

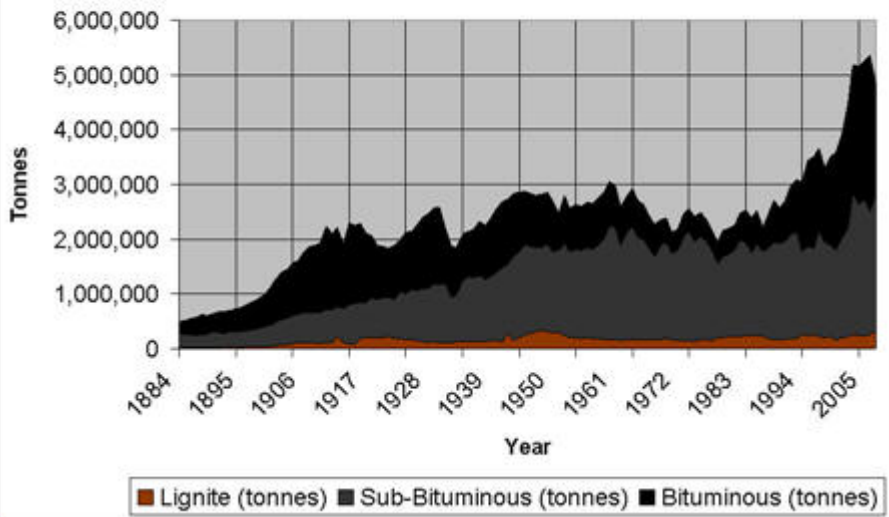
Historic NZ coal production

Chronology of events in coal mining

- 1846 Thomas Brunner discovers coal on West Coast
- 1849 Production from first New Zealand coal mine, at Saddle Hill, Dunedin
- 1865 First production from Kamo mine, Northland
- 1862 First gasworks established at Auckland
- 1863 Mining begins at Huntly coalfield, Waikato
- 1864 First mines open at Greymouth and Buller coalfields
- 1869 Mining begins at Maramarua coalfield, northern Waikato
- 1879 Mining begins at Ohai in Southland
- 1884 Mining begins at Mokau in Taranaki
- 1901 State Coal Mines established
- 1915 Mining begins at Rotowaro in the Waikato
- 1944 Large-scale opencast mining begins at Buller
- 1955 Last coal mine in Northland closes at Kamo
- 1970 First production of steel from ironsand at Glenbrook steel mill
- 1971 First delivery of Kapuni gas
- 1973 First OPEC oil shock
- 1975 NZ Coal Resources Survey begins
- 1970s Beginning of coal exports to Japan
- 1979 First delivery of Maui gas
- 1982 Preliminary mining study of South Island lignite deposits for feedstock to a synthetic fuel plant
- 1987 Corporatisation of State Coal Mines
- 1990 Last coal mine in Taranaki closes at Waitewhena
- 1994 Strongman No2 underground mine begins production
- 1999 Development of Spring Creek underground mine, a Solid Energy and Todd Coal JV, commences
- 2002 New Zealand annual coal production tops 4 million tonnes for the first time
- 2003 New Zealand annual coal tops 5 million tonnes.

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Historic Coal Production By Rank (1884-2007)



Historic Coal Production By Method (1884-2007)

