

AMERICA'S POWER

Coal Provides Jobs and Affordable Electricity

Coal in Montana

In Montana:

Coal provided **51.2 percent of Montana's electric power generation** in 2012. Montana used **9.3 million short tons** of coal to generate **14.2 billion kilowatt hours** of electricity.

Based on cost of electricity, **Montana ranks #14 in the nation in electricity affordability**, according to EIA. Montana ranks **#7 in the nation in coal production** and **#30 in the nation in coal use**.

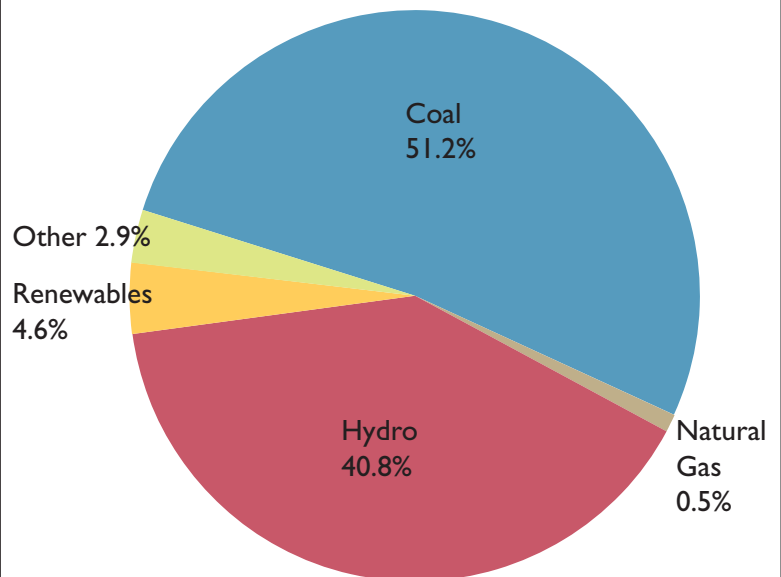
Montana produced **36.7 million short tons** of coal in 2012 from an estimated recoverable reserve base of **74.7 billion short tons**.

Direct and indirect employment generated by U.S. coal mining in Montana accounts for **7,260 jobs**, for a combined payroll of **\$396 million**.

	Montana	U.S.
Coal Production (Million Short Tons)	36.7	1,016.4
Estimated Recoverable Coal Reserves (Billion Short Tons)	74.7	258.6
Total Coal Consumption for Power Generation (Million Short Tons)	9.3	825
Total Net Electricity from Coal (Billion kWh)	14.2	1,517.2
Direct Coal Mining Related Employment	1,435	137,361
Electricity Cost per kWh	8.26¢	9.87¢

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

Montana: Power Sector Generation by Fuel Type, 2012



Source: EIA

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