

Total Federal Coal Leases in Effect, Total Acres Under Lease, and Lease Sales by Fiscal Year Since 1990

The BLM has responsibility for coal leasing on approximately 570 million acres where the coal mineral estate is owned by the Federal Government. Surface ownership of these lands belongs to either the BLM, the United States Forest Service, private land owners, state land owners, or other Federal agencies.

Revenues from coal leasing and production are shared by the Federal Government and the state where the coal is leased. The Department of the Interior's Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) maintains statistical data for Federal coal sales volumes, sales values, and revenue.

This table provides information about the number of total leases in effect, total acres under lease, and the number of lease sales at the end of each fiscal year since 1990. Acreage totals may vary slightly because rounding is used.

FY	Total			Colorado			Eastern States			Montana			New Mexico			Utah			Wyoming		
	Leases	Acres	Sales	Leases	Acres	Sales	Leases	Acres	Sales	Leases	Acres	Sales	Leases	Acres	Sales	Leases	Acres	Sales	Leases	Acres	Sales
1990	489	730,247	6	101	129,381	1	27	19,476	1	40	60,397	0	55	79,836	0	175	250,227	3	89	190,409	1
1991	470	692,017	8	97	119,743	1	22	17,271	3	39	58,421	1	49	73,856	2	172	252,347	0	89	169,858	1
1992	474	691,359	3	93	119,632	1	26	24,353	0	38	58,341	0	51	75,601	0	174	253,247	0	90	159,664	2
1993	432	643,304	3	92	105,409	1	17	16,157	1	38	62,508	0	30	56,226	0	163	235,782	0	90	166,701	1
1994	435	636,367	5	92	105,097	2	18	16,320	1	37	55,246	1	30	56,226	0	163	235,782	1	93	167,175	0
1995	417	630,043	7	93	106,665	1	13	17,129	0	37	56,043	0	30	63,126	4	151	219,429	1	91	167,130	1
1996	386	588,655	3	91	108,865	1	10	14,922	1	36	54,007	0	32	58,623	0	126	189,054	1	91	162,663	0
1997	368	564,162	10	85	104,830	0	10	14,842	1	38	53,404	4	33	60,763	2	113	167,683	1	89	162,119	2
1998	354	527,809	4	76	94,300	1	10	13,882	0	41	50,877	1	27	52,299	0	111	160,912	1	89	155,018	1
1999	347	526,014	4	71	92,285	0	10	13,882	0	40	49,636	1	27	52,298	0	115	160,664	1	84	156,728	2
2000	309	461,883	3	62	81,873	2	9	13,051	0	39	48,766	0	25	51,562	0	93	112,355	0	81	153,755	1
2001	313	468,155	2	63	86,317	0	11	10,575	0	40	48,916	1	25	48,829	1	93	118,023	0	81	154,974	0
2002	308	463,596	4	58	79,380	1	10	9,197	0	41	49,419	1	25	48,829	0	90	116,214	1	84	160,036	1
2003	304	460,538	2	57	79,916	0	10	9,197	0	42	49,459	1	23	47,509	0	88	113,892	1	84	160,044	0
2004	297	451,430	6	54	78,704	2	9	7,108	1	42	49,489	0	22	45,802	0	85	106,805	1	85	163,001	2
2005	291	448,294	9	53	79,050	0	10	9,995	1	41	40,043	0	19	37,425	3	84	106,514	0	84	174,746	5
2006	289	461,504	5	53	79,133	0	12	11,520	1	43	54,923	2	21	43,137	0	77	97,689	2	83	174,581	0
2007	294	460,796	5	56	83,361	3	12	11,520	0	44	55,243	1	20	42,096	0	75	92,075	0	87	175,980	1
2008	297	464,379	2	55	82,576	0	11	11,458	0	45	56,360	0	20	42,116	0	75	90,279	0	91	181,069	2
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2010	296	466,407	1	52	81,249	0	11	11,458	0	46	57,258	1	20	42,116	0	76	93,082	0	91	180,723	0
2011	304	472,871	4	50	80,573	0	11	11,458	0	51	57,258	0	20	42,116	0	77	94,895	0	95	186,050	4
2012	308	483,496	6	52	82,128	2	9	9,388	0	50	59,903	1	20	42,116	0	75	89,992	0	102	200,369	3
2013	309	474,025	2	54	86,890	1	10	10,618	0	48	48,638	0	20	42,116	1	72	84,553	0	103	200,689	0
2014	308	475,171	1	55	88,677	1	9	10,538	0	49	48,088	0	21	42,756	0	72	84,553	0	102	200,559	0
2015	306	482,691	2	54	88,471	0	6	16,939	1	49	48,408	0	21	42,756	0	72	85,037	1	102	200,559	0

Source: Public Lands Statistics (PLS), for leases and acres under lease. Lease sales data are from respective state offices. For additional information on those leases, please contact the respective BLM state office. Alaska and Washington Federal coal lease information is available in the PLS.

Definitions for terms used in this chart

Leases: Lease means a Federal lease, issued under the coal leasing provisions of the mineral leasing laws, which grants the exclusive right to explore for and extract coal as provided in Title 43 CFR Part 3400. Figures reflect totals at the end of each fiscal year.

Acres: Acres means the number of Federal acres authorized in a lease.

Sales: Sales means the number of competitive bidding processes conducted each year by the Department of the Interior for offering Federal coal reserves. The number of sales is the number of sales in which coal is actually leased.