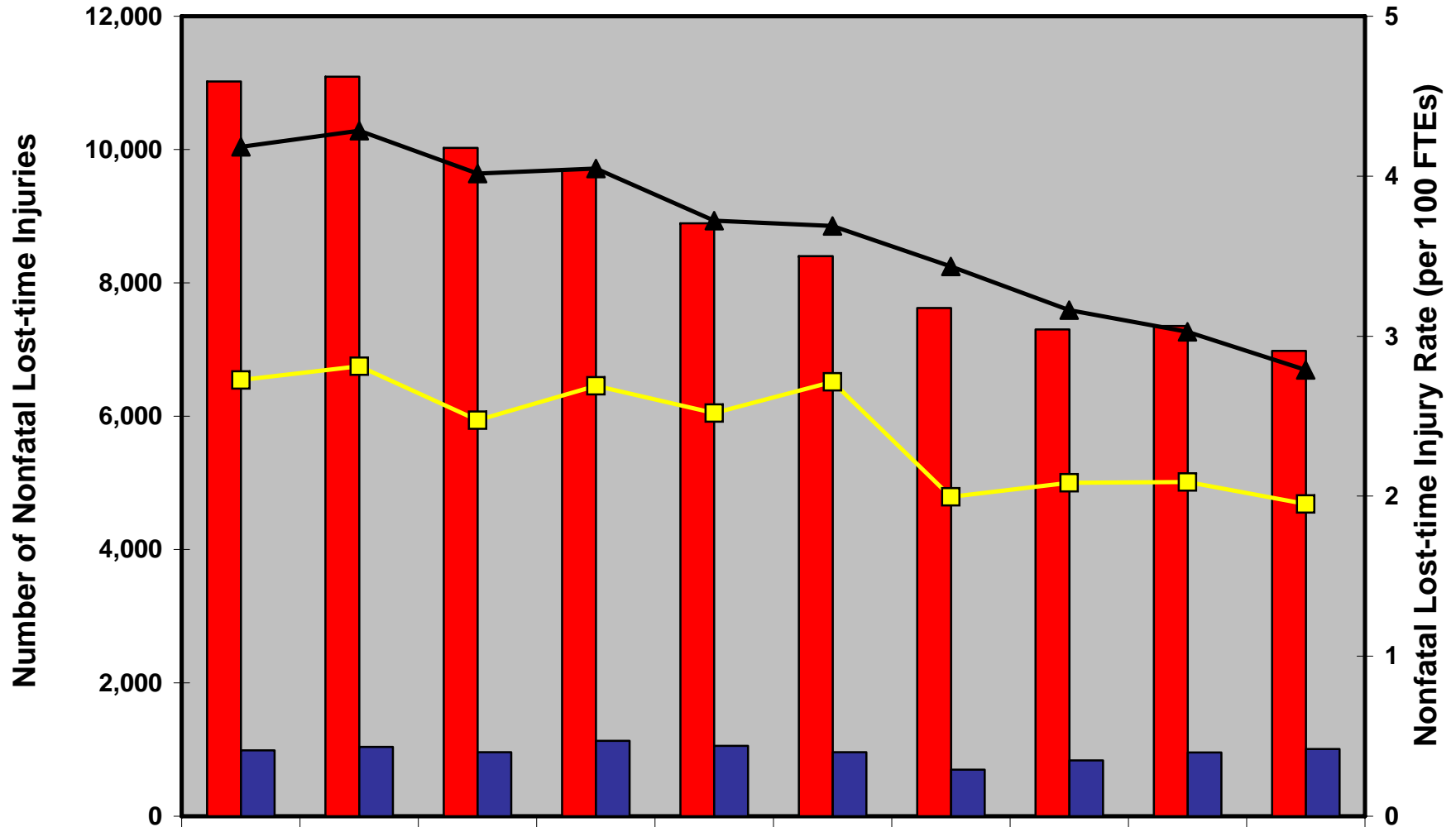


Number and Rate of Mining Nonfatal Lost-time Injuries by Operator or Independent Contractor by Year, 1997-2006

(Excludes Office Employees, Data Source: MSHA)



	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
█ Operator	11,020	11,092	10,025	9,708	8,893	8,399	7,624	7,302	7,355	6,979
█ Contractor	990	1,040	959	1,131	1,056	959	698	837	955	1,009
▲ Operator Rate	4.2	4.3	4.0	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.4	3.2	3.0	2.8
■ Contractor Rate	2.7	2.8	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.7	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.0