

Table 7.8 Coal Prices, Selected Years, 1949-2003
(Dollars per Short Ton)

Year	Bituminous Coal		Subbituminous Coal		Lignite ¹		Anthracite		Total	
	Nominal	Real ²	Nominal	Real ²	Nominal	Real ²	Nominal	Real ²	Nominal	Real ²
1949	³ 4.90	³ R29.97	(³)	(³)	2.37	^R 14.49	8.90	^R 54.43	5.24	^R 32.05
1950	³ 4.86	³ R29.40	(³)	(³)	2.41	^R 14.58	9.34	^R 56.50	5.19	^R 31.40
1955	³ 4.51	³ R24.06	(³)	(³)	2.38	^R 12.70	8.00	^R 42.68	4.69	^R 25.02
1960	³ 4.71	³ R22.38	(³)	(³)	2.29	^R 10.88	8.01	^R 38.07	4.83	^R 22.96
1965	³ 4.45	³ R19.75	(³)	(³)	2.13	^R 9.45	8.51	^R 37.76	4.55	^R 20.19
1970	³ 6.30	³ R22.88	(³)	(³)	1.86	^R 6.76	11.03	^R 40.06	6.34	^R 23.03
1971	³ 7.13	³ R24.66	(³)	(³)	1.93	^R 6.68	12.08	^R 41.78	7.15	^R 24.73
1972	³ 7.78	³ R25.79	(³)	(³)	2.04	^R 6.76	12.40	^R 41.11	7.72	^R 25.59
1973	³ 8.71	³ R27.35	(³)	(³)	2.09	^R 6.56	13.65	^R 42.86	8.59	^R 26.97
1974	³ 16.01	³ R46.11	(³)	(³)	2.19	^R 6.31	22.19	^R 63.90	15.82	^R 45.56
1975	³ 19.79	³ R52.08	(³)	(³)	3.17	^R 8.34	32.26	^R 84.89	19.35	^R 50.92
1976	³ 20.11	³ R50.03	(³)	(³)	3.74	^R 9.30	33.92	^R 84.39	19.56	^R 48.66
1977	³ 20.59	³ R48.16	(³)	(³)	4.03	^R 9.43	34.86	^R 81.54	19.95	^R 46.66
1978	³ 22.64	³ R49.48	(³)	(³)	5.68	^R 12.41	35.25	^R 77.04	21.86	^R 47.77
1979	27.31	^R 55.12	9.55	^R 19.27	6.48	^R 13.08	41.06	^R 82.87	23.75	^R 47.93
1980	29.17	^R 53.98	11.08	^R 20.50	7.60	^R 14.06	42.51	^R 78.66	24.65	^R 45.61
1981	31.51	^R 53.30	12.18	^R 20.60	8.85	^R 14.97	44.28	^R 74.90	26.40	^R 44.66
1982	32.15	^R 51.25	13.37	^R 21.31	9.79	^R 15.61	49.85	^R 79.47	27.25	^R 43.44
1983	31.11	^R 47.71	13.03	^R 19.98	9.91	^R 15.20	52.29	^R 80.19	25.98	^R 39.84
1984	30.63	^R 45.27	12.41	^R 18.34	10.45	^R 15.45	48.22	^R 71.27	25.61	^R 37.85
1985	30.78	^R 44.15	12.57	^R 18.03	10.68	^R 15.32	45.80	^R 65.70	25.20	^R 36.15
1986	28.84	^R 40.48	12.26	^R 17.21	10.64	^R 14.93	44.12	^R 61.92	23.79	^R 33.39
1987	28.19	^R 38.51	11.32	^R 15.47	10.85	^R 14.82	43.65	^R 59.63	23.07	^R 31.52
1988	27.66	^R 36.54	10.45	^R 13.81	10.06	^R 13.29	44.16	^R 58.34	22.07	^R 29.16
1989	27.40	^R 34.88	10.16	^R 12.93	9.91	^R 12.62	42.93	^R 54.65	21.82	^R 27.78
1990	27.43	^R 33.62	9.70	^R 11.89	10.13	^R 12.42	39.40	^R 48.29	21.76	^R 26.67
1991	27.49	^R 32.55	9.68	^R 11.46	10.89	^R 12.90	36.34	^R 43.03	21.49	^R 25.45
1992	26.78	^R 31.00	9.68	^R 11.21	10.81	^R 12.51	34.24	^R 39.64	21.03	^R 24.34
1993	26.15	^R 29.59	9.33	^R 10.56	11.11	^R 12.57	32.94	^R 37.27	19.85	^R 22.46
1994	25.68	^R 28.45	8.37	^R 9.27	10.77	^R 11.93	36.07	^R 39.96	19.41	^R 21.50
1995	25.56	^R 27.75	8.10	^R 8.79	10.83	^R 11.76	39.78	^R 43.19	18.83	^R 20.44
1996	25.17	^R 26.82	7.87	^R 8.39	10.92	^R 11.64	36.78	^R 39.19	18.50	^R 19.71
1997	24.64	^R 25.82	7.42	^R 7.78	10.91	^R 11.43	35.12	^R 36.81	18.14	^R 19.01
1998	24.87	^R 25.78	6.96	^R 7.21	11.08	^R 11.49	42.91	^R 44.48	17.67	^R 18.32
1999	23.92	^R 24.44	6.87	^R 7.02	11.04	^R 11.28	35.13	^R 35.90	16.63	^R 16.99
2000	24.15	^R 24.15	7.12	^R 7.12	11.41	^R 11.41	40.90	^R 40.90	16.78	^R 16.78
2001	25.36	^R 24.77	6.67	^R 6.52	11.52	^R 11.25	47.67	^R 46.57	17.38	^R 16.98
2002	^R 26.57	^R 25.56	^R 7.34	^R 7.06	^R 11.07	^R 10.65	^R 47.78	^R 45.97	^R 17.98	^R 17.30
2003 ^E	26.57	25.14	7.34	6.95	11.07	10.48	47.78	45.21	17.98	17.01

¹ Because of withholding to protect company confidentiality, lignite prices exclude Texas for 1955-1977 and Montana for 1974-1978. As a result, lignite prices for 1974-1977 are for North Dakota only.

² In chained (2000) dollars, calculated by using gross domestic product implicit price deflators. See Table D1.

³ Through 1978, subbituminous coal is included in "Bituminous Coal."

R=Revised. E=Estimate.

Note: Prices are 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. See "Free on Board (F.O.B.)" in Glossary.

Web Pages: • For data not shown for 1951-1969, see <http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/aer/coal.html>.

• For related information, see <http://www.eia.doe.gov/fuelcoal.html>.

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