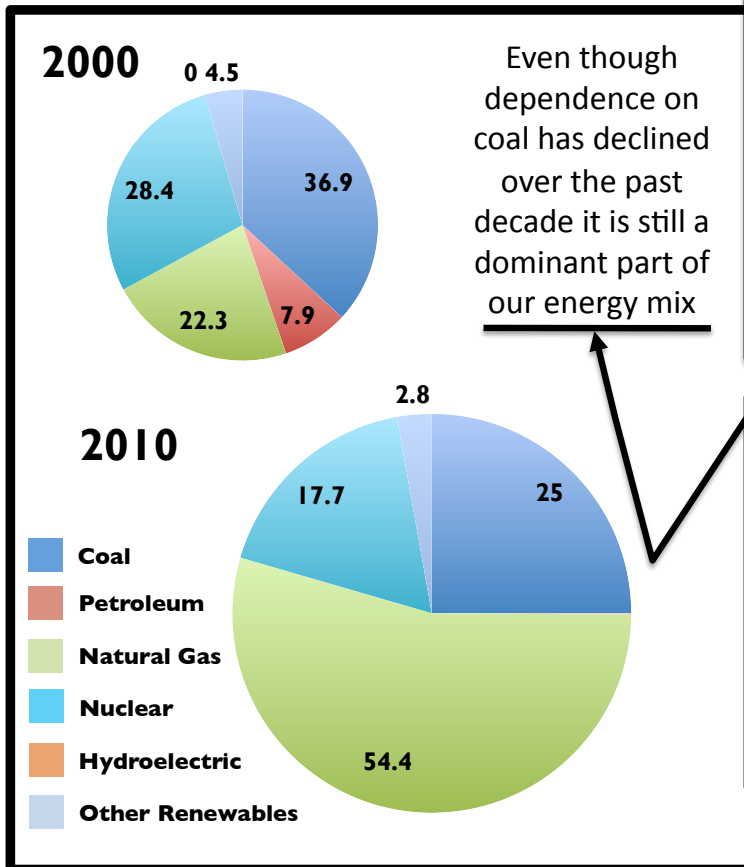


# What's powering Mississippi?



## Why Should I Care?

Coal is one of the oldest and dirtiest sources of energy. While reliance on coal historically kept power rates low, the true cost of coal is extraordinary when we account for the human health and environmental damages associated with mining coal, mountain top removal, transportation of coal from mine to plant, air pollution, water quality degradation and coal waste storage.

## How does it affect me?

Mississippi utilities spend a total of about **\$457 million** on coal each year<sup>1</sup> and it is the 24<sup>th</sup> state with the highest mortality risk from coal impacts.<sup>2</sup> There were **90 hospitalizations, 167 heart attacks and 136 deaths** related to pollution from coal plants in Mississippi.<sup>3</sup> The economic cost of hospital bills, missed work, missed school and ongoing health care is rarely considered when balancing the costs of coal.

## Status of Coal Plants in Mississippi

### Table Key

**U** = Number of units upgraded with advanced environmental controls  
**R** = Number of units retired or planned for retirement  
**NA** = No action taken to upgrade or retire

<sup>1</sup>Union of Concerned Scientists, [Burning Coal Burning Cash](#) (2010). Data from 2008.

<sup>2</sup>Clean Air Task Force, [Toll From Coal](#) (2010).

<sup>3</sup>*Id.*

Name	County	Capacity (MW)	Years	Units	U	R	NA
Daniel	Jackson	1096.6	1977-1981	2	2		
RD Morrow	Lamar	400	1978	2	2		
Red Hills	Choctaw	513.7	2001	2	2		
Jack Watson	Harrison	877.2	1968-1973	2			2