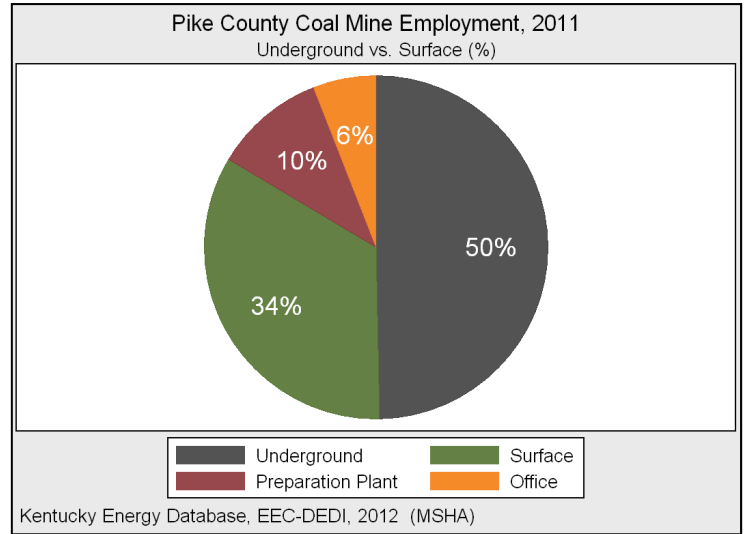
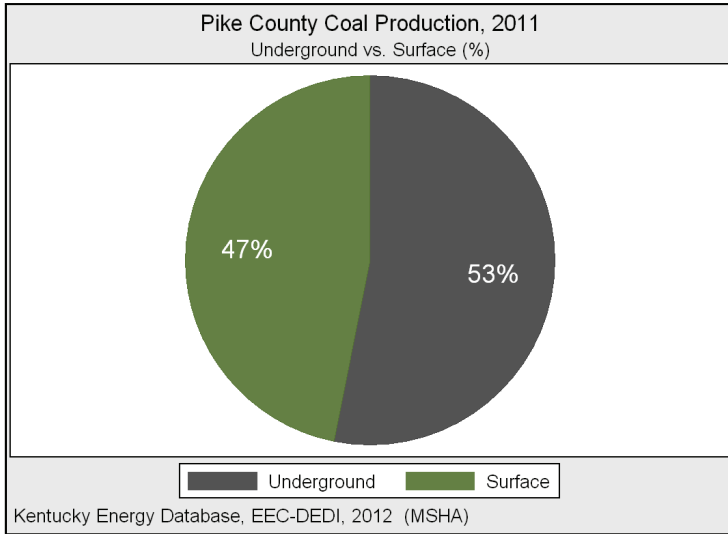


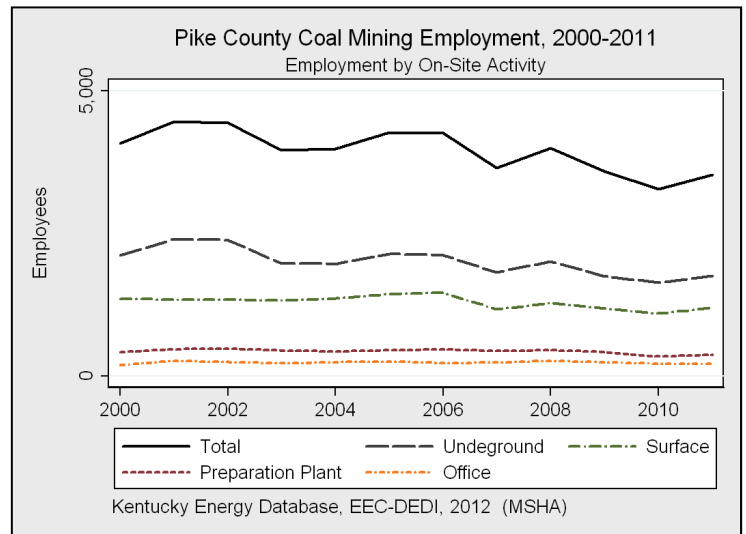
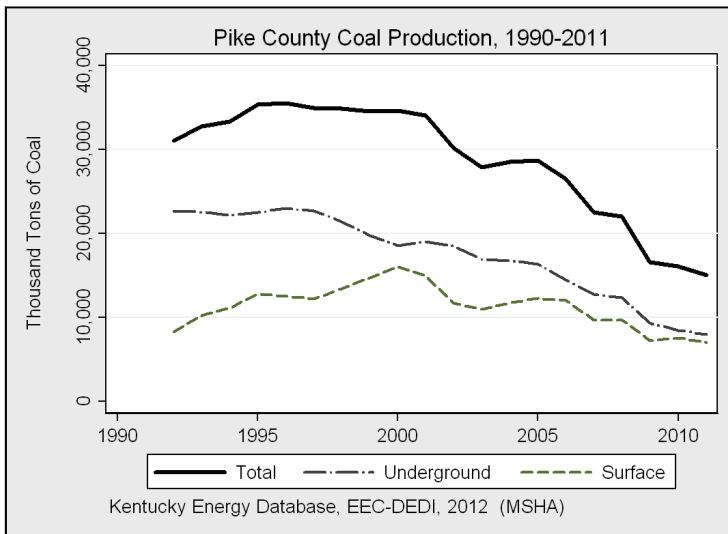
Pike County



Production Method	Mines	Production	Percentage
Total	95	15,065,449	100%
Underground	49	8,008,621	53%
Surface	46	7,056,828	47%

On-Site Activity	Employment	Percentage
Total	3,527	100%
Underground	1,752	50%
Surface	1,196	34%
Preparation Plant	370	10%
Office	209	6%

Since the mid 1990s, coal production in Pike County has been in decline. Production is down 57% compared with a 20-year peak in 1996.



During the past 20 years Pike County in eastern Kentucky has consistently been the largest coal producing county in the state, and retained this position in 2011. Mining more than 15 million tons during the year, Pike County represented 14% of all coal produced in Kentucky. Additionally, coal production was led just slightly by underground mines which accounted for 53% of annual production. Also, with 95 producing mine sites, Pike County had the most coal mining operations of any county in Kentucky in 2011.

As the largest coal producer in 2011, Pike County also had the highest level of direct coal mining employment in Kentucky. With more than 3,500 miners employed full-time during the year, Pike County accounted for 18% of all coal mining employment in Kentucky and 24% of coal mining employment in the Eastern Coal Field. Fifty percent of these miners worked underground in 2011, while 34% worked surface mine sites. Coal preparation plants and mine offices also provided significant employment.