

Table 894. Fossil Fuel Prices by Type of Fuel: 1990 to 2005

[In dollars per million British thermal units (Btu), except as indicated. For definition of Btu and mineral fuel conversions, see source and text, this section. All fuel prices taken as close to the point of production as possible]

Fuel	Current dollars					Constant (2000) dollars				
	1990	1995	2000	2004	2005 ¹	1990	1995	2000	2004	2005 ¹
Composite ² . . .	1.84	1.47	2.60	3.62	4.81	2.26	1.60	2.60	3.32	4.29
Crude oil ³	3.45	2.52	4.61	6.34	8.67	4.23	2.74	4.61	5.81	7.73
Natural gas ⁴	1.55	1.40	3.32	4.95	6.80	1.90	1.52	3.32	4.53	6.06
Coal ⁵	1.00	0.88	0.80	0.98	1.19	1.22	0.96	0.80	0.89	1.06

¹ Preliminary. ² Derived by multiplying the price per Btu of each fossil fuel by the total Btu content of the production of each fossil fuel and dividing this accumulated value of total fossil fuel production by the accumulated Btu content of total fossil fuel production. ³ Domestic first purchase prices. ⁴ Wellhead prices. ⁵ Free-on-board (f.o.b.) rail/barge prices, which are the f.o.b. prices of coal at the point of first sale, excluding freight or shipping and insurance costs. Includes bituminous coal, subbituminous coal, and lignite.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Annual Energy Review 2005*. See also <http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/aer/pdf/pages/sec3_3.pdf> (released 27 July 2006).