

Table 7.8 Coal Prices, Selected Years, 1949-2008

(Dollars per Short Ton)

Year	Bituminous Coal		Subbituminous Coal		Lignite ¹		Anthracite		Total	
	Nominal ²	Real ³	Nominal ²	Real ³	Nominal ²	Real ³	Nominal ²	Real ³	Nominal ²	Real ³
1949	4.90	⁴ 29.97	(⁴)	(⁴)	2.37	14.49	8.90	54.43	5.24	32.05
1950	⁴ 4.86	⁴ 29.40	(⁴)	(⁴)	2.41	14.58	9.34	56.50	5.19	31.40
1955	⁴ 4.51	⁴ 24.06	(⁴)	(⁴)	2.38	12.70	8.00	42.68	4.69	25.02
1960	⁴ 4.71	⁴ 22.38	(⁴)	(⁴)	2.29	10.88	8.01	38.07	4.83	22.96
1965	⁴ 4.45	⁴ 19.75	(⁴)	(⁴)	2.13	9.45	8.51	37.76	4.55	20.19
1970	⁴ 6.30	⁴ 22.88	(⁴)	(⁴)	1.86	6.76	11.03	40.06	6.34	23.03
1971	⁴ 7.13	⁴ 24.66	(⁴)	(⁴)	1.93	6.68	12.08	41.78	7.15	24.73
1972	⁴ 7.78	⁴ 25.79	(⁴)	(⁴)	2.04	6.76	12.40	41.11	7.72	25.59
1973	⁴ 8.71	⁴ 27.35	(⁴)	(⁴)	2.09	6.56	13.65	42.86	8.59	26.97
1974	⁴ 16.01	⁴ 46.11	(⁴)	(⁴)	2.19	6.31	22.19	63.90	15.82	45.56
1975	⁴ 19.79	⁴ 52.08	(⁴)	(⁴)	3.17	8.34	32.26	84.89	19.35	50.92
1976	⁴ 20.11	⁴ 50.03	(⁴)	(⁴)	3.74	9.30	33.92	84.39	19.56	48.66
1977	⁴ 20.59	⁴ 48.16	(⁴)	(⁴)	4.03	9.43	34.86	81.54	19.95	46.66
1978	⁴ 22.64	⁴ 49.48	(⁴)	(⁴)	5.68	12.41	35.25	77.04	21.86	47.77
1979	27.31	55.12	9.55	19.27	6.48	13.08	41.06	82.87	23.75	47.93
1980	29.17	53.98	11.08	20.50	7.60	14.06	42.51	78.66	24.65	45.61
1981	31.51	53.30	12.18	20.60	8.85	14.97	44.28	74.90	26.40	44.66
1982	32.15	51.25	13.37	21.31	9.79	15.61	49.85	79.47	27.25	43.44
1983	31.11	47.71	13.03	19.98	9.91	15.20	52.29	80.19	25.98	39.84
1984	30.63	45.27	12.41	18.34	10.45	15.45	48.22	71.27	25.61	37.85
1985	30.78	44.15	12.57	18.03	10.68	15.32	45.80	65.70	25.20	36.15
1986	28.84	40.48	12.26	17.21	10.64	14.93	44.12	61.92	23.79	33.39
1987	28.19	38.51	11.32	15.47	10.85	14.82	43.65	59.63	23.07	31.52
1988	27.66	36.54	10.45	13.81	10.06	13.29	44.16	58.34	22.07	29.16
1989	27.40	34.88	10.16	12.93	9.91	12.62	42.93	54.65	21.82	27.78
1990	27.43	33.62	9.70	11.89	10.13	12.42	39.40	48.29	21.76	26.67
1991	27.49	32.55	9.68	11.46	10.89	12.90	36.34	43.03	21.49	25.45
1992	26.78	31.00	9.68	11.21	10.81	12.51	34.24	39.64	21.03	24.34
1993	26.15	29.59	9.33	10.56	11.11	12.57	32.94	37.27	19.85	22.46
1994	25.68	28.45	8.37	9.27	10.77	11.93	36.07	39.96	19.41	21.50
1995	25.56	27.75	8.10	8.79	10.83	11.76	39.78	43.19	18.83	20.44
1996	25.17	26.82	7.87	8.39	10.92	11.64	36.78	39.19	18.50	19.71
1997	24.64	25.82	7.42	7.78	10.91	11.43	35.12	36.81	18.14	19.01
1998	24.87	25.78	6.96	7.21	11.08	11.49	42.91	44.48	17.67	18.32
1999	23.92	24.44	6.87	7.02	11.04	11.28	35.13	35.90	16.63	16.99
2000	24.15	24.15	7.12	7.12	11.41	11.41	40.90	40.90	16.78	16.78
2001	25.36	24.77	6.67	6.51	11.52	11.25	47.67	46.55	17.38	16.97
2002	26.57	25.50	7.34	7.05	11.07	10.63	47.78	45.86	17.98	17.26
2003	26.73	25.12	7.73	7.26	11.20	10.53	49.87	46.87	17.85	16.78
2004	30.56	27.92	8.12	7.42	12.27	11.21	39.77	36.33	19.93	18.21
2005	36.80	^R 32.56	8.68	7.68	13.49	^R 11.93	41.00	^R 36.27	23.59	^R 20.87
2006	39.32	^R 33.70	9.95	^R 8.53	14.00	^R 12.00	43.61	^R 37.38	25.16	^R 21.56
2007	^R 40.80	^R 34.05	^R 10.69	^R 8.92	14.89	^R 12.43	^R 52.24	^R 43.60	^R 26.20	^R 21.87
2008 ^E	51.45	42.03	11.74	9.59	16.40	13.40	51.02	41.68	32.59	26.62

¹ Because of withholding to protect company confidentiality, lignite prices exclude Texas for 1955-1977 and Montana for 1974-1978. As a result, lignite prices for 1974-1977 are for North Dakota only.

² See "Nominal Dollars" in Glossary.

³ In chained (2000) dollars, calculated by using gross domestic product implicit price deflators in Table D1. See "Chained Dollars" in Glossary.

⁴ Through 1978, subbituminous coal is included in "Bituminous Coal."

R=Revised. E=Estimate.

Note: Prices are free-on-board (F.O.B.) rail/barge prices, which are the F.O.B. prices of coal at the point of first sale, excluding freight or shipping and insurance costs. See "Free on Board (F.O.B.)" in Glossary.

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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