-851A, *Domestic Uranium Production Report* (2005–18).

Table 3. U.S. uranium concentrate production, shipments, and sales, 2005–18

Activity at U.S. Mills and In-Situ-Leach Plants	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Estimated contained U₃O₈ (thousand pounds)														
Ore from underground mines and stockpiles fed to mills ¹	W	W	0	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	0	0	0	0
Other feed materials ²	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Total mill feed	W													
Uranium concentrate produced at U.S. mills														
(thousand pounds U ₃ O ₈)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Uranium concentrate produced at U.S. in-situ-leach plants														
(thousand pounds U ₃ O ₈)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Total uranium concentrate production														
(thousand pounds U ₃ O ₈)	2,689	4,106	4,534	3,902	3,708	4,228	3,991	4,146	4,659	4,891	3,343	2,916	2,443	1,647
Total uranium concentrate shipped from U.S. mills and in-situ-leach plants														
(thousand pounds U ₃ O ₈)	2,702	3,838	4,050	4,130	3,620	5,137	4,000	3,911	4,655	4,593	4,023	3,018	2,277	1,489
Total uranium concentrate sales by U.S. producers ³														
Deliveries (thousand pounds U ₃ O ₈)	W	3,786	3,602	3,656	2,044	2,684	2,870	3,630	4,447	4,746	3,634	2,691	1,254	1,541
Weighted-average price (dollars per pound U ₃ O ₈)	W	28.98	42.11	43.81	36.61	37.59	52.36	49.63	44.65	39.17	42.86	38.22	41.34	32.51

E = Estimated data. W = Data withheld to avoid disclosure of individual company data.

¹ Uranium ore *Fed to Mills* in any year can include: ore mined and shipped to a mill during the same year, ore that was mined during a previous year and later shipped from mine-site stockpiles, and/or ore obtained from drawdowns of stockpiles maintained at a mill site.

² Includes for various years uranium from mill cleanup, mine water, tailings water, and other materials.

³ Sales of U.S.-origin uranium only.

Notes: Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-851A, *Domestic Uranium Production Report* (2005–18) and Form EIA-858, *Uranium Marketing Annual Survey* (2005–18).

Table 4. U.S. uranium mills and heap leach facilities by owner, location, capacity, and operating status at end of the year, 2013–18

Owner	Mill and Heap Leach ¹ Facility Name	County, State (existing and planned locations)	Capacity (short tons of ore per day)	Operating Status			
				2015	2016	2017	2018
Anfield Resources	Shootaring Canyon Uranium Mill	Garfield, Utah	750	standby	standby	standby	standby
EFR White Mesa LLC	White Mesa Mill	San Juan, Utah	2,000	operating-processing alternate feed	operating-processing alternate feed	operating-processing alternate feed	operating-processing alternate feed
Energy Fuels Wyoming Inc	Sheep Mountain	Fremont, Wyoming	725	undeveloped	undeveloped	undeveloped	undeveloped
Kennecott Uranium Company/Wyoming Coal Resource Company	Sweetwater Uranium Project	Sweetwater, Wyoming	3,000	standby	standby	standby	standby
Total Capacity:			6,475				

- = No data reported.

¹ Heap leach solutions: The separation, or dissolving-out from mined rock, of the soluble uranium constituents by the natural action of percolating a prepared chemical solution through mounded (heaped) rock material. The mounded material usually contains low grade mineralized material and/or waste rock produced from open pit or underground mines. The solutions are collected after percolation is Notes: Capacity for 2018. An operating status of *Operating* indicates the mill usually was producing uranium concentrate at the end of the Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-851A, *Domestic Uranium Production Report* (2015–18).

Table 5. U.S. uranium in-situ-leach plants by owner, location, capacity, and operating status at end of the year, 2015–18

In-Situ Leach Plant Owner	In-Situ-Leach Plant Name	County, State (existing and planned locations)	Production Capacity (pounds U ₃ O ₈ per year)	Production Capacity			
				2015	2016	2017	2018
AUC LLC	Reno Creek	Campbell, Wyoming	2,000,000	partially permitted and licensed			
Azarga Uranium Corp	Dewey Burdock Project	Fall River and Custer, South Dakota	1,000,000	partially permitted and licensed			
Cameco	Crow Butte Operation	Dawes, Nebraska	1,000,000	operating	operating	operating	operating
Hydro Resources, Inc.	Church Rock	McKinley, New Mexico	1,000,000	partially permitted and licensed			
Hydro Resources, Inc.	Crownpoint	McKinley, New Mexico	1,000,000	partially permitted and licensed			
Lost Creek ISR LLC	Lost Creek Project	Sweetwater, Wyoming	2,000,000	operating	operating	operating	operating
Mestena Uranium LLC	Alta Mesa Project	Brooks, Texas	1,500,000	standby	standby	standby	standby
Power Resources Inc., dba Cameco Resources	Smith Ranch-Highland Operation	Converse, Wyoming	5,500,000	operating	operating	operating	operating
South Texas Mining Venture	Hobson ISR Plant	Karnes, Texas	1,000,000	operating	standby	standby	standby
South Texas Mining Venture	La Palangana	Duval, Texas	1,000,000	operating	standby	standby	standby
Strata Energy Inc	Ross CPP	Crook, Wyoming	375,000	changing license to operational	operating	operating	operating
URI, Inc.	Kingsville Dome	Kleberg, Texas	1,000,000	restoration	restoration	restoration	restoration
URI, Inc.	Rosita	Duval, Texas	1,000,000	reclamation	reclamation	reclamation	reclamation
URI, Inc.	Vasquez	Duval, Texas	800,000	restoration	restoration	restoration	restoration
Urancerz Energy Corporation	Nichols Ranch ISR Project	Johnson and Campbell, Wyoming	2,000,000	operating	operating	operating	operating
Uranium Energy Corp.	Goliad ISR Uranium Project	Goliad, Texas	1,000,000	permitted And licensed	permitted And licensed	permitted And licensed	permitted And licensed
Uranium One Americas, Inc.	Jab and Antelope	Sweetwater, Wyoming	2,000,000	developing	developing	developing	developing
Uranium One Americas, Inc.	Moore Ranch	Campbell, Wyoming	500,000	permitted And licensed	permitted And licensed	permitted And licensed	permitted And licensed
Uranium One USA, Inc.	Willow Creek Project (Christensen Ranch and Irigaray)	Campbell and Johnson, Wyoming	1,300,000	operating	operating	operating	standby
Total Production Capacity:			26,975,000				

- = No data reported.

Notes: Production capacity for 2018. An operating status of *Operating* indicates the in-situ-leach plant usually was producing uranium concentrate at the end of the period. Hobson ISR Plant processes uranium concentrate that came from La Palangana. Hobson and La Palangana are part of the same project. ISR stands for in-situ recovery. Christensen Ranch and Irigaray are part of the Willow Creek Project. Urancerz Energy has a tolling arrangement with Cameco Resources. Uranium is first processed at the Nichols Ranch plant and then transported to the Smith Ranch-Highland Operation plant for final processing into Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-851A, *Domestic Uranium Production Report* (2015–18).

Table 6. Employment in the U.S. uranium production industry by category, 2005–18

person-years

Year	Exploration	Mining	Milling	Processing	Reclamation	Total
2005	79	149	142	154	124	648
2006	188	121	W	W	155	755
2007	375	378	107	216	155	1,231
2008	457	558	W	W	154	1,563
2009	175	441	W	W	162	1,096
2010	211	400	W	W	125	1,073
2011	208	462	W	W	102	1,191
2012	161	462	W	W	179	1,196
2013	149	392	W	W	199	1,156
2014	86	246	W	W	161	787
2015	58	251	W	W	116	625
2016	38	255	W	W	98	560
2017	50	136	W	W	100	424
2018	27	110	W	W	138	372

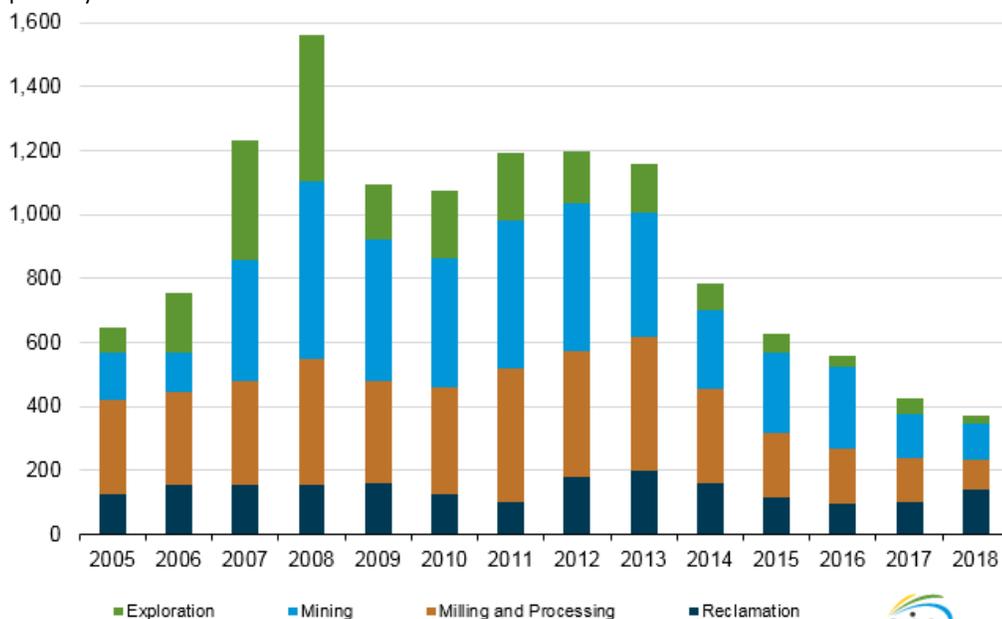
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Note: Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding. A large, one-time reclamation project needed to be withheld and was not included in 2016 data.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-851A, *Domestic Uranium Production Report* (2005–18).

Figure 3. Employment in the U.S. uranium production industry by category, 2005–18

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Table 7. Employment in the U.S. uranium production industry by state, 2005–18

person-years

State(s)	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Wyoming	181	195	245	301	308	348	424	512	531	416	343	323	245	197
Colorado and Texas	269	263	557	696	340	292	331	248	198	105	79	61	46	54
Nebraska and New Mexico	123	160	149	160	159	134	127	W	W	W	W	W	56	36
Arizona, Utah, and Washington	75	120	245	360	273	281	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Alaska, Michigan, Nevada, and South Dakota	0	16	25	30	W	W	W	W	W	0	0	0	W	W
California, Montana, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Utah, and Virginia	0	0	9	17	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Total	648	755	1,231	1,563	1,096	1,073	1,191	1,196	1,156	787	625	560	424	372

W = Data withheld to avoid disclosure of individual company data.

Note: Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-851A, *Domestic Uranium Production Report* (2005–18).

Table 8. U.S. uranium expenditures, 2005–18

million dollars

Year	Drilling ¹	Production ²	Land and Other ³				Total Expenditures
			Total Land and Other	Land	Exploration	Reclamation	
2005	18.1	58.2	59.7	NA	NA	NA	136.0
2006	40.1	65.9	115.2	41.0	23.3	50.9	221.2
2007	67.5	90.4	178.2	77.7	50.3	50.2	336.2
2008	81.9	221.2	164.4	65.2	50.2	49.1	467.6
2009	35.4	141.0	104.0	17.3	24.2	62.4	280.5
2010	44.6	133.3	99.5	20.2	34.5	44.7	277.3
2011	53.6	168.8	96.8	19.6	43.5	33.7	319.2
2012	66.6	186.9	99.4	16.8	33.3	49.3	352.9
2013	49.9	168.2	90.6	14.6	21.6	54.4	308.7
2014	28.2	137.6	74.0	11.6	10.7	51.7	239.7
2015	28.7	118.5	76.2	12.1	4.7	59.4	223.5
2016	22.3	98.0	49.6	9.9	2.5	37.2	169.9
2017	4.0	78.3	40.2	8.9	3.7	27.7	122.5
2018	W	65.9	W	W	W	W	108.8

NA = Not available. W = Data withheld to avoid disclosure of individual company data.

¹ Drilling: All expenditures directly associated with exploration and development drilling.

² Production: All expenditures for mining, milling, processing of uranium, and facility expense.

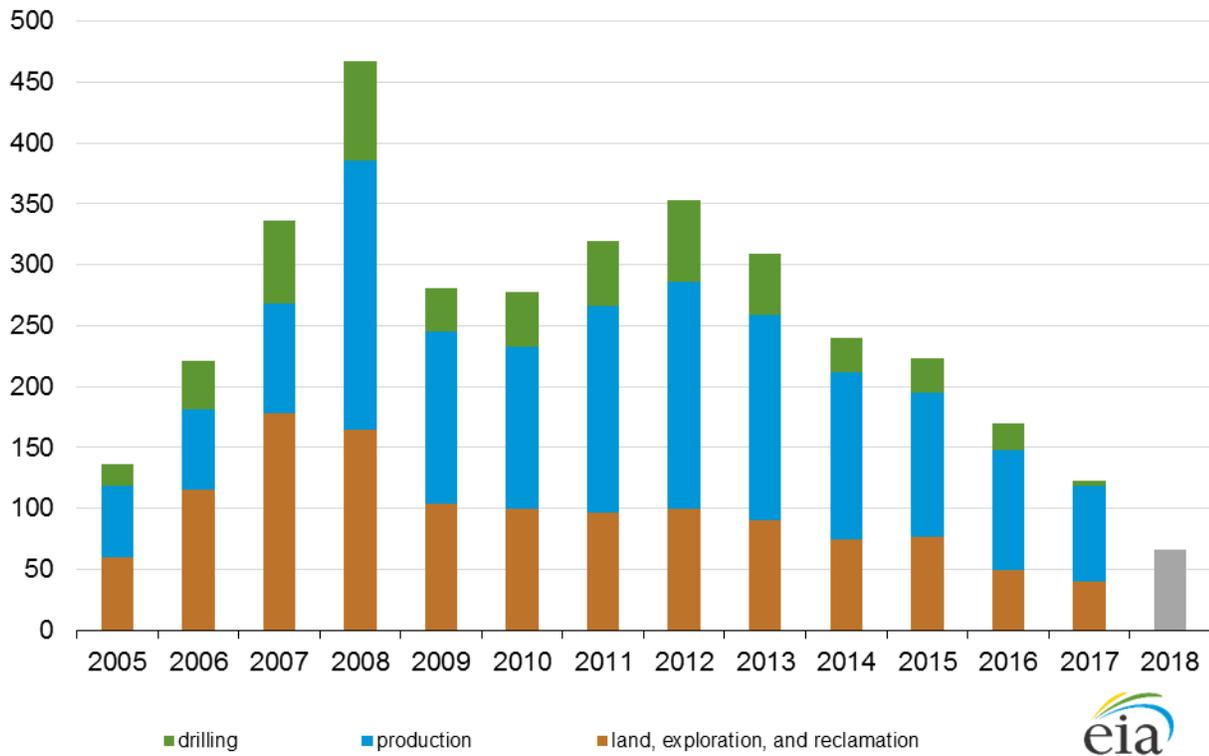
³ Land and Other: All expenditures for land; geological research; geochemical and geophysical surveys; costs incurred by field personnel in the course of exploration, reclamation, and restoration work; and overhead and administrative charges directly associated with supervising and supporting field activities.

Notes: Expenditures are in nominal U.S. dollars. Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-851A, *Domestic Uranium Production Report* (2005–18).

Figure 4. U.S. uranium expenditures, 2005–18

million dollars



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Table 9. Summary production statistics of the U.S. uranium industry, 1995–2018

Year	Exploration and Development Surface Drilling (million feet)	Exploration and Development Drilling Expenditures ¹ (million dollars)	Mine Production of Uranium (million pounds U ₃ O ₈)	Uranium Concentrate Production (million pounds U ₃ O ₈)	Uranium Concentrate Shipments (million pounds U ₃ O ₈)	Employment (person-years)
1995	1.3	2.6	3.5	6.0	5.5	1,107
1996	3.0	7.2	4.7	6.3	6.0	1,118
1997	4.9	20.0	4.7	5.6	5.8	1,097
1998	4.6	18.1	4.8	4.7	4.9	1,120
1999	2.5	7.9	4.5	4.6	5.5	848
2000	1.0	5.6	3.1	4.0	3.2	627
2001	0.7	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.2	423
2002	W	W	2.4	2.3	3.8	426
E2003	W	W	2.2	2.0	1.6	321
2004	1.2	10.6	2.5	2.3	2.3	420
2005	1.7	18.1	3.0	2.7	2.7	648
2006	2.7	40.1	4.7	4.1	3.8	755
2007	5.1	67.5	4.5	4.5	4.0	1,231
2008	5.1	81.9	3.9	3.9	4.1	1,563
2009	3.7	35.4	4.1	3.7	3.6	1,096
2010	4.9	44.6	4.2	4.2	5.1	1,073
2011	6.3	53.6	4.1	4.0	4.0	1,191
2012	7.2	66.6	4.3	4.1	3.9	1,196
2013	3.8	49.9	4.6	4.7	4.7	1,156
2014	1.3	28.2	4.9	4.9	4.6	787
2015	0.9	28.7	3.7	3.3	4.0	625
2016	0.8	22.3	2.5	2.9	3.0	560
2017	0.2	4.0	1.2	2.4	2.3	424
2018	W	W	0.7	1.6	1.5	372

E = Estimated data, except for employment. W = Data withheld to avoid disclosure of individual company data.

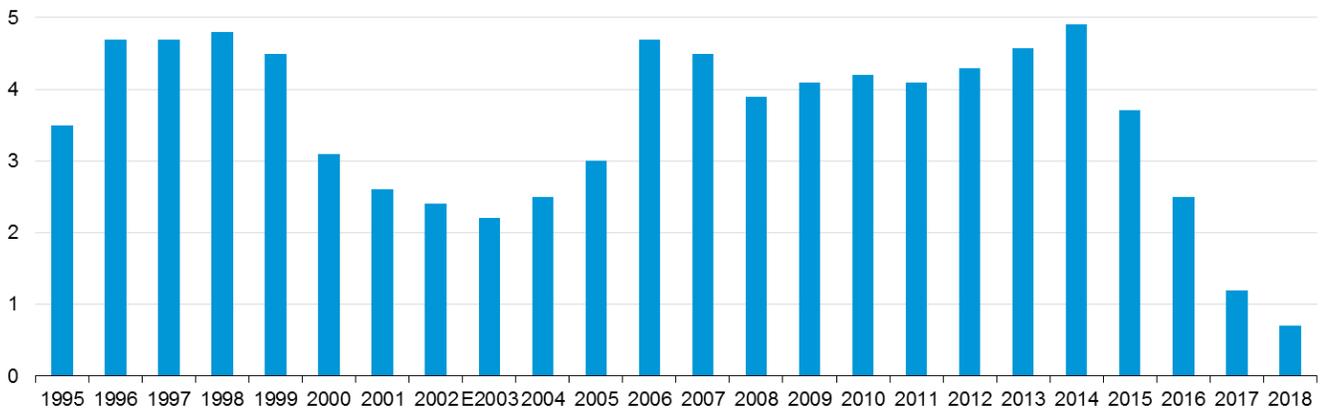
¹ Expenditures are in nominal U.S. dollars.

Note: The 2003 annual production and shipment amounts were estimated by rounding to the nearest 200,000 pounds to avoid disclosure of individual company data. A large, one-time reclamation project needed to be withheld and was not included in 2016 data.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, 1995–2002 data taken from *Uranium Industry Annual 2002* (May 2003), Table H1 and Table 2. 2003-2018 data from Form EIA-851A, *Domestic Uranium Production Report* (2003–18).

Figure 5. U.S. mine production of uranium, 1995–2018

million pounds U₃O₈



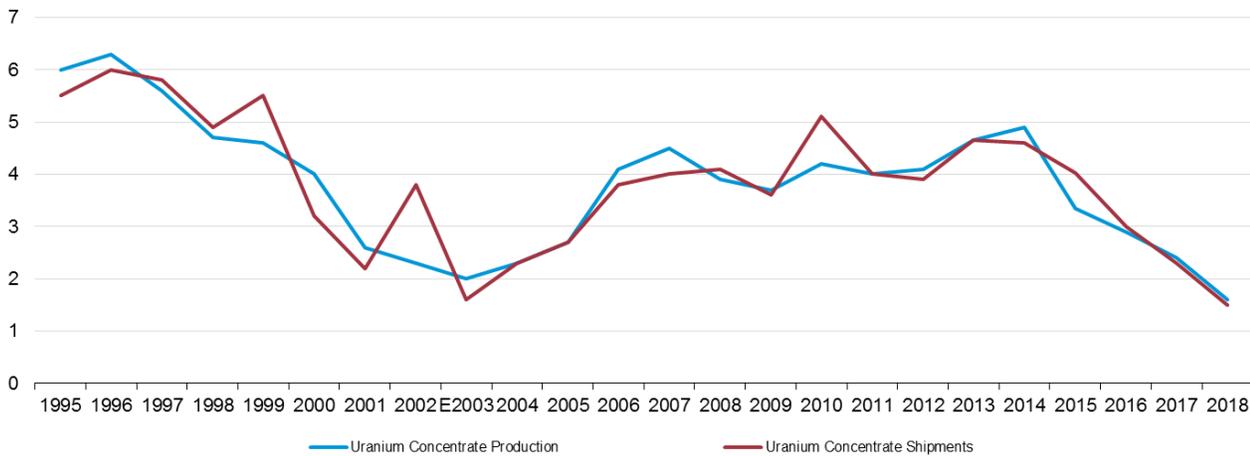
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Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration, 1995–2002 data taken from *Uranium Industry Annual 2002* (May 2003), Table H1 and Table 2. 2003–2018 data taken from Form EIA-851A, *Domestic Uranium Production Report* (2003–18).



Figure 6. U.S. uranium concentrate production and shipments, 1995–2018

million pounds U₃O₈



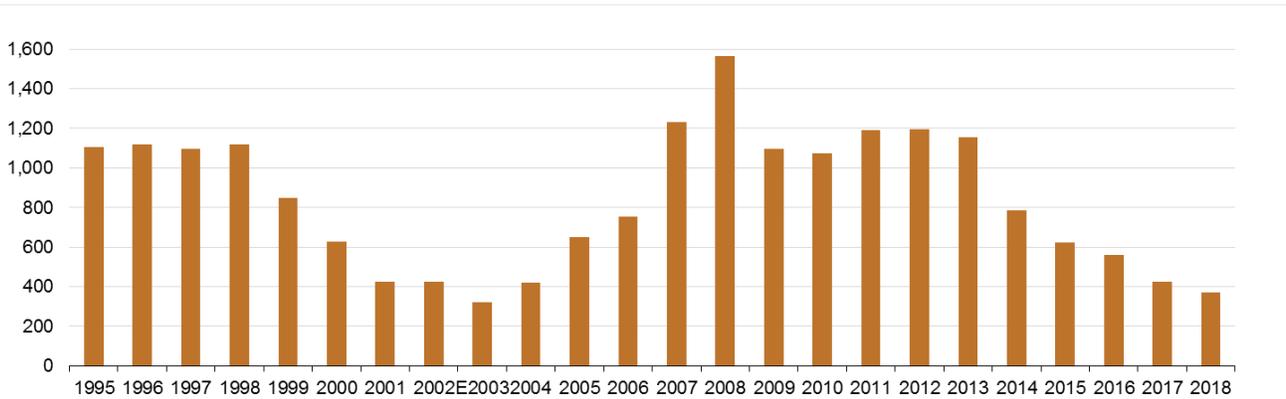
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Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration, 1995–2002 data taken from *Uranium Industry Annual 2002* (May 2003), Table H1 and Table 2. 2003–2018 data taken from Form EIA-851A, *Domestic Uranium Production Report* (2003–18).



Figure 7. Employment in the U.S. uranium production industry, 1995–2018

person-years



Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration, 1995–2002 data taken from *Uranium Industry Annual 2002* (May 2003), Table H1 and Table 2. 2003–18 data taken from Form EIA-851A, *Domestic Uranium Production Report* (2003–18).



Table 10. Uranium reserve estimates at the end of 2017 and 2018

million pounds U₃O₈

Uranium Reserve Estimates ¹ by Mine and Property Status, Mining Method, and State(s)	End of 2017			End of 2018		
	Forward Cost ²					
	\$0 to \$30 per pound	\$0 to \$50 per pound	\$0 to \$100 per pound	\$0 to \$30 per pound	\$0 to \$50 per pound	\$0 to \$100 per pound
Properties with Exploration Completed, Exploration Continuing, and Only Assessment Work	21.4	109.0	163.3	W	W	W
Properties Under Development for Production and Development Drilling	W	W	W	W	W	W
Mines in Production	W	17.3	W	W	W	W
Mines Closed Temporarily, Closed Permanently, and Mined Out	W	W	W	W	W	W
Total	45.4	181.8	361.7	43.0	174.4	353.2
In-Situ Leach Mining	W	138.8	W	W	127.6	W
Underground and Open Pit Mining	W	43.0	W	W	46.8	W
Total	45.4	181.8	361.7	43.0	174.4	353.2
Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah	0	W	163.7	W	W	W
Colorado, Nebraska, and Texas	W	W	W	W	W	W
Wyoming	W	W	W	W	W	W
Total	45.4	181.8	361.7	43.0	174.4	353.2

W = Data withheld to avoid disclosure of individual company data.

¹ These uranium reserve estimates cannot be compared with the much larger historical data set of uranium reserves that were published in the July 2010 report *U.S. Uranium Reserves Estimates*. Reserves, as reported here, do not necessarily imply compliance with U.S. or international government definitions for purposes of investment disclosure.

² Forward Cost: The operating and capital costs still to be incurred in the production of uranium from in-place reserves. By using forward costing, estimates for reserves for ore deposits in differing geological settings and status of development can be aggregated and reported for selected cost categories. Included are costs for labor, materials, power and fuel, royalties, payroll taxes, insurance, and applicable general and administrative costs. Excluded from forward cost estimates are prior expenditures, if any, incurred for property acquisition, exploration, mine development, and mill construction, as well as income taxes, profit, and the cost of money. Forward costs are neither the full costs of production nor the market price at which the uranium, when produced, might be sold.

Note: Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-851A, *Domestic Uranium Production Report* (2017–18).