

Table 867. Mineral Industries—Employment, Hours, and Earnings: 1990 to 2008

[In thousands (680 represents 680,000), except as noted. Based on the Current Employment Statistics Program, see Appendix III]

Industry and item	Unit	1990	1995	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
All mining: ¹									
All employees.	1,000	680	558	520	523	562	620	664	717
Production workers	1,000	469	391	383	384	419	466	497	531
Avg. weekly hours	Number . . .	46.1	46.8	45.5	45.4	46.4	46.3	46.2	45.3
Avg. weekly earnings . . .	Dollars . . .	630	711	771	837	884	938	989	1,043
Coal mining:									
All employees.	1,000	136	97	72	71	74	78	77	81
Production workers	1,000	110	78	59	59	61	67	68	71
Avg. weekly hours	Number . . .	44.7	45.7	45.6	47.7	48.5	49.5	47.9	49.0
Avg. weekly earnings . . .	Dollars . . .	822	929	945	1,029	1,071	1,093	1,052	1,140
Oil and gas extraction:									
All employees.	1,000	190	152	125	123	126	135	146	162
Production workers	1,000	84	73	67	70	72	78	83	90
Avg. weekly hours	Number . . .	44.4	43.6	41.3	43.5	44.3	43.0	41.9	41.1
Avg. weekly earnings . . .	Dollars . . .	591	677	802	808	856	921	1,015	1,120
Metal ore mining:									
All employees.	1,000	53	48	38	28	29	32	36	40
Production workers	1,000	43	39	29	20	22	25	28	32
Avg. weekly hours	Number . . .	42.5	43.4	43.4	45.2	44.2	43.5	45.9	46.1
Avg. weekly earnings . . .	Dollars . . .	646	788	871	1,035	1,001	974	1,077	1,195
Nonmetallic minerals mining, and quarrying:									
All employees.	1,000	113	108	115	107	110	110	110	107
Production workers	1,000	85	81	87	81	84	82	82	81
Avg. weekly hours	Number . . .	45.0	46.3	46.1	44.6	45.9	46.1	46.3	43.9
Avg. weekly earnings . . .	Dollars . . .	532	632	722	791	830	863	872	840

¹ Includes other industries not shown separately.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics, "Employment, Hours, and Earnings—National"; <<http://www.bls.gov/ces/data.htm>> (accessed 10 April 2009).