Fossil Fuel

Coal:

 Coal is a fossil fuel created from the remains of plants that lived and died about 100 to 400 million years ago when parts of the Earth were covered with huge swampy forests. Coal is classified as a nonrenewable energy source because it takes millions of years to form.

 The energy we get from coal today comes from the energy that plants absorbed from the sun millions of years ago. All living plants store solar energy through a process known as photosynthesis. When plants die, this energy is usually released as the plants decay. Under conditions favorable to coal formation, however, the decay process is interrupted, preventing the release of the stored solar energy. The energy is locked into the coal.

 Millions of years ago, dead plant matter fell into swampy water and over the years, a thick layer of dead plants lay decaying at the bottom of the swamps. Over time, the surface and climate of the Earth changed, and more water and dirt washed in, halting the decay process.

 The weight of the top layers of water and dirt packed down the lower layers of plant matter. Under heat and pressure, this plant matter underwent chemical and physical changes, pushing out oxygen and leaving rich hydrocarbon deposits. What once had been plants gradually turned into coal.

 Seams of coal—ranging in thickness from a fraction of an inch to hundreds of feet—may represent hundreds or thousands of years of plant growth. One seam, the seven-foot thick Pittsburgh seam, may represent 2,000 years of rapid plant growth. One acre of this seam contains about 14,000 tons of coal.



 **History of Coal**

 Native Americans used coal long before the first settlers arrived in the New World. Hopi Indians, who lived in what is now Arizona, used coal to bake the pottery they made from clay. European settlers discovered coal in North America during the first half of the 1600s. They used very little at first. Instead, they relied on water wheels and wood to power colonial industries.

 Coal became a powerhouse by the 1800s. People used coal to manufacture goods and to power steamships and railroad engines. By the American Civil War, people also used coal to make iron and steel. And by the end of the 1800s, people even used coal to make electricity.

 When America entered the 1900s, coal was the energy mainstay for the nation’s businesses and industries. Coal stayed America’s number one energy source until the demand for petroleum products pushed petroleum to the front. Automobiles needed gasoline. Trains switched from coal power to diesel fuel. Even homes that used to be heated by coal turned to oil or gas furnaces instead.

Coal production reached its low point in 1961. Since then, coal production has increased by more than 255 percent, reaching a record high in 2008. Today, coal supplies 21 percent of the nation’s total energy needs, mostly for electricity production.

**Coal Mining**

There are two ways to remove coal from the ground—surface and underground mining. **Surface mining** is used when a coal seam is relatively close to the surface, usually within 200 feet. The first step in surface mining is to remove and store the soil and rock covering the coal, called the **overburden**. Workers use a variety of equipment— draglines, power shovels, bulldozers, and front-end loaders—to expose the coal seam for mining.

After surface mining, workers replace the overburden, grade it, cover it with topsoil, and fertilize and seed the area. This land reclamation is required by law and helps restore the biological balance of the area and prevent erosion. The land can then be used for croplands, wildlife habitats, recreation, or as sites for commercial development.

Although only about a third of the nation’s coal can be extracted by surface mining, more than two-thirds of all coal in the U.S. is mined using this method today. Why? Surface mining is typically much less expensive than underground mining. With new technologies, surface mining productivity has increased two and a half times since 1973.

**Underground (or deep) mining** is used when the coal seam is buried several hundred feet below the surface. In underground mining, workers and machinery go down a vertical shaft or a slanted tunnel called a slope to remove the coal. Mine shafts may sink as deep as 1,000 feet.

One method of underground mining is called **room-and-pillar mining**. With this method, much of the coal must be left behind to support the mine’s roofs and walls. Sometimes as much as half the coal is left behind in large column formations to keep the mine from collapsing.

A more efficient and safer underground mining method, called **long wall mining**, uses a specially shielded machine that allows a mined-out area to collapse in a controlled manner. This method is called long wall mining because huge blocks of coal up to several hundred feet wide can be removed.



**Types of Coal**

Coal is classified into four main types, depending on the amount of carbon, oxygen, and hydrogen present. The higher the carbon content, the more energy the coal contains.

**Lignite** is the lowest rank of coal, with a **heating value** of 4,000 to 8,300 British thermal units (Btu) per pound. Lignite is crumbly and has high moisture content. Most lignite mined in the United States comes from Texas. Lignite is mainly used to produce electricity. It contains 25 to 35 percent carbon. About seven percent of the coal mined in 2009 was lignite.

**Subbituminous coal** typically contains less heating value than bituminous coal (8,300 to 13,000 Btu per pound) and more moisture. It contains 35 to 45 percent carbon. Forty-seven percent of the coal mined in 2009 in the U.S. was subbituminous.

**Bituminous coal** was formed by added heat and pressure on lignite. Made of many tiny layers, bituminous coal looks smooth and sometimes shiny. It is the most abundant type of coal found in the United States and has two to three times the heating value of lignite. Bituminous coal contains 11,000 to 15,500 Btu per pound. Bituminous coal is used to generate electricity and is an important fuel for the steel and iron industries. It contains 45 to 86 percent carbon. Fourty-six percent of the coal mined in 2009 was bituminous coal.

**Anthracite** was created where additional pressure combined with very high temperature inside the Earth. It is deep black and looks almost metallic due to its glossy surface. It is found primarily in 11 northeastern counties of Pennsylvania. Like bituminous coal, anthracite coal is a big energy producer, containing nearly 15,000 Btu per pound. It contains 86 to 97 percent carbon. Less than one percent of coal mined in 2009 was anthracite.

**Processing and Transporting Coal**

After coal comes out of the ground, it typically goes on a conveyor belt to a preparation plant that is located at the mining site. The plant cleans and processes coal to remove dirt, rock, ash, sulfur, and other impurities, increasing the heating value of the coal.

After the coal is mined and processed, it is ready to go to market. It is very important to consider transportation when comparing coal with other energy sources because sometimes transporting the coal can cost more than mining it.

Underground pipelines can easily move petroleum and natural gas to market. But that’s not so for coal. Huge trains transport most coal (over 70 percent) for at least part of its journey to market.

It is cheaper to transport coal on river barges, but this option is not always available. Coal can also be moved by trucks and conveyors if the coal mine is close by. Ideally, coal-fired power plants are built near coal mines to minimize transportation costs.

Coal Reserves:

When scientists estimate how much coal, petroleum, natural gas, or other energy sources there are in the World, they use the term reserves. **Reserves** are deposits that can be harvested using today’s methods and technology.

Coal is found throughout the world. It is the most abundant fossil energy resource in the U.S. and the world, comprising 95% of U.S. fossil energy resources and 70% of world fossil energy resources on an energy content basis. All coal ranks can be found in the U.S.

Experts estimate that the United States has about 262 billion tons of recoverable coal reserves. If we continue to use coal at the same rate as we do today, we will have enough coal to last 146 to 234 years, depending on consumption rates. This vast amount of coal makes the United States the world leader in known coal reserves.

**How Coal is Used**

The main use of coal in the United States is to generate electricity. In 2009, 93.6 percent of all the coal in the United States was used for electricity production. Coal generates almost half of the electricity used in the U.S. Other energy sources used to generate electricity include uranium (nuclear power), hydropower, natural gas, biomass, and wind.

Another major use of coal is in iron and steelmaking. The iron industry uses coke ovens to melt iron ore. **Coke**, an almost pure carbon residue of coal, is used as a fuel in smelting metals. The United States has the finest coking coals in the world. These coals are shipped around the world for use in coke ovens. Coal is also used by other industries. The paper, brick, and cement industries all use coal to make products.

Coal is no longer a major energy source for heating American homes or other buildings. Less than half of one percent of the coal produced in the U.S. today is used for heating. Coal furnaces, which were popular years ago, have largely been replaced by oil or gas furnaces or by electric heat pumps.



**Coal and the Environment**

As the effects of pollution became more noticeable, the world decided it was time to balance the needs of industry and the environment.

Over a century ago, concern for the environment was not at the forefront of public attention. For years, smokestacks from electrical and industrial plants emitted pollutants into the air. Coal mining left some land areas barren and destroyed. Automobiles, coming on strong after World War II, contributed noxious gases to the air.

The **Clean Air Act** and the **Clean Water Act** require industries to reduce pollutants released into the air and the water. Laws also require companies to reclaim the land damaged by surface mining. Progress has been made toward cleaning and preserving the environment.

The coal industry’s largest environmental challenge today is removing organic sulfur, a substance that is chemically bound to coal. All fossil fuels, such as coal, petroleum, and natural gas, contain sulfur. Low sulfur coal produces fewer pollutants.

When these fuels are burned, the organic sulfur is released and combines with oxygen to form sulfur dioxide. Sulfur dioxide is an invisible gas that has been shown to have adverse effects on air quality.

The coal industry is working to solve this problem. One method uses devices called **scrubbers** to remove the sulfur in coal smoke. Scrubbers are installed at coal-fired electric and industrial plants where a water and limestone mixture reacts with sulfur dioxide to form sludge. Scrubbers eliminate up to 98 percent of the sulfur dioxide. Utilities that burn coal spend millions of dollars to install these scrubbers.

The coal industry has made significant improvements in reducing sulfur emissions. Since 1989, coal-fired plants in the United States have lowered sulfur dioxide emissions per ton by a fourth and have increased efficiency significantly.

Coal plants also recycle millions of tons of fly ash (a coal by-product) into useful products such as road building materials, cement additives and, in some cases, pellets to be used in rebuilding oyster beds.

Carbon dioxide is released when coal is burned, just as it is released from the human body during respiration. Carbon dioxide combines with other gases, such as those emitted from automobiles, to form a shield that allows the sun’s light through the atmosphere, but doesn’t let the heat that is produced out of the atmosphere. This phenomenon is called the **greenhouse effect**. Without this greenhouse effect, the Earth would be too cold to support life.

There is concern that human activities are causing major changes in greenhouse gas levels in the Earth’s atmosphere that are responsible for a change in the Earth’s climate.

Many scientists believe the Earth is already experiencing a warming trend due to the greenhouse effect. Long-term studies by scientists in many countries are being conducted to determine the effect of changing greenhouse gas levels in the atmosphere. Scientists are also researching new technologies to help mitigate changes to the global climate.

**Cleaner Coal Technology**

Coal is the United States’ most plentiful fossil fuel, but traditional methods of burning coal produce emissions that can reduce air and water quality. Using coal can help the United States achieve domestic energy security if we can develop methods to use coal that won’t damage the environment.

The **Clean Coal Technology Program** is a government and industry funded program that was begun in 1986 in an effort to resolve U.S. and Canadian concern over **acid rain**. Clean coal technologies remove sulfur and nitrogen oxides before, during, and after coal is burned, or convert coal to a gas or liquid fuel. Clean coal technologies are also more efficient, using less coal to produce the same amount of electricity.

**Fluidized Bed Combustor:** One technique that cleans coal as it burns is a fluidized bed combustor. In this combustor, crushed coal is mixed with limestone and suspended on jets of air inside a boiler. The coal mixture floats in the boiler much like a boiling liquid. The limestone acts like a sponge by capturing 90 percent of the organic sulfur that is released when the coal is burned. The bubbling motion of the coal also enhances the burning process.

Combustion temperatures can be held to 1,500 degrees Fahrenheit, about half that of a conventional boiler. Since this temperature is below the threshold where nitrogen pollutants form, a fluidized bed combustor keeps both sulfur and nitrogen oxides in check.

**Coal Gasification:** Another clean coal technology bypasses the conventional coal burning process altogether by converting coal into a gas. This method removes sulfur, nitrogen compounds, and particulates before the fuel is burned, making it as clean as natural gas.

**Carbon Capture and Storage:** Research and demonstration projects are underway around the U.S. and world to capture carbon dioxide from power plants and store it deep underground in geologic formations. Researchers are investigating the best ways to capture carbon dioxide, either before or after coal is combusted. The carbon dioxide will then be compressed converting the gas to a liquid. It will then be transported via pipeline to appropriate storage sites. Three different types of locations have been identified as being able to hold carbon dioxide: 1) deep saline formations, 2) oil and gas reservoirs that are near depletion or have been depleted, and 3) unmineable coal seams.





**Proved recoverable coal reserves at end-2006
(million tonnes)**

| **Rank** | **Country** | **Anthracite & bituminous** | **Subbituminous & lignite** | **Total** | **Share** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/a/a4/Flag_of_the_United_States.svg/23px-Flag_of_the_United_States.svg.png [USA](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States) | 111,338 | 135,305 | 246,643 | 27.1 |
| 3 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/f/f3/Flag_of_Russia.svg/23px-Flag_of_Russia.svg.png [Russia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russia) | 49,088 | 107,922 | 157,010 | 17.3 |
| 4 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/f/fa/Flag_of_the_People%27s_Republic_of_China.svg/23px-Flag_of_the_People%27s_Republic_of_China.svg.png [China](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China) | 62,200 | 52,300 | 114,500 | 12.6 |
| 5 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/4/41/Flag_of_India.svg/23px-Flag_of_India.svg.png [India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India) | 90,085 | 2,360 | 92,445 | 10.2 |
| 6 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/b/b9/Flag_of_Australia.svg/23px-Flag_of_Australia.svg.png [Australia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australia) | 38,600 | 39,900 | 78,500 | 8.6 |
| 7 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/a/af/Flag_of_South_Africa.svg/23px-Flag_of_South_Africa.svg.png [South Africa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Africa) | 48,750 | 0 | 48,750 | 5.4 |
| 8 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/4/49/Flag_of_Ukraine.svg/23px-Flag_of_Ukraine.svg.png [Ukraine](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ukraine) | 16,274 | 17,879 | 34,153 | 3.8 |
| 9 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/d/d3/Flag_of_Kazakhstan.svg/23px-Flag_of_Kazakhstan.svg.png [Kazakhstan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kazakhstan) | 28,151 | 3,128 | 31,279 | 3.4 |
| 10 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/1/12/Flag_of_Poland.svg/23px-Flag_of_Poland.svg.png [Poland](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Poland) | 14,000 | 0 | 14,000 | 1.5 |
| 11 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/0/05/Flag_of_Brazil.svg/22px-Flag_of_Brazil.svg.png [Brazil](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brazil) | 0 | 10,113 | 10,113 | 1.1 |
| 12 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/b/ba/Flag_of_Germany.svg/23px-Flag_of_Germany.svg.png [Germany](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Germany) | 183 | 6,556 | 6,739 | 0.7 |
| 13 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/2/21/Flag_of_Colombia.svg/23px-Flag_of_Colombia.svg.png [Colombia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colombia) | 6,230 | 381 | 6,611 | 0.7 |
| 14 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/c/cf/Flag_of_Canada.svg/23px-Flag_of_Canada.svg.png [Canada](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canada) | 3,471 | 3,107 | 6,578 | 0.7 |
| 15 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/c/cb/Flag_of_the_Czech_Republic.svg/23px-Flag_of_the_Czech_Republic.svg.png [Czech Republic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Czech_Republic) | 2,094 | 3,458 | 5,552 | 0.6 |
| 16 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/9/9f/Flag_of_Indonesia.svg/23px-Flag_of_Indonesia.svg.png [Indonesia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indonesia) | 740 | 4,228 | 4,968 | 0.5 |
| 17 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/b/b4/Flag_of_Turkey.svg/23px-Flag_of_Turkey.svg.png [Turkey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turkey) | 278 | 3,908 | 4,186 | 0.5 |
| 18 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/5c/Flag_of_Greece.svg/23px-Flag_of_Greece.svg.png [Greece](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greece) | 0 | 3,900 | 3,900 | 0.4 |
| 19 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/c/c1/Flag_of_Hungary.svg/23px-Flag_of_Hungary.svg.png [Hungary](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hungary) | 198 | 3,159 | 3,357 | 0.4 |
| 20 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/a/ae/Flag_of_the_United_Kingdom.svg/23px-Flag_of_the_United_Kingdom.svg.png [United Kingdom](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Kingdom) | 0 | 3,196 | 3,196 | 0.3 |
| 21 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/9/9a/Flag_of_Bulgaria.svg/23px-Flag_of_Bulgaria.svg.png [Bulgaria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bulgaria) | 4 | 2,183 | 2,187 | 0.2 |
| 22 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/a/a9/Flag_of_Thailand.svg/23px-Flag_of_Thailand.svg.png [Thailand](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thailand) | 0 | 1,354 | 1,354 | 0.1 |
| 23 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/51/Flag_of_North_Korea.svg/23px-Flag_of_North_Korea.svg.png [North Korea](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_Korea) | 300 | 300 | 600 | 0.1 |
| 24 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/3/3e/Flag_of_New_Zealand.svg/23px-Flag_of_New_Zealand.svg.png [New Zealand](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Zealand) | 33 | 538 | 571 | 0.1 |
| 25 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/9/9a/Flag_of_Spain.svg/23px-Flag_of_Spain.svg.png [Spain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spain) | 200 | 330 | 530 | 0.1 |
| 26 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/6/6a/Flag_of_Zimbabwe.svg/23px-Flag_of_Zimbabwe.svg.png [Zimbabwe](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zimbabwe) | 502 | 0 | 502 | 0.1 |
| 27 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/7/73/Flag_of_Romania.svg/23px-Flag_of_Romania.svg.png [Romania](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Romania) | 22 | 472 | 494 | 0.1 |
| 28 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/0/06/Flag_of_Venezuela.svg/23px-Flag_of_Venezuela.svg.png [Venezuela](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Venezuela) | 479 | 0 | 479 | 0.1 |
| **Total** | [**World**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World) | **478,771** | **430,293** | **909,064** | **100.0** |

**Coal production in 2007
(million tonnes)**

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| **Rank** | **Country** | **Production** | **Share** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| — |   [World](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World) | 6,395.6 | 100 |
| 1 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/f/fa/Flag_of_the_People%27s_Republic_of_China.svg/23px-Flag_of_the_People%27s_Republic_of_China.svg.png [China](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China) | 2,536.7 | 39.7 |
| 2 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/a/a4/Flag_of_the_United_States.svg/23px-Flag_of_the_United_States.svg.png [United States](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States) | 1,039.2 | 16.2 |
| — | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/b/b7/Flag_of_Europe.svg/23px-Flag_of_Europe.svg.png [European Union](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_Union) | 590.5 | 9.2 |
| 3 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/4/41/Flag_of_India.svg/23px-Flag_of_India.svg.png [India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India) | 478.2 | 7.5 |
| 4 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/b/b9/Flag_of_Australia.svg/23px-Flag_of_Australia.svg.png [Australia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australia) | 393.9 | 6.2 |
| 5 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/f/f3/Flag_of_Russia.svg/23px-Flag_of_Russia.svg.png [Russia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russia) | 314.2 | 4.9 |
| 6 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/a/af/Flag_of_South_Africa.svg/23px-Flag_of_South_Africa.svg.png [South Africa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Africa) | 269.4 | 4.2 |
| 7 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/b/ba/Flag_of_Germany.svg/23px-Flag_of_Germany.svg.png [Germany](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Germany) | 201.9 | 3.2 |
| 8 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/9/9f/Flag_of_Indonesia.svg/23px-Flag_of_Indonesia.svg.png [Indonesia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indonesia) | 174.8 | 2.7 |
| 9 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/1/12/Flag_of_Poland.svg/23px-Flag_of_Poland.svg.png [Poland](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Poland) | 145.8 | 2.3 |
| 10 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/d/d3/Flag_of_Kazakhstan.svg/23px-Flag_of_Kazakhstan.svg.png [Kazakhstan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kazakhstan) | 94.4 | 1.5 |
| 11 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/b/b4/Flag_of_Turkey.svg/23px-Flag_of_Turkey.svg.png [Turkey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turkey) | 76.6 | 1.2 |
| 12 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/4/49/Flag_of_Ukraine.svg/23px-Flag_of_Ukraine.svg.png [Ukraine](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ukraine) | 76.3 | 1.2 |
| 13 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/2/21/Flag_of_Colombia.svg/23px-Flag_of_Colombia.svg.png [Colombia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colombia) | 71.7 | 1.1 |
| 14 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/c/cf/Flag_of_Canada.svg/23px-Flag_of_Canada.svg.png [Canada](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canada) | 69.4 | 1.1 |
| 15 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/c/cb/Flag_of_the_Czech_Republic.svg/23px-Flag_of_the_Czech_Republic.svg.png [Czech Republic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Czech_Republic) | 62.6 | 1.0 |
| 16 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/5c/Flag_of_Greece.svg/23px-Flag_of_Greece.svg.png [Greece](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greece) | 62.5 | 1.0 |
| 17 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/2/21/Flag_of_Vietnam.svg/23px-Flag_of_Vietnam.svg.png [Vietnam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vietnam) | 41.2 | 0.6 |
| 18 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/7/73/Flag_of_Romania.svg/23px-Flag_of_Romania.svg.png [Romania](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Romania) | 35.4 | 0.6 |
| 19 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/9/9a/Flag_of_Bulgaria.svg/23px-Flag_of_Bulgaria.svg.png [Bulgaria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bulgaria) | 30.4 | 0.5 |
| 20 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/a/a9/Flag_of_Thailand.svg/23px-Flag_of_Thailand.svg.png [Thailand](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thailand) | 18.3 | 0.3 |
| 21 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/9/9a/Flag_of_Spain.svg/23px-Flag_of_Spain.svg.png [Spain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spain) | 18.2 | 0.3 |
| 22 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/a/ae/Flag_of_the_United_Kingdom.svg/23px-Flag_of_the_United_Kingdom.svg.png [United Kingdom](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Kingdom) | 17.0 | 0.3 [[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coal_by_country#cite_note-6) |
| 23 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/f/fc/Flag_of_Mexico.svg/23px-Flag_of_Mexico.svg.png [Mexico](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mexico) | 12.2 | 0.2 |
| 24 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/c/c1/Flag_of_Hungary.svg/23px-Flag_of_Hungary.svg.png [Hungary](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hungary) | 9.8 | 0.2 |
| 25 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/0/06/Flag_of_Venezuela.svg/23px-Flag_of_Venezuela.svg.png [Venezuela](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Venezuela) | 8.0 | 0.1 |
| 26 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/0/05/Flag_of_Brazil.svg/22px-Flag_of_Brazil.svg.png [Brazil](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brazil) | 5.9 | 0.1 |
| 27 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/3/3e/Flag_of_New_Zealand.svg/23px-Flag_of_New_Zealand.svg.png [New Zealand](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Zealand) | 4.6 | 0.1 |
| 28 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/3/32/Flag_of_Pakistan.svg/23px-Flag_of_Pakistan.svg.png [Pakistan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pakistan) | 3.6 | 0.1 |
| 28 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/6/6a/Flag_of_Zimbabwe.svg/23px-Flag_of_Zimbabwe.svg.png [Zimbabwe](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zimbabwe) | 3.3 |  |
| 29 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/0/09/Flag_of_South_Korea.svg/23px-Flag_of_South_Korea.svg.png [South Korea](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Korea) | 3.2 |  |
| 31 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/9/9e/Flag_of_Japan.svg/23px-Flag_of_Japan.svg.png [Japan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Japan) | 1.3 |  |
| 32 | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/c/c3/Flag_of_France.svg/23px-Flag_of_France.svg.png [France](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/France) | 0.9 |  |

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