



Community Futures Initiative Reinvesting in the Heartland

Illinois communities are committed to building resilient, diversified economies – investing in local solutions that can create family-supporting jobs for our workers to fill in the long-run.

Spurring new opportunities requires taking a real look at the facts, and taking informed steps forward.



Cost to Illinois taxpayers to keep industry afloat

Taking all revenues into account alongside all costs to the State and Illinois taxpayers – including manufacturing and equipment tax exemptions, various tax incentives, direct grants, and other free rides – the coal industry comes at a net cost to the Illinois budget.

Percent of Illinois workers in the coal industry:

Today there are fewer than 4,000 coal miners in Illinois, less than 0.1% of total employment. As the industry relies more on machines, it relies less on miners. It now takes fewer miners than ever to produce a ton of coal. Illinois can mine half as much coal as it did 100 years ago with just 3 percent of the miners.



Revenue a common sense excise fee on coal would have collected in 2012

Illinois is one of the only coal-producing states that does not collect a severance tax on coal. Other states use this revenue to stabilize their budgets and invest in local job opportunities.

Illinois needs investment in home grown solutions

With millions of dollars in revenue, we can invest in education, job training, and infrastructure improvements that help Illinois' hard working communities move forward.

