

# AMERICA'S POWER

## Coal in Colorado

### Coal Provides Jobs and Affordable Electricity

#### In Colorado:

Coal provided **64.7 percent of Colorado's electric power generation** in 2012. Colorado used **19.1 million short tons** of coal to generate **34.6 billion kilowatt hours** of electricity.

Based on cost of electricity, **Colorado ranks #32 in the nation in electricity affordability**, according to EIA. Colorado ranks **#9 in the nation in coal production** and **#19 in the nation in coal use**.

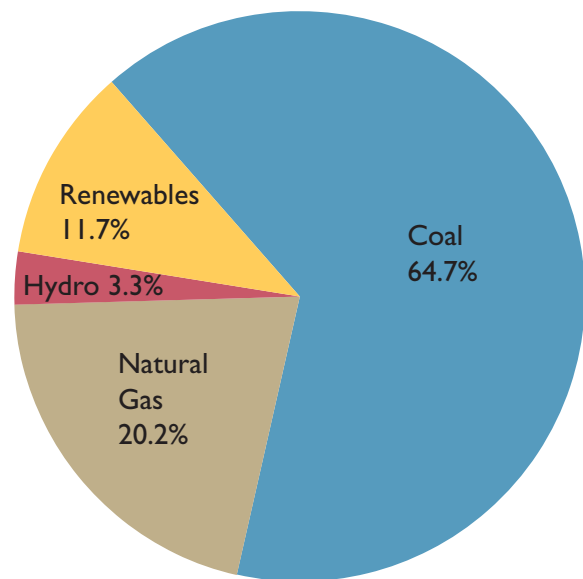
Colorado produced **28.6 million short tons** of coal in 2012 from an estimated recoverable reserve base of **9.6 billion short tons**.

Direct and indirect employment generated by U.S. coal mining in Colorado accounts for **23,700 jobs**, for a combined payroll of **\$1,552 million**.

	Colorado	U.S.
Coal Production (Million Short Tons)	28.6	1,016.4
Estimated Recoverable Coal Reserves (Billion Short Tons)	9.6	258.6
Total Coal Consumption for Power Generation (Million Short Tons)	19.1	825
Total Net Electricity from Coal (Billion kWh)	34.6	1,517.2
Direct Coal Mining Related Employment	3,909	137,361
Electricity Cost per kWh	9.34¢	9.87¢

Sources: Energy Information Administration 2012 production and electricity data. 2012 Mine Safety and Health Administration employment data.

Colorado: Power Sector Generation by Fuel Type, 2012



Source: EIA

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