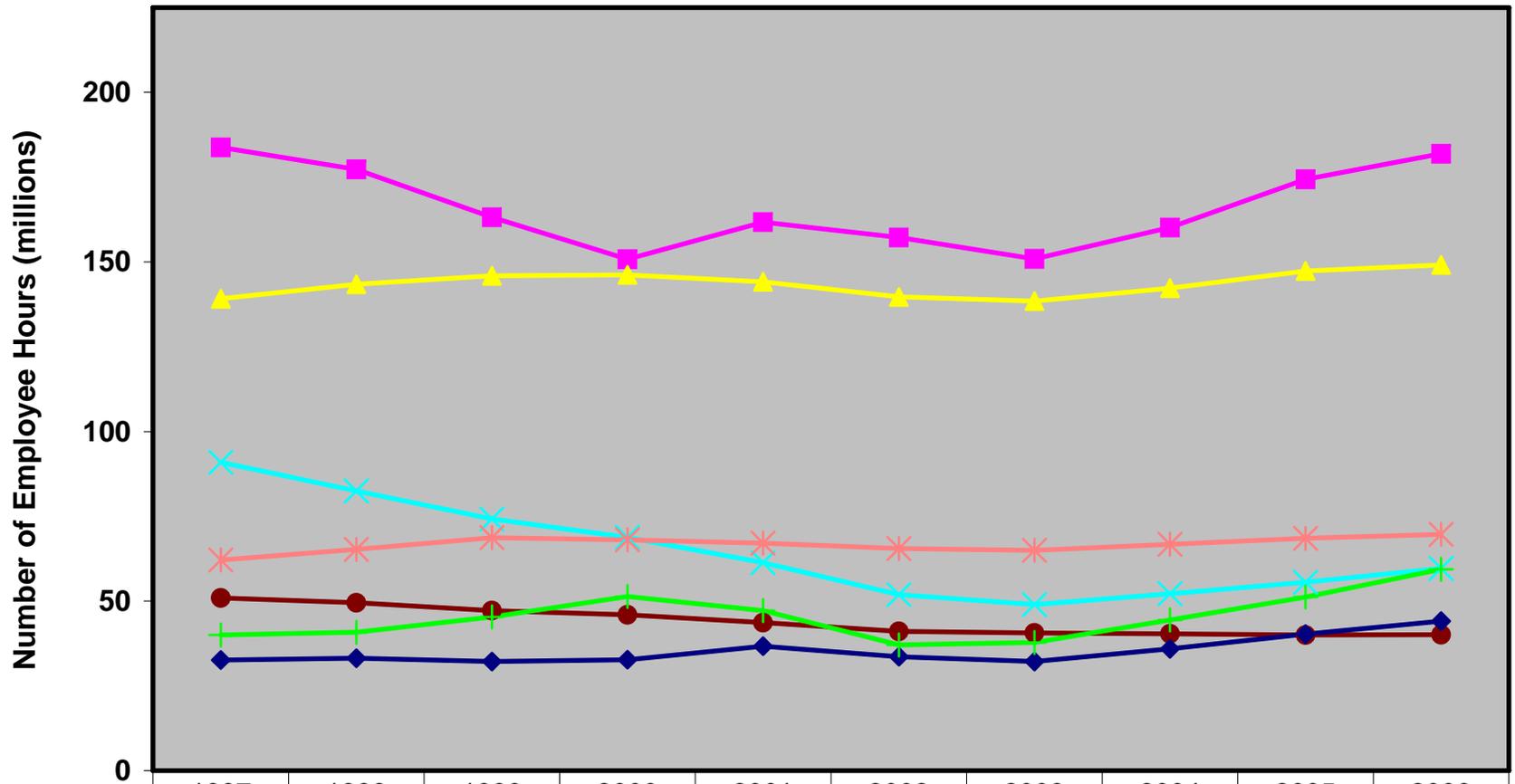


Number of Employee Hours Reported by Mine Operators and Independent Contractors by Commodity and Year, 1997-2006

(Excludes Office Employees; Data Source: MSHA)



	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Coal Operator	183.7	177.3	163.1	150.8	161.7	157.2	150.9	160.1	174.4	181.9
Metal Operator	90.9	82.5	74.2	68.8	61.3	51.9	48.9	52.2	55.5	59.6
Nonmetal Operator	51.0	49.5	47.2	45.9	43.6	41.1	40.6	40.4	40.0	40.1
Stone Operator	139.2	143.5	146.0	146.2	144.1	139.7	138.5	142.3	147.3	149.1
Sand & Gravel Operator	62.1	65.2	68.7	68.0	67.1	65.5	65.0	66.7	68.5	69.7
Coal Contractor	32.6	33.1	32.1	32.7	36.7	33.6	32.2	35.9	40.3	44.1
Noncoal Contractor	40.0	40.8	45.3	51.4	47.2	37.1	37.7	44.4	51.2	59.3