

Facts and Figures

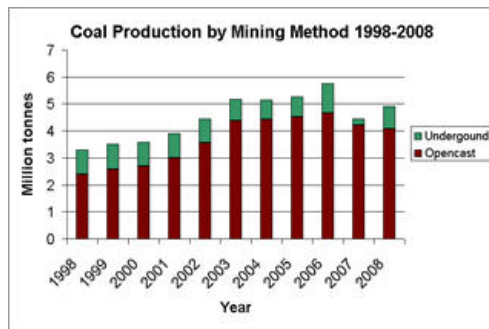
Coal production statistics

New Zealand coal production in 2008 was 4.9 million tonnes, 1.5% up from 2007 production of 4.8 million tonnes. Production increased from the Spring Creek mine near Greymouth, while output from the Huntly East mine decreased. Almost all production is of bituminous and sub-bituminous coals.

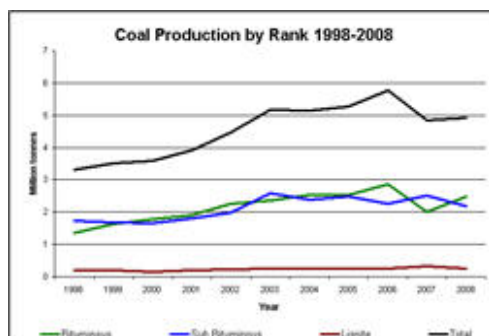
Production is centred in the Waikato (1.8 million tonnes), on the West Coast (2.6 million tonnes) and in Southland (0.4 million tonnes). Five underground and 20 opencast mines were operating in 2008. Over 63% of national production was from two large opencast operations, at Rotowaro and Stockton.

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Production by Mining Method, rank and region for 2008 (kt)

Area	Rank	Method	Total
	Bituminous	Opencast	
Waikato	0	1,518.2	1,769.4

North Island	0	1,518.2	1,769.4
West Coast	2,476.8	2,017.4	2611.5
Canterbury	0	18.8	18.8
Otago	0	62.7	62.7
Southland	0	447.0	447.0
South Island	2,2476.8	2546.0	3140.0
NZ TOTAL	2,476.8	4,064.1	4,909.4

The [Energy Data File](#) has additional information about New Zealand's Energy resources.