

Table 7.6 Coal Mining Productivity, Selected Years, 1949-2008
(Short Tons per Employee Hour ¹)

Year	Mining Method		Location						Total ²
	Underground	Surface ²	East of the Mississippi			West of the Mississippi			
			Underground	Surface ²	Total ²	Underground	Surface ²	Total ²	
1949	³ 0.68	³ 1.92	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.72
1950	³ .72	³ 1.96	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	.76
1955	³ 1.04	³ 2.65	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.14
1960	³ 1.33	³ 2.91	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.52
1965	³ 1.75	³ 4.10	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.09
1970	³ 1.72	³ 4.53	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.30
1971	³ 1.50	³ 4.49	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.19
1972	³ 1.49	³ 4.54	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.18
1973	³ 1.46	³ 4.58	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.16
1974	³ 1.41	³ 4.74	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.31
1975	³ 1.19	³ 3.26	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.81
1976	³ 1.14	³ 3.25	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.78
1977	³ 1.09	³ 3.16	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.80
1978	³ 1.04	³ 3.03	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.77
1979	1.13	3.08	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.81
1980	1.20	3.21	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.93
1981	1.29	3.42	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.10
1982	1.37	3.36	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.11
1983	1.61	3.81	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.50
1984	1.72	4.03	1.69	2.56	1.98	2.49	8.15	7.07	2.64
1985	1.78	4.24	1.75	2.52	2.00	2.45	8.61	7.40	2.74
1986	2.00	4.60	1.96	2.75	2.21	2.80	9.02	7.90	3.01
1987	2.20	4.98	2.16	2.97	2.42	3.39	9.86	8.73	3.30
1988	2.38	5.32	2.32	2.99	2.54	3.55	10.73	9.38	3.55
1989	2.46	5.61	2.39	3.13	2.63	3.92	11.86	10.21	3.70
1990	2.54	5.94	2.46	3.32	2.73	4.01	12.26	10.41	3.83
1991	2.69	6.38	2.59	3.49	2.86	4.53	12.36	10.79	4.09
1992	2.93	6.59	2.82	3.61	3.07	4.85	12.49	11.03	4.36
1993	2.95	7.23	2.81	3.74	3.11	5.18	13.94	12.14	4.70
1994	3.19	7.67	3.02	3.85	3.28	5.93	15.19	13.22	4.98
1995	3.39	8.48	3.19	4.03	3.45	6.32	16.23	14.18	5.38
1996	3.57	9.05	3.36	4.25	3.63	7.03	17.89	15.66	5.69
1997	3.83	9.46	3.63	4.49	3.89	6.82	18.63	16.04	6.04
1998	3.90	9.58	3.69	4.31	3.89	6.76	18.82	16.27	6.20
1999	3.99	10.39	3.74	4.48	3.97	7.45	19.57	17.18	6.61
2000	4.15	11.01	3.89	4.82	4.18	7.66	20.04	17.62	6.99
2001	4.02	² 10.58	3.71	² 4.53	² 3.98	8.39	² 20.63	² 18.32	² 6.82
2002	3.98	10.36	3.67	4.22	3.86	7.80	20.67	18.06	6.80
2003	4.04	10.75	3.68	4.18	3.85	8.33	21.42	18.67	6.95
2004	3.96	10.55	3.59	3.95	3.72	8.22	22.04	19.00	6.80
2005	3.62	10.03	3.28	3.75	3.44	7.48	21.98	18.50	6.36
2006	3.37	10.18	3.06	3.74	3.29	6.62	22.26	18.33	6.26
2007	^R 3.34	^R 10.24	^R 3.03	^R 3.74	^R 3.27	^R 6.52	^R 22.35	^R 18.23	^R 6.27
2008 ^P	3.17	9.82	2.89	3.58	3.13	6.08	21.82	17.76	5.99

¹ Data through 1973 for bituminous coal, subbituminous coal, and lignite, and data through 1978 for anthracite, were originally reported in short tons per employee day—these data were converted to short tons per employee hour by assuming an eight-hour day. Through 1997, other data were calculated by dividing total production by total labor hours worked by all mine employees except office workers; beginning in 1998, the calculation also includes office workers.

² Beginning in 2001, includes a small amount of refuse recovery.

³ Through 1978, data for anthracite are not available by mining method, but are included in "Total."

R=Revised. P=Preliminary. NA=Not available.

Web Pages: • For all data beginning in 1949, see <http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/aer/coal.html>.

• For related information, see <http://www.eia.doe.gov/fuelcoal.html>.

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