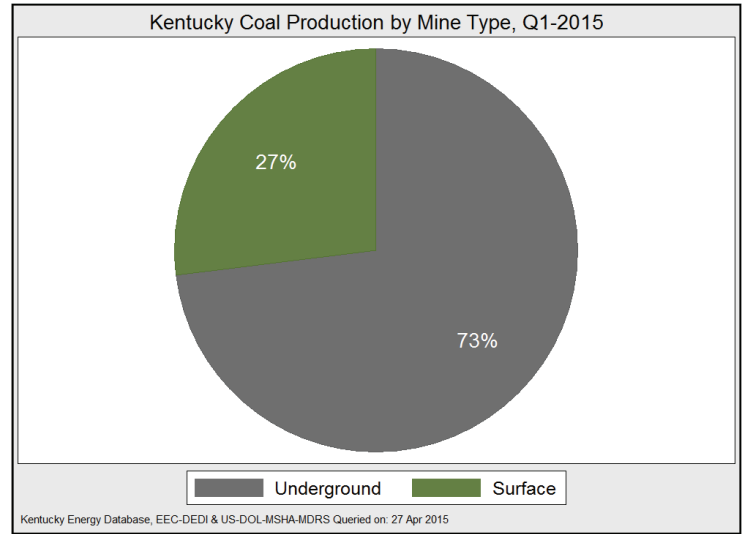
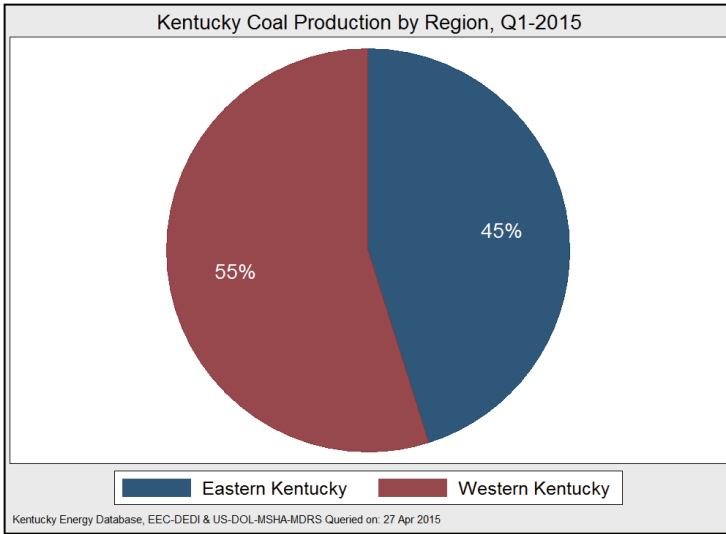


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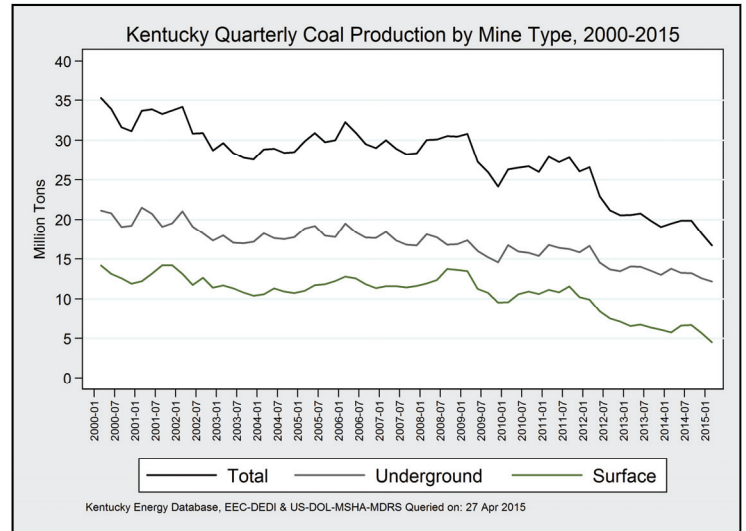
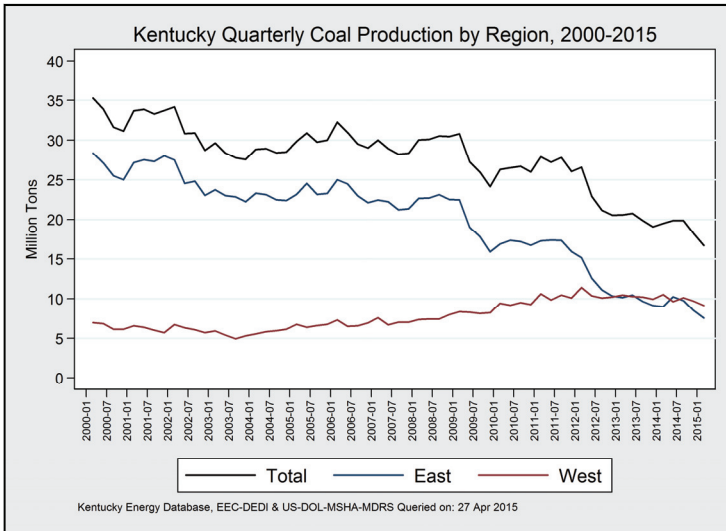


Region	Q1 Tonnage	Quarter Change
Total	16,682,204	-8.4%
Western Kentucky	9,149,591	-5.6%
Eastern Kentucky	7,532,613	-11.5%

Mine Type	Q1 Tonnage	Quarter Change
Total	16,682,204	-8.4%
Underground	12,184,103	-3.1%
Surface	4,498,101	-20.2%

Preliminary data indicate that total coal production at Kentucky mines declined by 8.4 percent during the first quarter of 2015 to 16.7 million tons.

Coal production at surface mines decreased by 20.2 percent during the first quarter of 2015 and accounted for 27 percent of total Kentucky production.

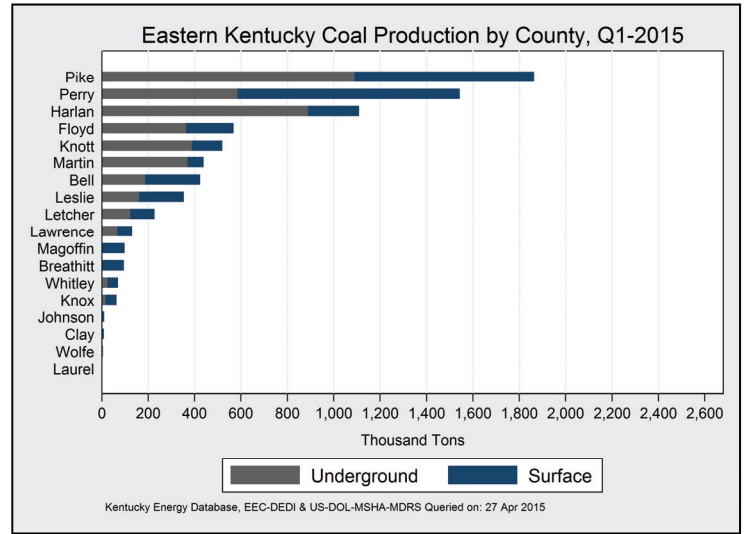
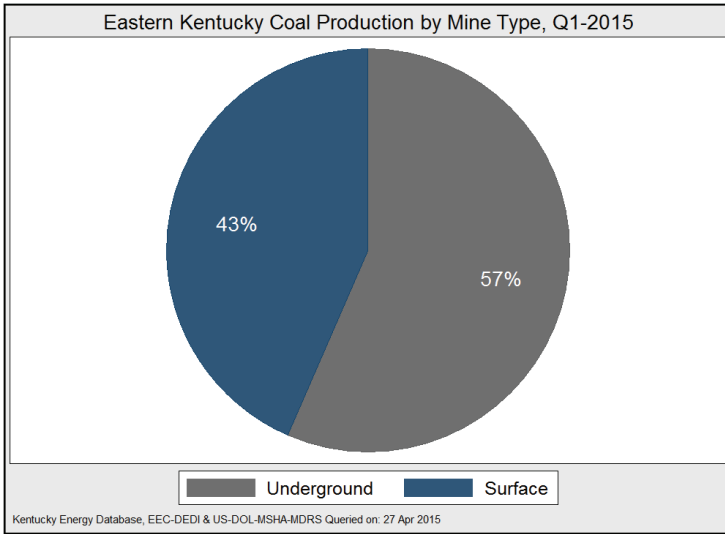


Kentucky coal mines decreased production in both coalfields. Western Kentucky mines decreased production by 5.6 percent, to produce nearly 9.2 million tons for the quarter. Eastern Kentucky mines decreased production by 11.5 percent to produce 7.5 million tons. During the first quarter of 2015, underground mines in Kentucky produced nearly 12.2 million tons, a reduction of 3.1 percent from the fourth quarter of 2014.

Almost all coal mined in Kentucky is used to generate electricity in the United States. As many coal-fired power plants have been closed, demand for Kentucky coal has decreased. Of the power plants Kentucky sold coal to in 2011, one-third will have closed coal units by the end of 2015. Of the power plants currently receiving Kentucky coal, 17 have announced closures by the end of 2015, with seven more for 2017 and combined account for one-third of current production.

Eastern Kentucky Coal Production

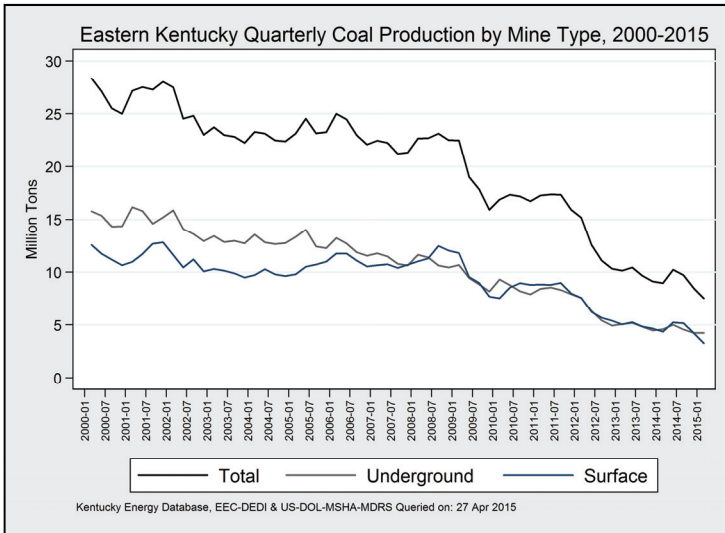
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Mine Type	Q1 Tonnage	Quarter Change
Total	7,532,613	-11.5%
Underground	4,257,870	+0.2%
Surface	3,274,743	-23.1%

Eastern County	Q1 Tonnage	Quarter Change
Pike	1,864,209	-17.6%
Perry	1,543,913	-15.5%
Harlan	1,109,030	+4.7%
Floyd	567,731	-5.5%
Knott	520,033	-0.8%
Martin	438,348	+2.3%
Bell	424,473	-3.7%
Leslie	353,490	-3.8%
Letcher	227,868	-21.9%
Lawrence	130,605	+18.8%
Magoffin	98,406	-63.8%
Breathitt	94,933	-18.4%
Whitley	70,048	-12.7%
Knox	63,429	+20.4%
Johnson	9,796	-56.9%
Clay	8,514	-68.3%
Wolfe	4,785	-69.2%
Laurel	3,002	-64.2%

Eastern Kentucky coal production decreased by 11.5 percent during the first quarter of 2015. Production decreased most substantially at surface mining operations, by 23.1 percent.

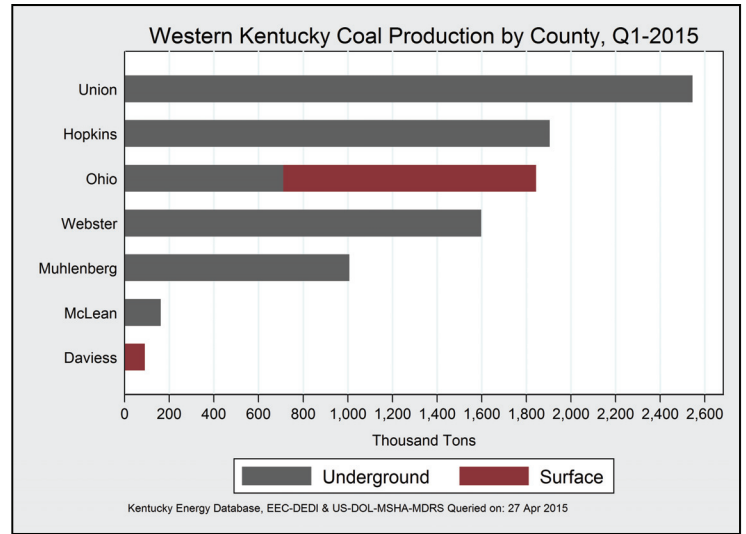
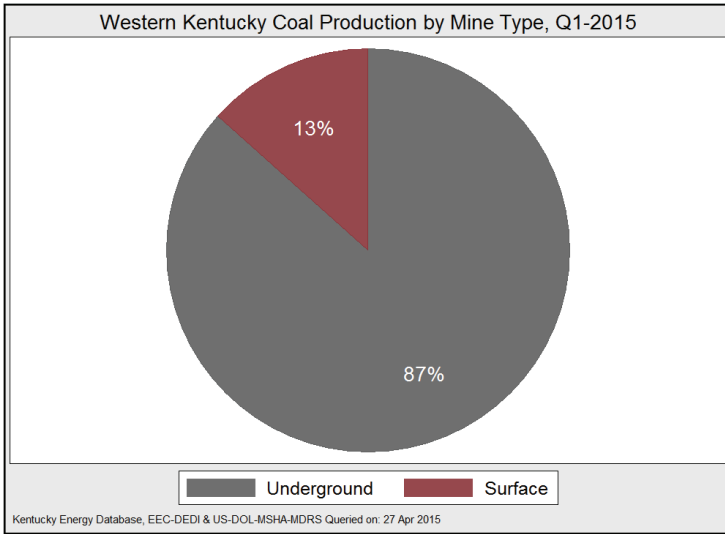


Underground mining techniques were the leading method of coal extraction in eastern Kentucky during the first quarter. Production increased from underground operations by 0.2 percent and accounted for 57 percent of total production.

Pike County remained the largest coal producing county in eastern Kentucky, producing over 1.86 million tons during the first quarter.

Western Kentucky Coal Production

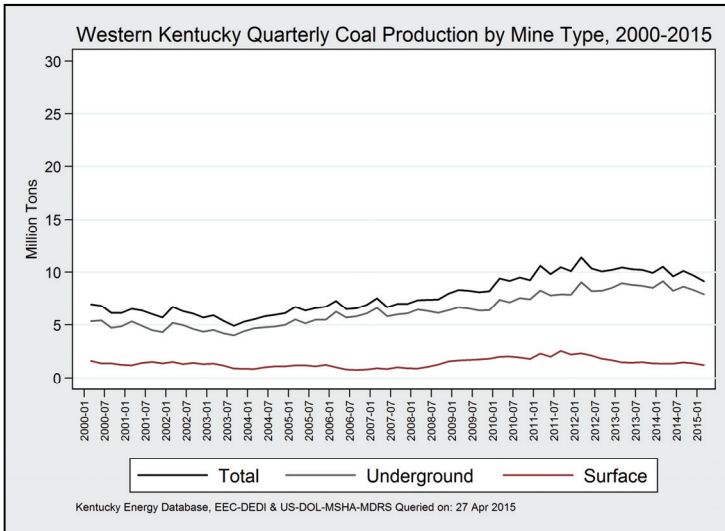
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Mine Type	Q1 Tonnage	Quarter Change
Total	9,149,591	-5.6%
Underground	7,926,233	-4.7%
Surface	1,223,358	-11.2%

Western County	Q1 Tonnage	Quarter Change
Union	2,545,043	-21.5%
Hopkins	1,904,811	+0.4%
Ohio	1,844,099	-6.7%
Webster	1,597,525	+7.9%
Muhlenberg	1,006,807	+7.7%
McLean	160,951	+45%
Daviess	90,355	+68.9%

Western Kentucky mined nearly 9.15 million tons during the first quarter of 2015, 87 percent from underground mines and 13 percent from surface mines.

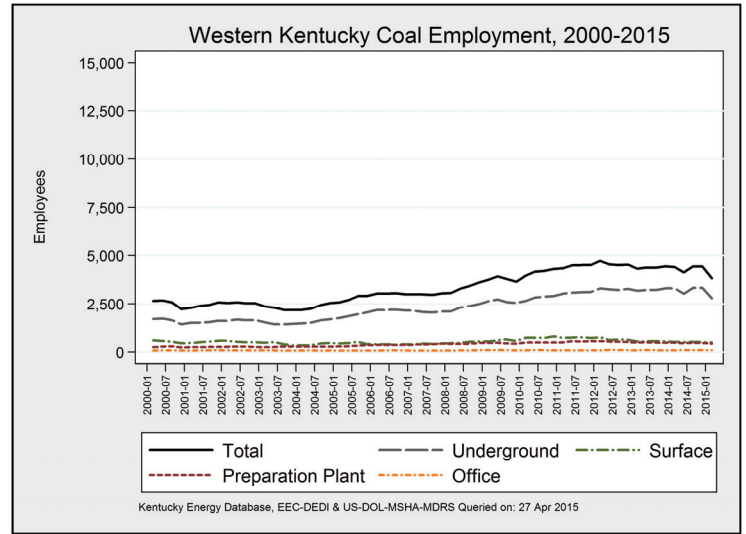
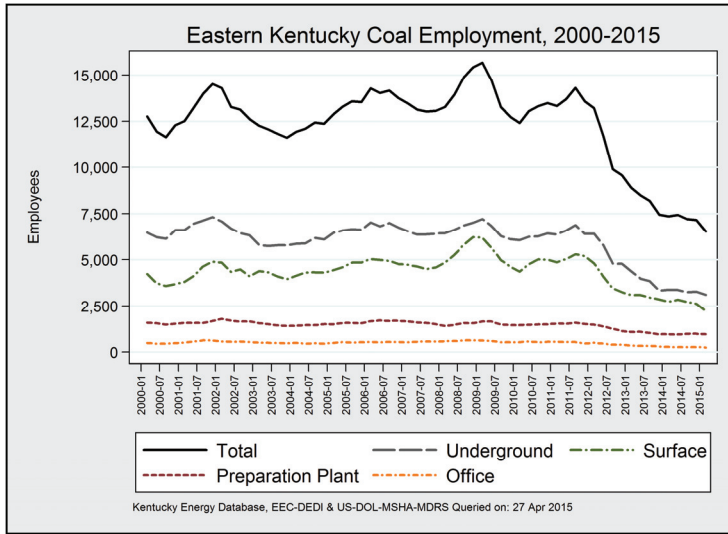


Western Kentucky coal production decreased by 5.6 percent during the first quarter of 2015. Union County remained Kentucky's leading coal producing county, despite significant declines in production due to the closure of the Highland 9 and Rough Creek mines.

The River View Mine in Union County, owned by Alliance Resource Partners, remained Kentucky's largest coal mine, producing 2.4 million tons. This one mine produces more coal than any Kentucky county outside Union County.

Kentucky Coal Mine Employment

January to March 2015



Eastern Counties	Q1 Employment	Quarter Change	Quarter Change
Total	6,530	-623	-8.7%
Pike	1,742	-158	-8.3%
Perry	998	-99	-9%
Harlan	884	-95	-9.7%
Floyd	467	+29	+6.6%
Bell	452	-15	-3.2%
Martin	441	-56	-11.3%
Knott	280	-16	-5.4%
Letcher	255	-16	-5.9%
Leslie	238	-69	-22.5%
Whitley	181	+6	+3.4%
Knox	141	+17	+13.7%
Magoffin	99	-30	-23.3%
Lawrence	99	-15	-13.2%
Breathitt	60	-36	-37.5%
Boyd	55	-7	-11.3%
Johnson	40	-35	-46.7%
Estill	38	-3	-7.3%
Clay	35	-15	-30%
Laurel	13	-1	-7.1%
Wolfe	8	-9	-52.9%
McCreary	4	0	0%

Western Counties	Q1 Employment	Quarter Change	Quarter Change
Total	3,826	-607	-13.7%
Hopkins	944	-36	-3.7%
Ohio	759	-43	-5.4%
Union	731	-552	-43%
Webster	687	+7	1%
Muhlenberg	475	-1	-0.2%
McLean	119	+16	+15.5%
Marshall	44	+1	+2.3%
Livingston	33	+1	+3.1%
Daviess	26	0	0%
Henderson	8	0	0%

Description	Q1 Employment	Quarter Change	Quarter Change
Kentucky Total	10,356	-1,230	-10.6%
Underground	5,895	-715	-10.8%
Surface	2,717	-422	-13.4%
Preparation Plant	1,395	-63	-4.3%
Office	349	-30	-7.9%

Preliminary data indicate that Kentucky coal mines reduced on-site employment by 1,230 workers, or 10.6 percent of their workforce, during the first quarter of 2015. As of April 1, an estimated 10,356 persons were employed at Kentucky coal mines. There were 715 lost underground mining jobs and 422 lost surface mining jobs, and 63 lost coal preparation plants jobs, while on-site office staff was reduced by 30.

During the first quarter of 2015, there were 6,530 persons employed at eastern Kentucky coal mines, a decrease of 8.7 percent from the fourth quarter of 2014. Coal mines in western Kentucky decreased total employment by 607 jobs or 13.7 percent. 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	17,774	16,355	121,138,704	30,028,000	14,412	13,278	90,971,424	22,669,876	3,362	3,077	30,167,278	7,358,124
	Q2		17,240		30,091,796		13,944		22,683,756		3,296		7,408,039
	Q3		18,329		30,543,748		14,885		23,117,004		3,444		7,426,744
	Q4		19,028		30,475,160		15,418		22,500,788		3,610		7,974,371
2009	Q1	17,919	19,422	108,168,736	30,803,084	14,138	15,668	75,216,640	22,470,488	3,781	3,754	32,952,100	8,332,597
	Q2		18,630		27,262,618		14,702		18,996,558		3,928		8,266,060
	Q3		17,075		25,977,038		13,278		17,848,368		3,797		8,128,670
	Q4		16,378		24,126,000		12,727		15,901,227		3,651		8,224,772
2010	Q1	17,232	16,376	105,466,376	26,300,812	13,065	12,402	68,134,944	16,879,744	4,167	3,974	37,331,432	9,421,068
	Q2		17,217		26,510,520		13,051		17,339,430		4,166		9,171,091
	Q3		17,517		26,682,350		13,308		17,187,868		4,209		9,494,482
	Q4		17,796		25,972,696		13,484		16,727,906		4,312		9,244,791
2011	Q1	18,194	17,684	108,933,080	27,889,224	13,728	13,331	67,922,320	17,282,860	4,466	4,353	41,010,760	10,606,363
	Q2		18,189		27,210,692		13,693		17,373,880		4,496		9,836,813
	Q3		18,808		27,794,356		14,299		17,330,480		4,509		10,463,876
	Q4		18,085		26,038,808		13,579		15,935,097		4,506		10,103,710
2012	Q1	15,735	17,930	91,201,600	26,566,106	11,152	13,201	49,155,280	15,166,579	4,583	4,729	42,046,316	11,399,527
	Q2		16,276		22,919,508		11,729		12,563,502		4,547		10,356,005
	Q3		14,404		21,168,654		9,890		11,089,989		4,514		10,078,665
	Q4		14,105		20,547,326		9,562		10,335,208		4,543		10,212,118
2013	Q1	12,655	13,221	80,277,272	20,584,316	8,271	8,895	39,398,308	10,138,073	4,384	4,326	40,878,964	10,446,242
	Q2		12,880		20,745,980		8,488		10,457,873		4,392		10,288,106
	Q3		12,546		19,868,700		8,178		9,659,492		4,368		10,209,207
	Q4		11,890		19,078,276		7,441		9,142,869		4,449		9,935,408
2014	Q1	11,642	11,765	77,427,360	19,494,444	7,287	7,350	37,458,332	8,969,519	4,355	4,415	39,969,028	10,524,926
	Q2		11,553		19,864,466		7,426		10,240,431		4,127		9,624,035
	Q3		11,654		19,865,356		7,212		9,741,586		4,442		10,123,770
	Q4		11,586		18,203,094		7,153		8,506,796		4,433		9,696,298
2015	Q1		10,356		16,682,204		6,530		7,532,613		3,826		9,149,591

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