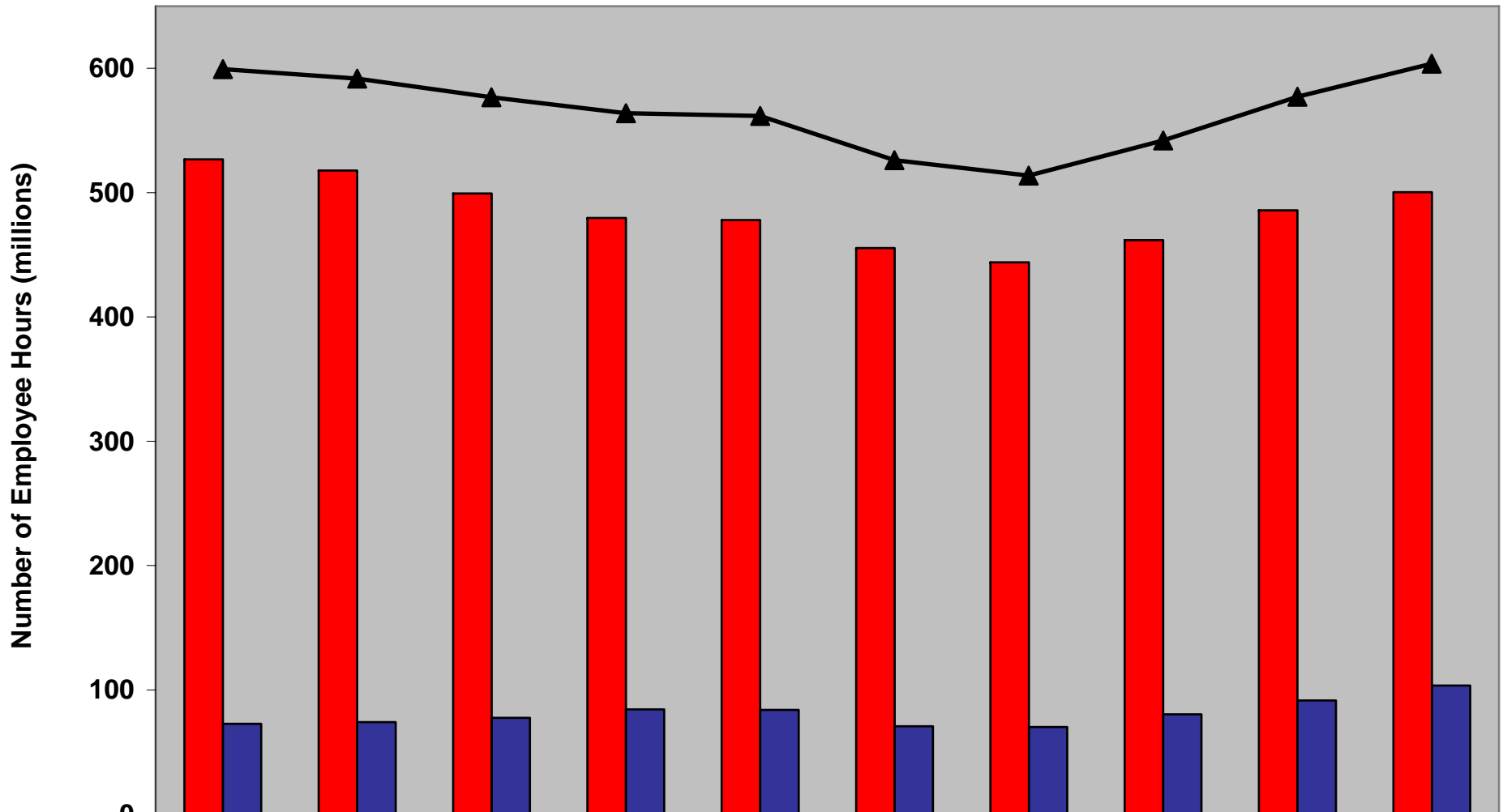


Number of Employee Hours Reported by Mine Operators and Independent Contractors by Year, 1997-2006

(Excludes Office Employees; Data Source: MSHA)



	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
█ Operator	526.8	517.9	499.2	479.7	477.8	455.4	443.8	461.7	485.8	500.4
█ Contractor	72.6	73.9	77.5	84.1	83.8	70.7	69.9	80.3	91.5	103.4
▲ Total	599.5	591.9	576.7	563.8	561.7	526.0	513.8	542.0	577.2	603.8