

U.S. Mining Reclamation (Acres)



Year	Coal Mine Acreage of Bonds Released 1/
1978	32,054
1979	62,499
1980	62,937
1981	78,352
1982	129,253
1983	91,118
1984	167,813
1985	114,715
1986	60,153
1987	106,710
1988	140,332
1989	107,482
1990	79,127
1991	60,003
1992	36,946
1993	50,106
1994	67,032
1995	64,465
1996	50,399
1997	86,912
1998	86,394
1999	72,749
2000	63,071
2001	81,853
2002	73,407
2003	60,638
2004	50,084
2005	52,479
2006	49,477
2007	51,105
2008	48,828
2009	38,312
2010	50,231
2011	35,334
2012	44,985
2013	50,863
2014	38,783
2015	42,327
2016	39,829
2017	46,191
2018	36,902
2019	40,479
2020	51,573
2021	50,861
2022	40,814
2023	34,837
2024	38,820
2025	38,259
Cumulative Coal Total:	3,057,893

1/ Phase III Bond Release - land area where reclamation is complete and has been released by the regulatory authority. Thousands of additional acres have been reclaimed, but await release by regulatory authorities once responsibility period prescribed by law has been reached.

Note: Data for coal are on a fiscal year basis - Federal data are cumulative through September of each year reported, while state data are cumulative through June.

SOURCE: Department of Interior, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Mining Reclamation Cumulative (Acres):

Coal Mining (1975 - 25)	3,057,893
Mineral Mining e/ (1980 - 23)	283,510
Total Mining Industry:	3,341,403

SOURCES: Department of Interior, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement Annual Reports, Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management; and various state mineral agencies

e/ Cumulative estimate based on NMA survey of selected major state mineral agencies.

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