

# Trends in U.S. Coal Mining 1923 - 2011



Year	Number of Mines	Number of Miners	Total U.S. Production*
1923	9,331	704,793	564.6
1933	5,555	418,703	333.6
1943	6,620	416,007	590.2
1953	6,671	293,106	457.3
1963	7,940	141,646	458.9
1973	4,744	148,121	591.7
1983	3,337	175,642	782.1
1984	3,496	177,848	895.9
1985	3,355	169,281	883.6
1986	4,424	154,645	890.3
1987	4,094	142,667	918.8
1988	3,860	135,366	950.3
1989	3,620	131,497	980.7
1990	3,430	131,306	1,029.1
1991	3,022	120,602	996.0
1992	2,746	110,196	997.6
1993	2,475	101,322	945.4
1994	2,354	97,500	1,033.5
1995	2,104	90,252	1,032.9
1996	1,903	83,462	1,063.9
1997	1,828	81,516	1,089.9
1998	1,726	85,418	1,117.5
1999	1,591	78,723	1,100.4
2000	1,453	72,748	1,073.6
2001	1,478	77,088	1,127.7
2002	1,427	75,466	1,094.3
2003	1,316	71,023	1,071.8
2004	1,379	73,912	1,112.1
2005	1,415	79,283	1,131.5
2006	1,438	82,959	1,162.8
2007	1,374	81,278	1,147.0
2008	1,458	86,859	1,171.8
2009	1,407	87,755	1,074.9
2010	1,285	86,195	1,084.4
2011 p/	1,300	88,000	1,094.3

r/ Revised. p/ NMA preliminary estimate. Includes refuse recovery.

\* Million short tons. Employment data reflects number working daily; includes employees engaged in production, preparation, processing, development, maintenance, repair, shop or yard work at mining operations. Excludes office workers and mines producing less than 10,000 short tons annually and preparation plants with less than 5,000 employee hours and excludes contract workers.

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