

AMERICA'S POWER

Coal in Colorado

Coal Provides Jobs and Affordable Electricity

In Colorado:

Coal provided **62.8 percent of Colorado's electric power generation** in 2009. Colorado used **17.1 million short tons** of coal to generate **31.6 billion kilowatt hours** of electricity.

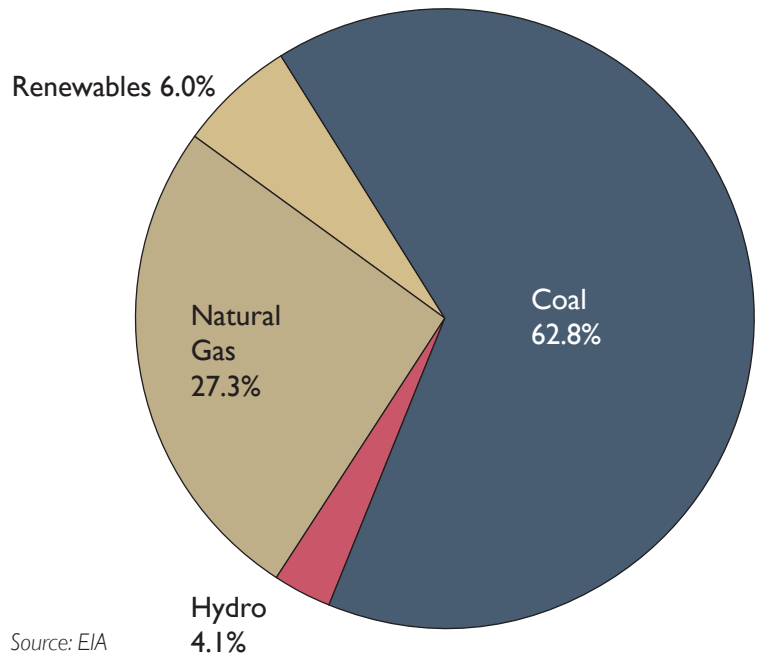
Based on cost of electricity, **Colorado ranks #22 in the nation in energy affordability**, according to EIA. Colorado ranks **#10 in the nation in coal production** and **#23 in the nation in coal use**.

Colorado produced **28.3 million short tons** of coal in 2009 from an estimated recoverable reserve base of **9.66 billion short tons**.

Direct and indirect employment generated by U.S. coal mining in Colorado accounts for **16,110 jobs**, for a combined payroll of **\$750 million**.

	Colorado	U.S.
Coal Production (Million Short Tons)	28.3	1,072.8
Estimated Recoverable Coal Reserves (Billion Short Tons)	9.66	261.57
Total Coal Consumption for Power Generation (Million Short Tons)	17.1	938.1
Total Net Electricity from Coal (Billion kWh)	31.64	1,764.5
Direct Coal Mining Employment	3,303	133,799
Electricity Cost per kWh	8.36¢	9.89¢

Colorado: Power Sector Generation by Fuel Type, 2009



2009 preliminary EIA production and electricity data. 2008 Mine Safety and Health Administration employment data.