

**Table 865. Mineral Industries—Employment, Hours, and Earnings:  
1990 to 2006**

[In thousands (680 represents 680,000), except as noted. Based on the Current Employment Statistics Program, see Appendix III]

Industry and item	Unit	1990	1995	2000	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>All mining:</b>									
All employees . . . . .	1,000 . . . . .	680	558	520	512	503	523	562	619
Production workers . . . . .	1,000 . . . . .	469	391	383	378	364	384	419	465
Avg. weekly hours . . . . .	Number . . . . .	46.1	46.8	45.5	43.9	44.4	45.4	46.4	46.3
Avg. weekly earnings . . . . .	Dollars . . . . .	630	711	771	769	796	837	884	939
<b>Coal mining:</b>									
All employees . . . . .	1,000 . . . . .	136	97	72	74	70	71	74	79
Production workers . . . . .	1,000 . . . . .	110	78	59	63	59	59	61	68
Avg. weekly hours . . . . .	Number . . . . .	44.7	45.7	45.6	45.4	46.2	47.7	48.5	49.5
Avg. weekly earnings . . . . .	Dollars . . . . .	822	929	945	934	963	1,029	1,071	1,093
<b>Oil and gas extraction:</b>									
All employees . . . . .	1,000 . . . . .	190	152	125	122	120	123	126	136
Production workers . . . . .	1,000 . . . . .	84	73	67	68	67	70	72	79
Avg. weekly hours . . . . .	Number . . . . .	44.4	43.6	41.3	39.5	41.1	43.5	44.3	43.0
Avg. weekly earnings . . . . .	Dollars . . . . .	591	677	802	761	778	808	856	921
<b>Metal ore mining:</b>									
All employees . . . . .	1,000 . . . . .	53	48	38	29	27	28	29	33
Production workers . . . . .	1,000 . . . . .	43	39	29	22	20	20	22	26
Avg. weekly hours . . . . .	Number . . . . .	42.5	43.4	43.4	42.8	43.7	45.2	44.2	43.5
Avg. weekly earnings . . . . .	Dollars . . . . .	646	788	871	878	957	1,035	1001	974
<b>Nonmetallic minerals mining, and quarrying:</b>									
All employees . . . . .	1,000 . . . . .	113	108	115	107	106	107	110	110
Production workers . . . . .	1,000 . . . . .	85	81	87	80	78	81	84	82
Avg. weekly hours . . . . .	Number . . . . .	45.0	46.3	46.1	45.2	45.1	44.6	45.9	46.1
Avg. weekly earnings . . . . .	Dollars . . . . .	532	632	722	749	773	791	830	863

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Current Employment Statistics program Internet site <<http://www.bls.gov/ces/home.htm>>.