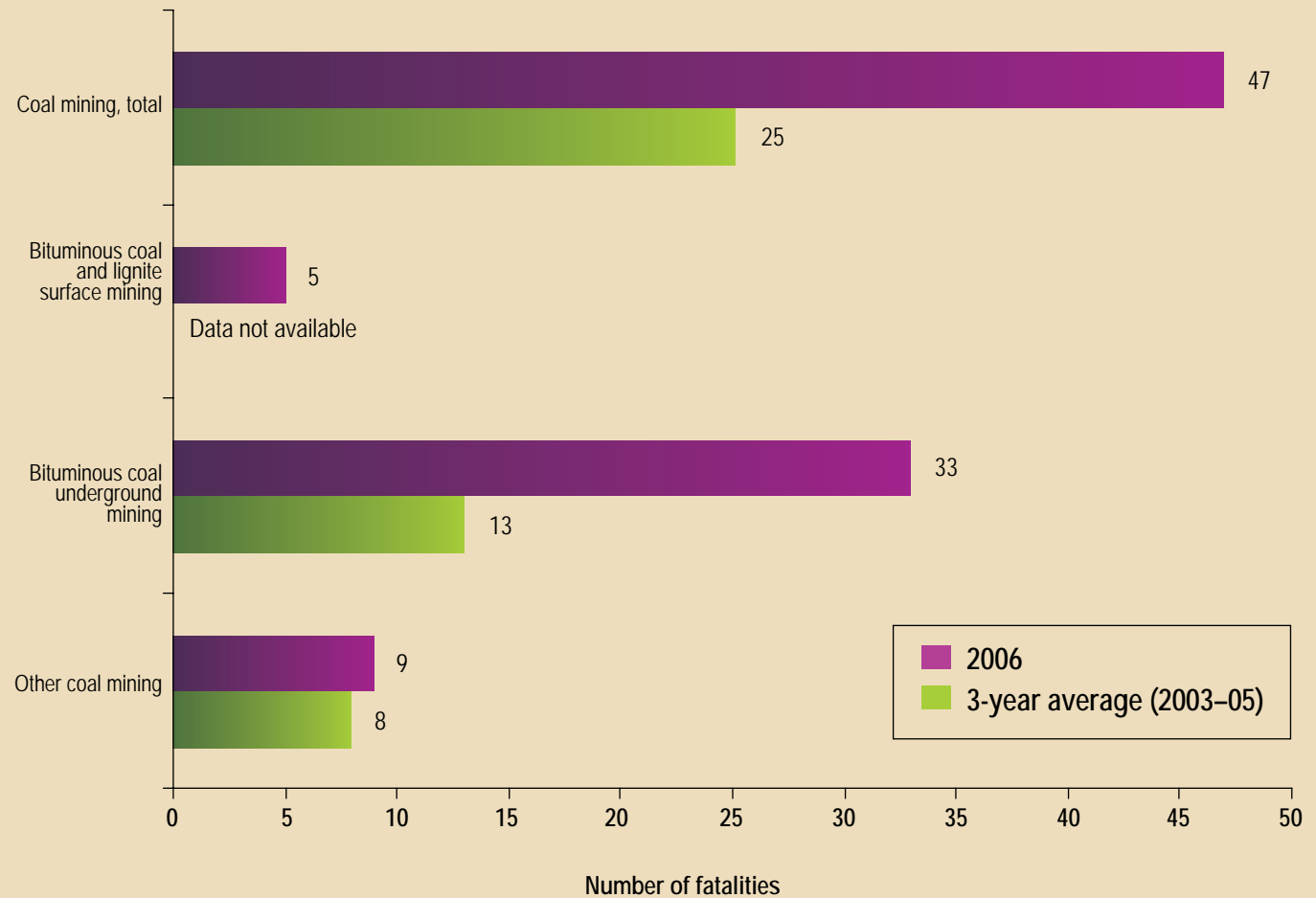


CHART 26

Coal mining had an average of 25 fatalities a year for the period from 2003 to 2005. In 2006, coal mining experienced an 88-percent increase in fatalities over this average.

The increase was accounted for mostly by the large increase in fatalities in bituminous coal underground mining, which almost tripled in 2006. This jump was attributed in part to the Sago Mine disaster and other multiple-fatality coal-mining incidents.

Number of fatalities, coal mining industries, 2003–05 and 2006



NOTE: The "Other coal mining" category includes both anthracite mining and coal mining that could not be specified any further.
SOURCE: Rice, James B., and Jill A. Janocha, "Coal Mining Injuries, Illnesses, and Fatalities, 2006," *Compensation and Working Conditions*, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/opub/cwc/sh20080623ar01p1.html/>.