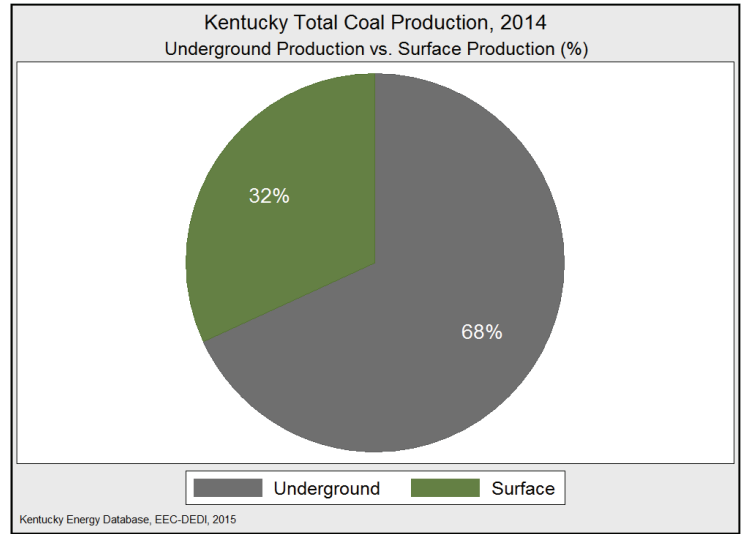
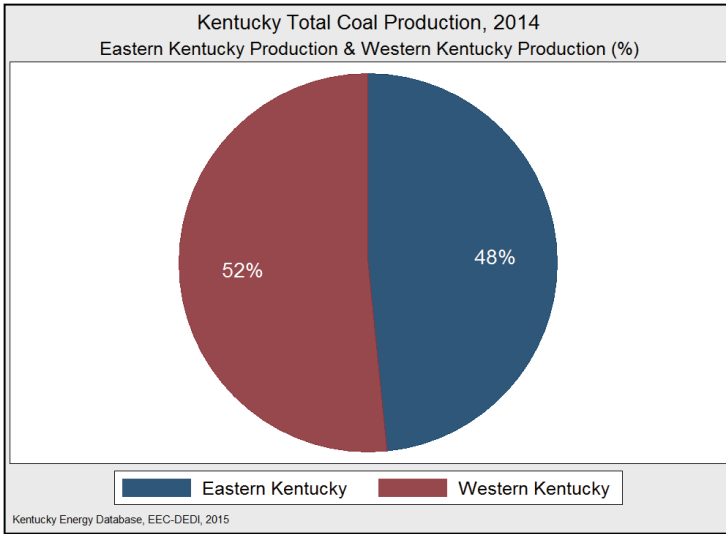


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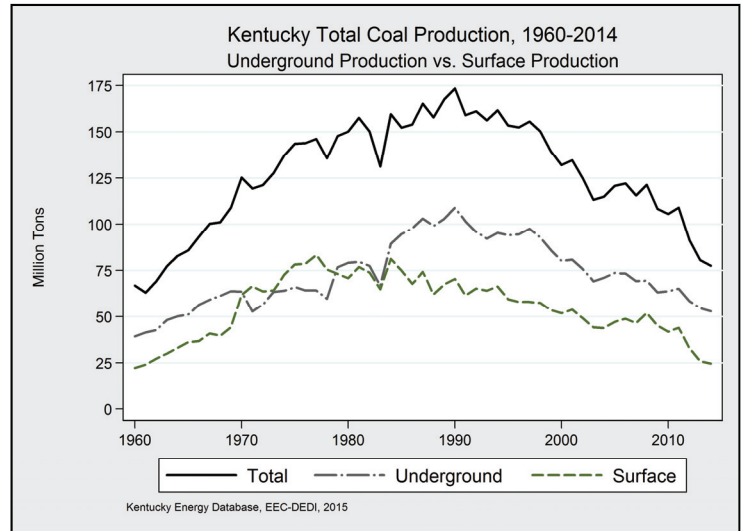
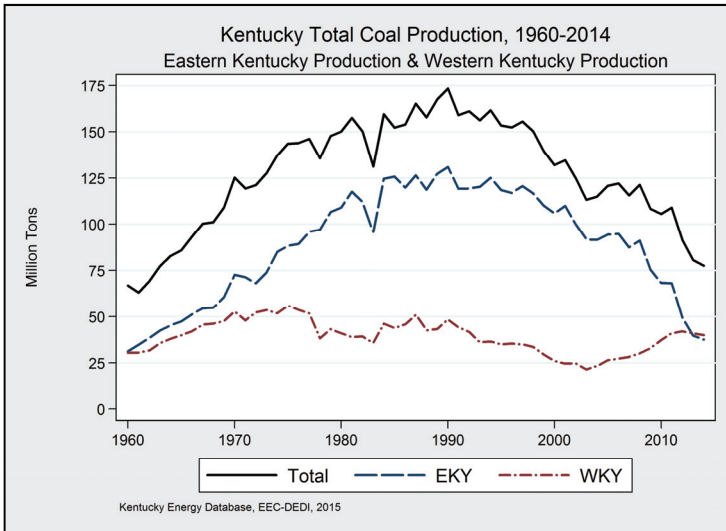


Region	2014 Tonnage	Annual Change
Total	77,471,730	-3.7%
Western Kentucky	39,969,030	-2.2%
Eastern Kentucky	37,502,700	-5.3%

Mine Type	2014 Tonnage	Annual Change
Total	77,471,730	-3.7%
Underground	52,807,272	-3.3%
Surface	24,664,458	-4.7%

Preliminary data indicate that Kentucky coal mines produced 77.5 million tons in 2014, a decrease of 3.7 percent from 2013.

Coal production at underground mines slowed to 52.8 million tons in 2014, a decrease of 3.3 percent. Surface mines produced 24.7 million tons, a decrease of 4.7 percent.

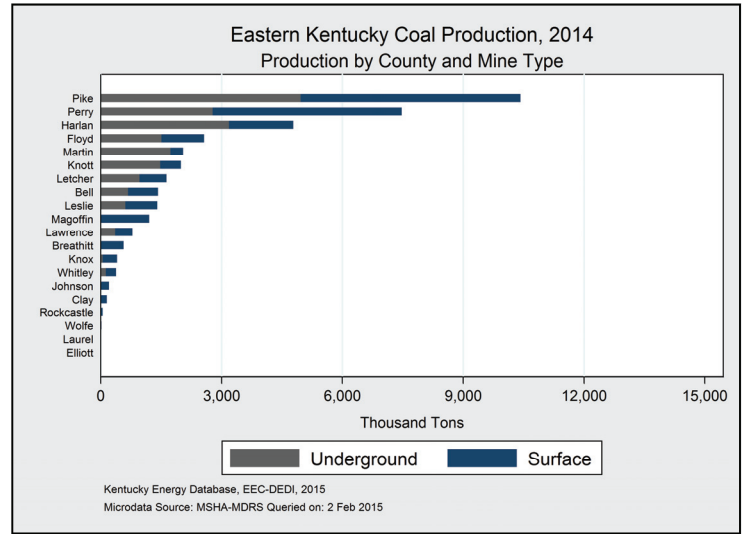
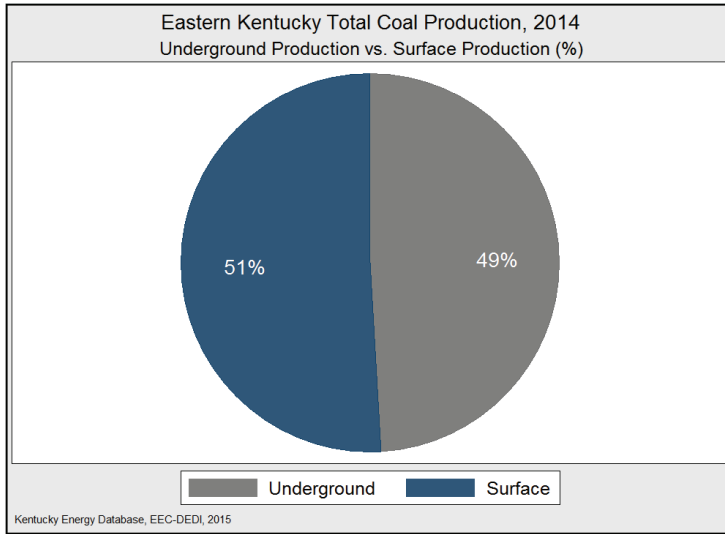


Total coal production decreased by 8.9 percent from the third to fourth quarter of 2014 to 18.2 million tons, 9.7 and 8.5 million tons in western and eastern Kentucky respectively.

During the fourth quarter of 2014, Kentucky produced 12.6 million tons of coal from underground mines during the fourth quarter, a decrease of 5 percent from the third quarter. Coal production at surface mining operations slowed to 5.6 million tons per quarter, a decrease of 16.5 percent from third quarter.

Eastern Kentucky Coal Production

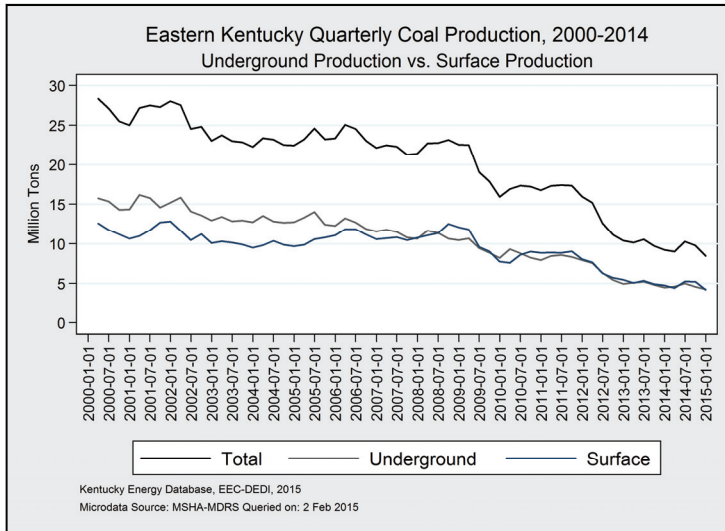
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Mine Type	2014 Tonnage	Annual Change
Total	37,502,700	-5.3%
Surface	19,088,760	-4.7%
Underground	18,413,940	-5.9%

Eastern County	2014 Tonnage	Annual Change
Pike	10,422,740	-4.3%
Perry	7,475,878	-1.1%
Harlan	4,779,629	+4.7%
Floyd	2,565,056	+5.1%
Martin	2,043,375	-31.6%
Knott	1,990,109	+4.6%
Letcher	1,632,697	-26.3%
Bell	1,418,107	+22.6%
Leslie	1,403,285	-34.3%
Magoffin	1,204,438	-22.4%
Lawrence	783,698	+21.7%
Breathitt	564,817	+213.4%
Knox	404,407	+6.4%
Whitley	381,602	+33.5%
Johnson	203,359	-38.6%
Clay	148,760	-18.1%
Rockcastle	44,336	+229.9%
Wolfe	15,540	—
Laurel	12,183	-49.6%
Elliott	8,684	-81.3%

Eastern Kentucky coal production decreased in 2014 by 5.3 percent to 37.5 million tons of coal, 51 percent from surface mines and 49 percent from underground mines.

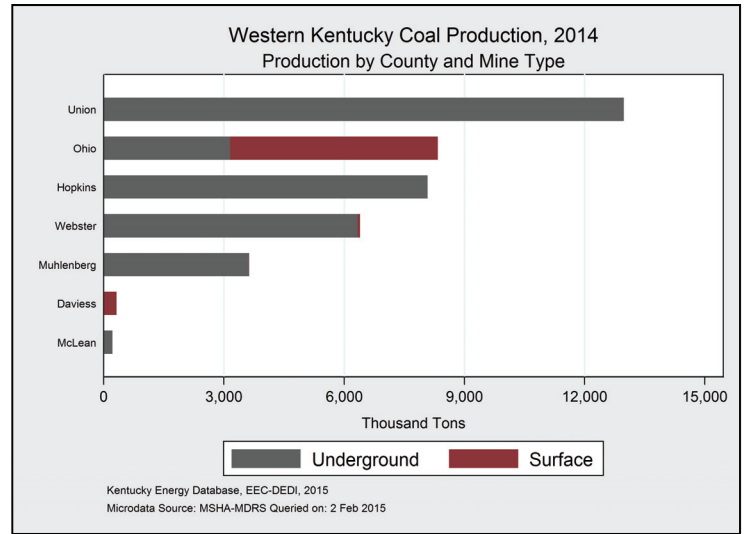
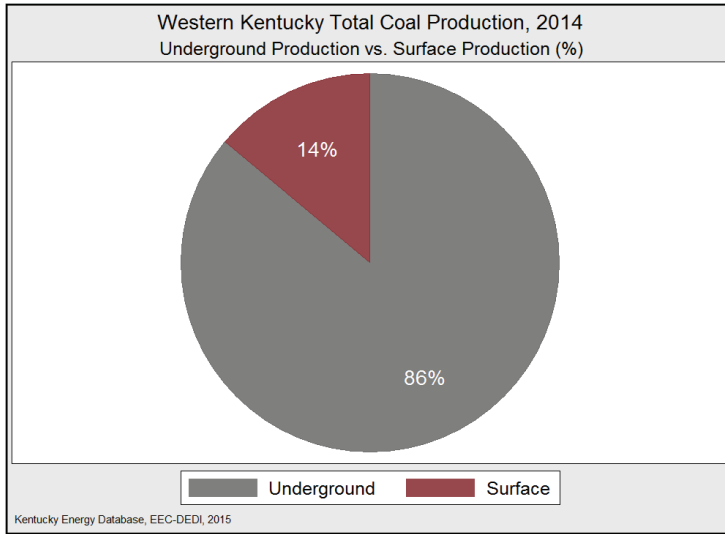


Annual production slowed at both underground and surface mining operations, by 5.9 and 4.7 percent respectively. Eastern Kentucky coal production during the fourth quarter of 2014 was 8.5 million tons.

Pike County remained the largest coal producing county in eastern Kentucky and the second largest producing county overall, producing over 10.4 million tons during 2014.

Western Kentucky Coal Production

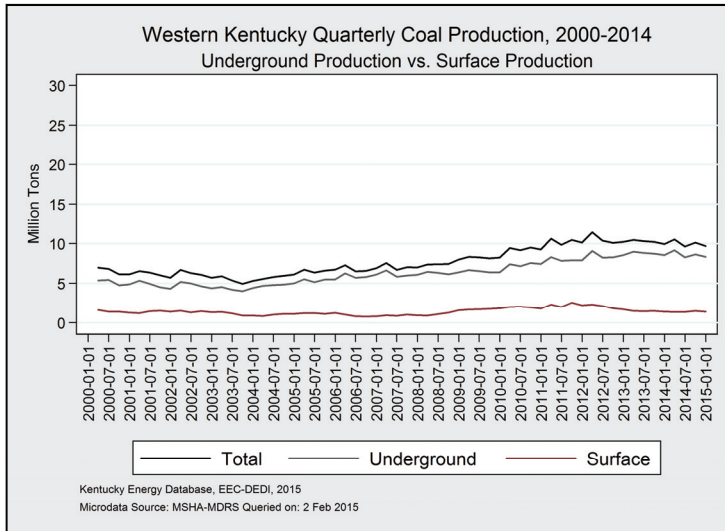
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Mine Type	2014 Tonnage	Annual Change
Total	39,969,030	-2.2%
Underground	34,393,332	-1.9%
Surface	5,575,698	-4.4%

Western County	2014 Tonnage	Annual Change
Union	12,977,905	-2.2%
Ohio	8,336,969	+1.7%
Hopkins	8,080,823	-9.9%
Webster	6,398,494	+8.8%
Muhlenberg	3,630,122	-10.9%
Daviess	323,807	-33.2%
McLean	220,910	—

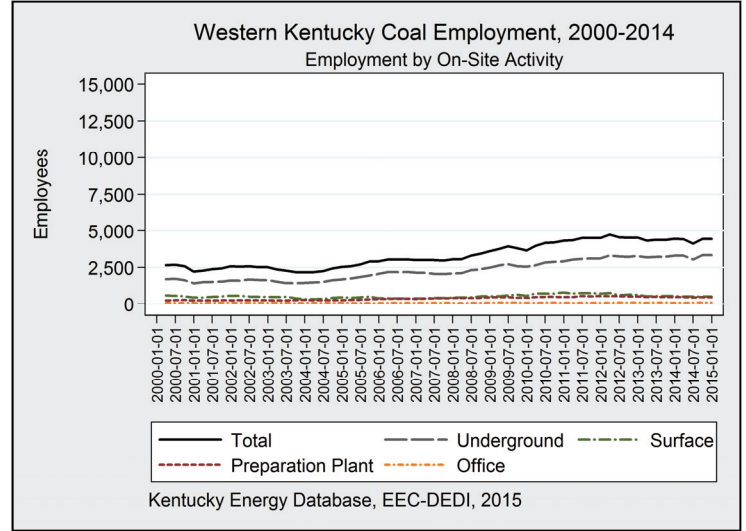
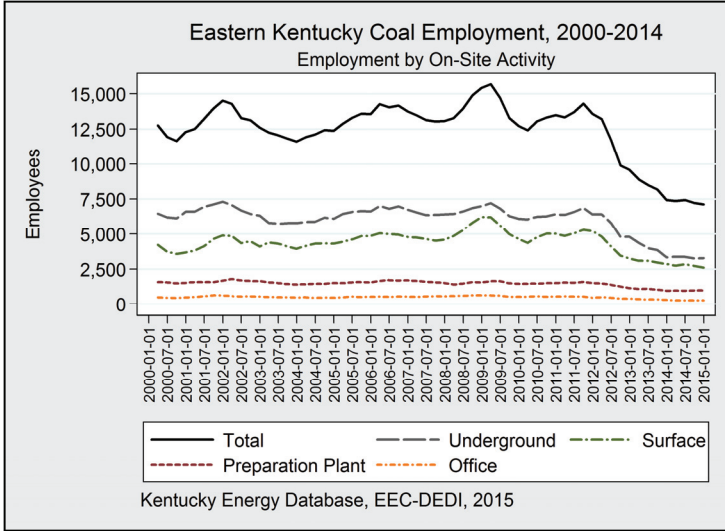
Western Kentucky mined nearly 40 million tons in 2014, 86 percent from underground. Underground and surface mining decreased 1.9 and 4.4 percent respectively.



Western Kentucky coal production decreased by 2.2 percent during 2014. Coal production for the fourth quarter of 2014 was 9.7 million tons per quarter. Union County remained Kentucky's leading coal producing county, producing nearly 13 million tons during 2014.

Kentucky Coal Mine Employment

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Eastern Counties	Q4 Employment	Annual Change	Annual Change
Total	7,141	-304	-4.1%
Pike	1,903	+12	+0.6%
Perry	1,097	-126	-10.3%
Harlan	974	+42	+4.5%
Martin	497	-155	-23.8%
Bell	465	+101	+27.7%
Floyd	443	-63	-12.5%
Leslie	307	+53	+20.9%
Knott	295	+25	+9.3%
Letcher	266	-141	-34.6%
Whitley	173	+19	+12.3%
Magoffin	129	-46	-26.3%
Knox	124	-51	-29.1%
Lawrence	114	-31	-21.4%
Breathitt	96	+56	+140%
Johnson	75	-9	-10.7%
Boyd	62	-14	-18.4%
Estill	41	+35	+583%
Clay	45	-21	-31.8%
Wolfe	17	+17	—
Laurel	14	+14	—
McCreary	4	-21	-84%

Western Counties	Q4 Employment	Annual Change	Annual Change
Total	4,433	-16	-0.3%
Union	1,283	-45	-3.4%
Hopkins	980	+5	+0.5%
Ohio	802	-36	-4.3%
Webster	680	+11	+1.6%
Muhlenberg	476	-1	-0.2%
McLean	103	+81	+368%
Marshall	43	-7	-14.0%
Livingston	32	-5	-13.5%
Daviess	26	-17	-39.5%
Henderson	8	-2	-20.0%

Description	Q4 Employment	Annual Change	Annual Change
Kentucky Total	11,574	-317	-2.8%
Underground	6,611	-32	-0.5%
Surface	3,127	-291	-8.5%
Preparation Plant	1,460	+23	+1.6%
Office	376	-17	-4.3%

Kentucky coal mines reduced on-site employment by 317 workers, or 2.8 percent, during 2014. As of December 31, 2014, an estimated 11,574 persons are employed at Kentucky coal mines. Layoffs included 323 coal miners, 32 underground and 291 surface. Coal preparation plants increased employment by 23, while on-site office staff were reduced by 17.

Eastern Kentucky coal mines reduced total employment by 304 persons, or 4.1 percent, during the twelve months of 2014. Coal mines in western Kentucky decreased total employment by 16 jobs. To check for an updated version of this report or for more detailed information on coal production in Kentucky, please visit us online at:

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Date		Kentucky Total				Eastern Kentucky				Western Kentucky			
		Average Employment		Tons of Coal Produced		Average Employment		Tons of Coal Produced		Average Employment		Tons of Coal Produced	
		Annual	Quarter	Annual	Quarter	Annual	Quarter	Annual	Quarter	Annual	Quarter	Annual	Quarter
2008	Q1	17,748	16,364	121,316,528	30,073,764	14,391	13,287	91,149,250	22,715,640	3,357	3,077	30,167,278	7,358,124
	Q2		17,250		30,146,989		13,954		22,738,950		3,296		7,408,039
	Q3		18,339		30,588,444		14,895		23,161,700		3,444		7,426,744
	Q4		19,038		30,507,331		15,428		22,532,960		3,610		7,974,371
2009	Q1	17,882	19,430	108,324,689	30,821,727	14,100	15,676	75,372,590	22,489,130	3,783	3,754	32,952,099	8,332,597
	Q2		18,635		27,315,370		14,707		19,049,310		3,928		8,266,060
	Q3		17,080		26,022,600		13,283		17,893,930		3,797		8,128,670
	Q4		16,383		24,164,992		12,732		15,940,220		3,651		8,224,772
2010	Q1	17,232	16,381	105,607,492	26,333,058	13,066	12,407	68,276,060	16,911,990	4,165	3,974	37,331,432	9,421,068
	Q2		17,222		26,542,791		13,056		17,371,700		4,166		9,171,091
	Q3		17,522		26,715,912		13,313		17,221,430		4,209		9,494,482
	Q4		17,801		26,015,731		13,489		16,770,940		4,312		9,244,791
2011	Q1	18,197	17,689	109,084,343	27,928,650	13,731	13,336	68,073,580	17,322,290	4,466	4,353	41,010,763	10,606,360
	Q2		18,194		27,240,503		13,698		17,403,690		4,496		9,836,813
	Q3		18,813		27,832,920		14,304		17,369,040		4,509		10,463,880
	Q4		18,090		26,082,270		13,584		15,978,560		4,506		10,103,710
2012	Q1	15,684	17,935	91,376,410	26,604,080	11,101	13,206	49,330,090	15,204,550	4,583	4,729	42,046,320	11,399,530
	Q2		16,281		22,951,780		11,734		12,595,780		4,547		10,356,000
	Q3		14,410		21,219,910		9,896		11,141,240		4,514		10,078,670
	Q4		14,111		20,600,640		9,568		10,388,520		4,543		10,212,120
2013	Q1	12,642	13,231	80,489,331	20,601,110	8,259	8,905	39,610,363	10,154,870	4,384	4,326	40,878,968	10,446,240
	Q2		12,890		20,821,940		8,498		10,533,830		4,392		10,288,110
	Q3		12,557		19,918,788		8,189		9,709,578		4,368		10,209,210
	Q4		11,891		19,147,493		7,442		9,212,085		4,449		9,935,408
2014	Q1	11,643	11,773	77,471,730	19,524,599	7,288	7,358	37,502,700	8,999,669	4,354	4,415	39,969,030	10,524,930
	Q2		11,561		19,885,075		7,434		10,261,040		4,127		9,624,035
	Q3		11,662		19,902,896		7,220		9,779,126		4,442		10,123,770
	Q4		11,574		18,159,163		7,141		8,462,865		4,433		9,696,295

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