

**Table 18. Average Number of Employees by State and Mine Type, 2015 and 2014**

Coal-Producing State and Region <sup>1</sup>	2015			2014			Percent Change		
	Underground	Surface	Total	Underground	Surface	Total	Underground	Surface	Total
Alabama	2,464	748	3,212	2,852	842	3,694	-13.6	-11.2	-13.0
Alaska	-	113	113	-	120	120	-	-5.8	-5.8
Arizona	-	403	403	-	387	387	-	4.1	4.1
Arkansas	73	2	75	82	2	84	-11.0	-	-10.7
Colorado	1,201	441	1,642	1,372	450	1,822	-12.5	-2.0	-9.9
Illinois	3,746	400	4,146	3,772	446	4,218	-0.7	-10.3	-1.7
Indiana	1,818	1,493	3,311	2,201	1,609	3,810	-17.4	-7.2	-13.1
Kansas	-	7	7	-	10	10	-	-30.0	-30.0
<b>Kentucky Total</b>	<b>7,001</b>	<b>2,820</b>	<b>9,821</b>	<b>8,191</b>	<b>3,643</b>	<b>11,834</b>	<b>-14.5</b>	<b>-22.6</b>	<b>-17.0</b>
Kentucky (East)	3,879	2,425	6,304	4,349	3,217	7,566	-10.8	-24.6	-16.7
Kentucky (West)	3,122	395	3,517	3,842	426	4,268	-18.7	-7.3	-17.6
Louisiana	-	307	307	-	299	299	-	2.7	2.7
Maryland	165	194	359	167	219	386	-1.2	-11.4	-7.0
Mississippi	-	330	330	-	324	324	-	1.9	1.9
Missouri	-	15	15	-	20	20	-	-25.0	-25.0
Montana	313	1,017	1,330	324	996	1,320	-3.4	2.1	0.8
New Mexico	483	647	1,130	488	661	1,149	-1.0	-2.1	-1.7
North Dakota	-	1,261	1,261	-	1,285	1,285	-	-1.9	-1.9
Ohio	1,559	750	2,309	1,997	926	2,923	-21.9	-19.0	-21.0
Oklahoma	74	87	161	77	102	179	-3.9	-14.7	-10.1
<b>Pennsylvania Total</b>	<b>4,780</b>	<b>1,853</b>	<b>6,633</b>	<b>5,821</b>	<b>2,117</b>	<b>7,938</b>	<b>-17.9</b>	<b>-12.5</b>	<b>-16.4</b>
Pennsylvania (Anthracite)	82	923	1,005	85	871	956	-3.5	6.0	5.1
Pennsylvania (Bituminous)	4,698	930	5,628	5,736	1,246	6,982	-18.1	-25.4	-19.4
Tennessee	181	95	276	158	64	222	14.6	48.4	24.3
Texas	-	2,689	2,689	-	2,806	2,806	-	-4.2	-4.2
Utah	1,158	53	1,211	1,330	63	1,393	-12.9	-15.9	-13.1
Virginia	2,166	827	2,993	2,863	764	3,627	-24.3	8.2	-17.5
<b>West Virginia Total</b>	<b>12,555</b>	<b>2,935</b>	<b>15,490</b>	<b>14,338</b>	<b>3,992</b>	<b>18,330</b>	<b>-12.4</b>	<b>-26.5</b>	<b>-15.5</b>
West Virginia (Northern)	5,315	182	5,497	5,677	211	5,888	-6.4	-13.7	-6.6
West Virginia (Southern)	7,240	2,753	9,993	8,661	3,781	12,442	-16.4	-27.2	-19.7
Wyoming	308	6,327	6,635	315	6,309	6,624	-2.2	0.3	0.2
<b>Appalachia Total</b>	<b>27,749</b>	<b>9,827</b>	<b>37,576</b>	<b>32,545</b>	<b>12,141</b>	<b>44,686</b>	<b>-14.7</b>	<b>-19.1</b>	<b>-15.9</b>
Appalachia Central	13,466	6,100	19,566	16,031	7,826	23,857	-16.0	-22.1	-18.0
Appalachia Northern	11,819	2,979	14,798	13,662	3,473	17,135	-13.5	-14.2	-13.6
Appalachia Southern	2,464	748	3,212	2,852	842	3,694	-13.6	-11.2	-13.0
<b>Interior Region Total</b>	<b>8,833</b>	<b>5,725</b>	<b>14,558</b>	<b>9,974</b>	<b>6,044</b>	<b>16,018</b>	<b>-11.4</b>	<b>-5.3</b>	<b>-9.1</b>
Illinois Basin	8,686	2,288	10,974	9,815	2,481	12,296	-11.5	-7.8	-10.8
Other Interior	147	3,437	3,584	159	3,563	3,722	-7.5	-3.5	-3.7
<b>Western Region Total</b>	<b>3,463</b>	<b>10,262</b>	<b>13,725</b>	<b>3,829</b>	<b>10,271</b>	<b>14,100</b>	<b>-9.6</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-2.7</b>
Powder River Basin	-	6,633	6,633	-	6,592	6,592	-	0.6	0.6
Uinta Basin	2,229	435	2,664	2,559	457	3,016	-12.9	-4.8	-11.7
Other Western	1,234	3,194	4,428	1,270	3,222	4,492	-2.8	-0.9	-1.4
<b>East of Mississippi River</b>	<b>36,435</b>	<b>12,445</b>	<b>48,880</b>	<b>42,360</b>	<b>14,946</b>	<b>57,306</b>	<b>-14.0</b>	<b>-16.7</b>	<b>-14.7</b>
<b>West of Mississippi River</b>	<b>3,610</b>	<b>13,369</b>	<b>16,979</b>	<b>3,988</b>	<b>13,510</b>	<b>17,498</b>	<b>-9.5</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>-3.0</b>
<b>U.S. Subtotal</b>	<b>40,045</b>	<b>25,814</b>	<b>65,859</b>	<b>46,348</b>	<b>28,456</b>	<b>74,804</b>	<b>-13.6</b>	<b>-9.3</b>	<b>-12.0</b>
<b>Refuse Recovery</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-11.8</b>
<b>U.S. Total</b>	<b>40,045</b>	<b>25,814</b>	<b>65,971</b>	<b>46,348</b>	<b>28,456</b>	<b>74,931</b>	<b>-13.6</b>	<b>-9.3</b>	<b>-12.0</b>

1 For a definition of coal producing regions, see the Glossary.

-- No data 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.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration Form 7000-2, 'Quarterly Mine Employment and Coal Production Report.'