

Table 17. Recoverable Coal Reserves and Average Recovery Percentage at Producing U.S. Mines by Mine Production Range and Mine Type, 2006
(Million Short Tons)

Mine Production Range (thousand short tons)	Underground		Surface		Total	
	Recoverable Coal Reserves	Average Recovery Percentage	Recoverable Coal Reserves	Average Recovery Percentage	Recoverable Coal Reserves	Average Recovery Percentage
Over 1,000	3,755	59.67	12,255	90.61	16,010	83.35
500 to 1,000	686	50.33	268	81.32	954	59.03
200 to 500	860	60.77	232	82.19	1,092	65.32
100 to 200	179	58.48	87	82.60	265	66.35
50 to 100	257	61.45	86	87.30	344	67.95
10 to 50	159	52.43	56	75.30	215	58.38
U.S. Total.....	5,897	58.59	12,983	90.13	18,880	80.28

Note: • Recoverable coal reserves at producing mines represent the quantity of coal that can be recovered (i.e. mined) from existing coal reserves at reporting mines. Average recovery percentage represents the percentage of coal that can be recovered from coal reserves at reporting mines, weighted for all mines in the reported geographic area. Excludes mines producing less than 10,000 short tons, which are not required to provide data and refuse recovery.

Source: • Energy Information Administration Form EIA-7A, "Coal Production Report," and U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Form 7000-2, "Quarterly Mine Employment and Coal Production Report."