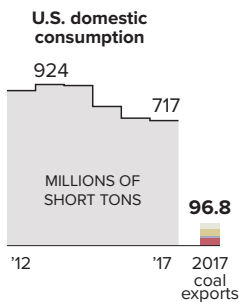


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## U.S. Coal Exports Spike

Although domestic consumption of U.S. coal continued to flag in 2017, exports surged, especially to Asian countries. India was 2017's top importer of U.S. coal, more than doubling its imports over 2016.

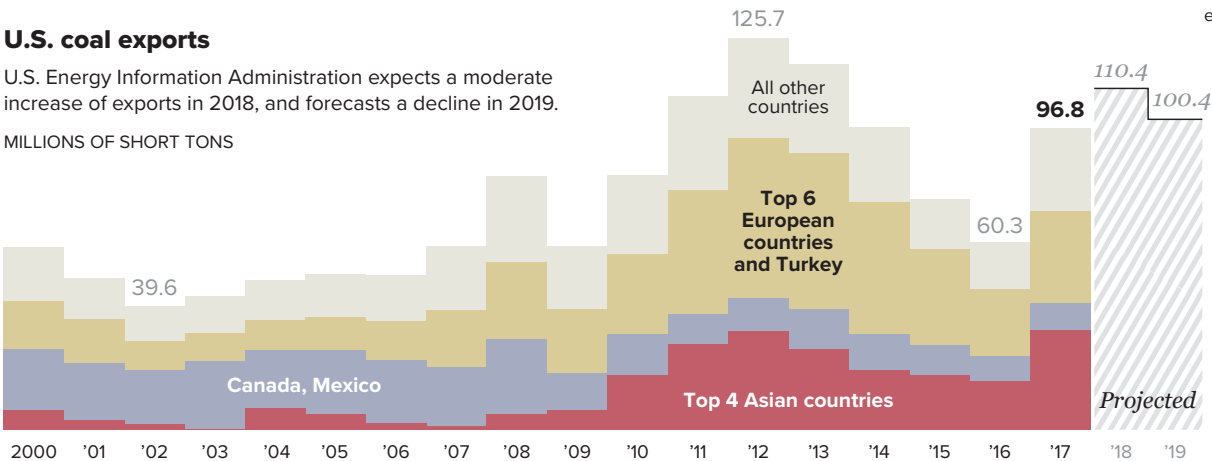
To boost such trade, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke has proposed using military bases for energy exports, an idea widely condemned by environmentally minded West Coast state and local government officials who have been blocking new coal and gas export facilities.



### U.S. coal exports

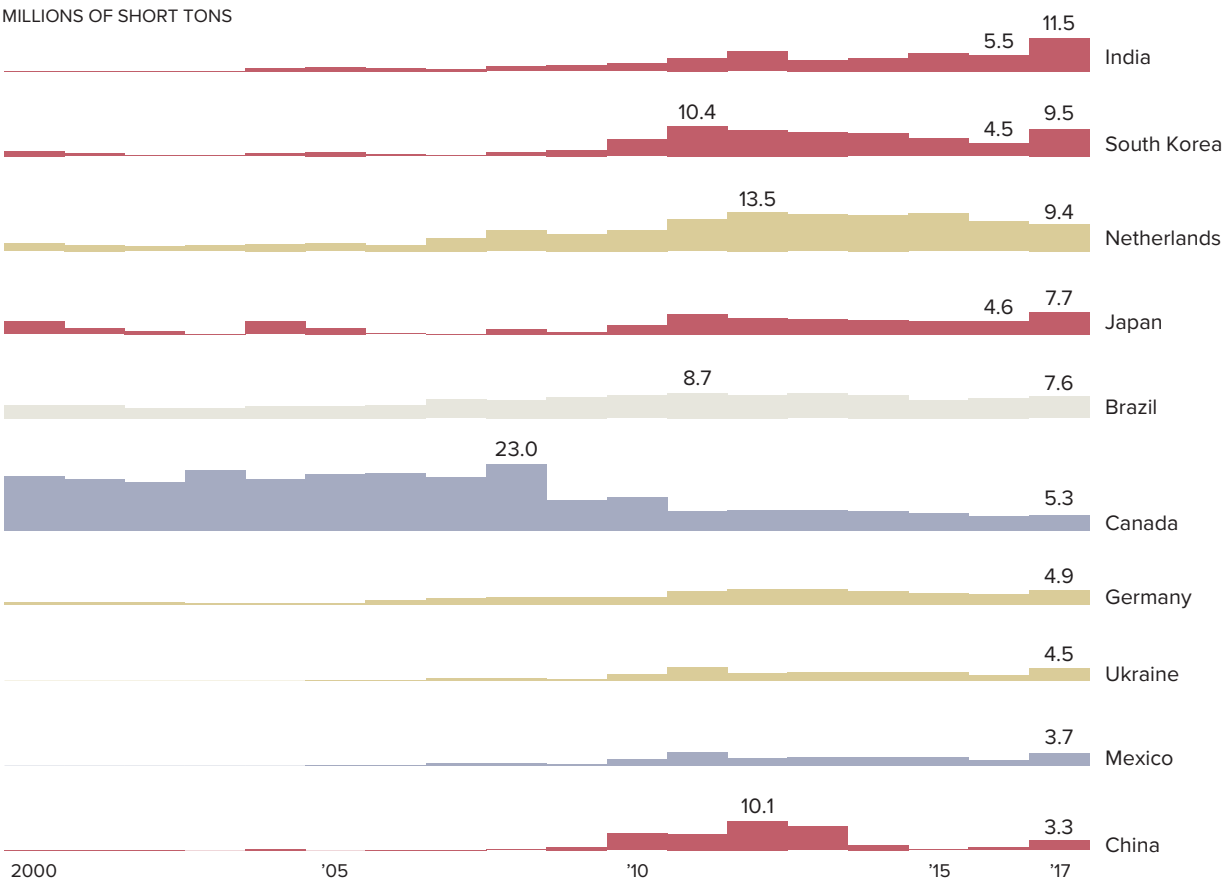
U.S. Energy Information Administration expects a moderate increase of exports in 2018, and forecasts a decline in 2019.

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### Top destinations for U.S. coal exports

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