

**Table 18. Average Number of Employees by State and Mine Type, 2007, 2006**

Coal-Producing State and Region <sup>1</sup>	2007			2006			Percent Change		
	Underground	Surface	Total	Underground	Surface	Total	Underground	Surface	Total
Alabama.....	2,458	1,392	3,850	2,621	1,574	4,195	-6.2	-11.6	-8.2
Alaska.....	-	99	99	-	96	96	-	3.1	3.1
Arizona.....	-	430	430	-	418	418	-	2.9	2.9
Arkansas.....	85	2	87	41	2	43	107.3	-	102.3
Colorado.....	1,729	520	2,249	1,682	547	2,229	2.8	-4.9	0.9
Illinois.....	3,488	458	3,946	3,507	470	3,977	-0.5	-2.6	-0.8
Indiana.....	1,291	1,677	2,968	1,231	1,627	2,858	4.9	3.1	3.8
Kansas.....	-	65	65	-	61	61	-	6.6	6.6
Kentucky Total.....	11,146	5,840	16,986	11,902	6,057	17,959	-6.4	-3.6	-5.4
Eastern.....	8,661	5,445	14,106	9,303	5,707	15,010	-6.9	-4.6	-6.0
Western.....	2,485	395	2,880	2,599	350	2,949	-4.4	12.9	-2.3
Louisiana.....	-	239	239	-	243	243	-	-1.6	-1.6
Maryland.....	131	244	375	205	285	490	-36.1	-14.4	-23.5
Mississippi.....	-	177	177	-	178	178	-	-0.6	-0.6
Missouri.....	-	14	14	-	20	20	-	-30.0	-30.0
Montana.....	16	970	986	58	884	942	-72.4	9.7	4.7
New Mexico.....	374	982	1,356	368	1,004	1,372	1.6	-2.2	-1.2
North Dakota.....	-	975	975	-	947	947	-	3.0	3.0
Ohio.....	1,481	1,015	2,496	1,384	1,029	2,413	7.0	-1.4	3.4
Oklahoma.....	84	153	237	73	151	224	15.1	1.3	5.8
Pennsylvania Total.....	5,206	2,443	7,649	5,099	2,427	7,526	2.1	0.7	1.6
Anthracite.....	192	718	910	226	643	869	-15.0	11.7	4.7
Bituminous.....	5,014	1,725	6,739	4,873	1,784	6,657	2.9	-3.3	1.2
Tennessee.....	220	346	566	333	327	660	-33.9	5.8	-14.2
Texas.....	-	2,216	2,216	-	2,138	2,138	-	3.6	3.6
Utah.....	2,006	6	2,012	2,030	6	2,036	-1.2	-	-1.2
Virginia.....	3,363	1,400	4,763	3,623	1,639	5,262	-7.2	-14.6	-9.5
Washington.....	-	-	-	-	673	673	-	-100.0	-100.0
West Virginia Total.....	13,441	6,608	20,049	13,190	6,886	20,076	1.9	-4.0	-0.1
Northern.....	3,889	651	4,540	3,982	639	4,621	-2.3	1.9	-1.8
Southern.....	9,552	5,957	15,509	9,208	6,247	15,455	3.7	-4.6	0.3
Wyoming.....	204	6,179	6,383	128	5,709	5,837	59.4	8.2	9.4
<b>Appalachian Total.....</b>	<b>34,961</b>	<b>18,893</b>	<b>53,854</b>	<b>35,758</b>	<b>19,874</b>	<b>55,632</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>-4.9</b>	<b>-3.2</b>
Northern.....	10,707	4,353	15,060	10,670	4,380	15,050	0.3	-0.6	0.1
Central.....	21,793	13,145	34,938	22,467	13,920	36,387	-3.0	-5.6	-4.0
Southern.....	2,461	1,395	3,856	2,621	1,574	4,195	-6.1	-11.4	-8.1
<b>Interior Total.....</b>	<b>7,433</b>	<b>5,396</b>	<b>12,829</b>	<b>7,451</b>	<b>5,240</b>	<b>12,691</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>
Illinois Basin.....	7,264	2,530	9,794	7,337	2,447	9,784	-1.0	3.4	0.1
<b>Western Total.....</b>	<b>4,329</b>	<b>10,161</b>	<b>14,490</b>	<b>4,266</b>	<b>10,284</b>	<b>14,550</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
Powder River Basin.....	-	6,399	6,399	-	5,852	5,852	-	9.3	9.3
Uinta Region.....	3,668	497	4,165	3,657	525	4,182	0.3	-5.3	-0.4
<b>East of Miss. River.....</b>	<b>42,225</b>	<b>21,600</b>	<b>63,825</b>	<b>43,095</b>	<b>22,499</b>	<b>65,594</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>-4.0</b>	<b>-2.7</b>
<b>West of Miss. River.....</b>	<b>4,498</b>	<b>12,850</b>	<b>17,348</b>	<b>4,380</b>	<b>12,899</b>	<b>17,279</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>U.S. Subtotal.....</b>	<b>46,723</b>	<b>34,450</b>	<b>81,173</b>	<b>47,475</b>	<b>35,398</b>	<b>82,873</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>-2.1</b>
<b>Refuse Recovery.....</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22.1</b>
<b>U.S. Total.....</b>	<b>46,723</b>	<b>34,450</b>	<b>81,278</b>	<b>47,475</b>	<b>35,398</b>	<b>82,959</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>-2.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> For a definition of coal producing regions, see Glossary.

- = No data are reported.

Note: • Includes all employees engaged in production, preparation, processing, development, maintenance, repair shop, or yard work at mining operations, including office workers. Excludes preparation plants with less than 5,000 employee hours per year, which are not required to provide data.

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