

Table 12. Coalbed Natural Gas Proved Reserves and Production, 1989–2004
(Billion Cubic Feet at 14.73 psia and 60° Fahrenheit)

Year	Alabama	Colorado	New Mexico	Utah	Wyoming	Eastern States ^a	Western States ^b	Others ^c	United States
Reserves									
1989	537	1,117	2,022	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	3,676
1990	1,224	1,320	2,510	NA	NA	NA	NA	33	5,087
1991	1,714	2,076	4,206	NA	NA	NA	NA	167	8,163
1992	1,968	2,716	4,724	NA	NA	NA	NA	626	10,034
1993	1,237	3,107	4,775	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,065	10,184
1994	976	2,913	4,137	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,686	9,712
1995	972	3,461	4,299	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,767	10,499
1996	823	3,711	4,180	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,852	10,566
1997	1,077	3,890	4,351	NA	NA	NA	NA	2,144	11,462
1998	1,029	4,211	4,232	NA	NA	NA	NA	2,707	12,179
1999	1,060	4,826	4,080	NA	NA	NA	NA	3,263	13,229
2000	1,241	5,617	4,278	1,592	1,540	1,399	41	--	15,708
2001	1,162	6,252	4,324	1,685	2,297	1,453	358	--	17,531
2002	1,283	6,691	4,380	1,725	2,371	1,488	553	--	18,491
2003	1,665	6,473	4,396	1,224	2,759	1,528	698	--	18,743
2004	1,900	5,787	5,166	934	2,085	1,620	898	--	18,390
Production									
1989	23	12	56	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	91
1990	36	26	133	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	196
1991	68	48	229	NA	NA	NA	NA	3	348
1992	89	82	358	NA	NA	NA	NA	10	539
1993	103	125	486	NA	NA	NA	NA	18	752
1994	108	179	530	NA	NA	NA	NA	34	851
1995	109	226	574	NA	NA	NA	NA	47	956
1996	98	274	575	NA	NA	NA	NA	56	1,003
1997	111	312	597	NA	NA	NA	NA	70	1,090
1998	123	401	571	NA	NA	NA	NA	99	1,194
1999	108	432	582	NA	NA	NA	NA	130	1,252
2000	109	451	550	74	133	58	4	--	1,379
2001	111	490	517	83	278	69	14	--	1,562
2002	117	520	471	103	302	68	33	--	1,614
2003	98	488	451	97	344	71	51	--	1,600
2004	121	520	528	82	320	72	77	--	1,720

^aIncludes Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

^bIncludes Arkansas, Kansas, Montana, and Oklahoma.

^cIncludes Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wyoming; these states are individually listed or grouped in Eastern States and Western States for 2000-2003.

NA = Not applicable.

Source: Energy Information Administration, Office of Oil and Gas.

Coalbed Natural Gas

Proved Reserves

Proved reserves of coalbed natural gas decreased to 18,390 billion cubic feet in 2004, 2 percent lower than the 2003 level (18,743 billion cubic feet). Coalbed natural gas accounted for 10 percent of all 2004 dry natural gas reserves (Table 12). The last time reserves of coalbed natural gas had declined was in 1994 (Figure 21). Five States (Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming, Alabama and Utah) currently have the vast majority

(86 percent) of U.S. coalbed natural gas proved reserves. Three of them (Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah) reported declines in their proved coalbed natural gas reserves in 2004.

Production

U.S. coalbed natural gas production increased 8 percent in 2004 to 1,720 billion cubic feet. It accounted for 9 percent of U.S. dry gas production.