

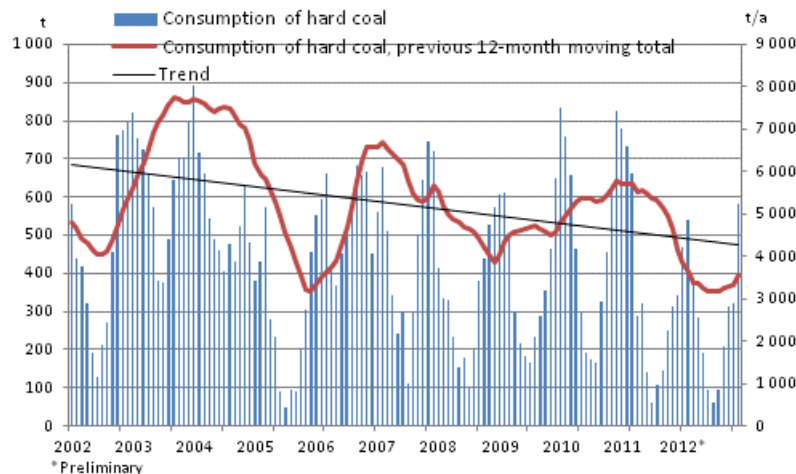
Consumption of hard coal

2012, 4th quarter

Consumption of hard coal decreased by 14 per cent in 2012

According to Statistics Finland's preliminary data, consumption of hard coal decreased by 14 per cent in January to December last year from the respective period of the year before. Its total consumption as fuel in the generation of electricity and heat amounted to around 3.6 million tonnes, corresponding to about 86 petajoule in energy content. Use of hard coal decreased in plants of separate production of electricity, which consumed 57 less of it than a year earlier in 2011.

Consumption of hard coal, 1,000 tonnes



The data for 2012 is preliminary.

In January to December last year, the consumption of hard coal was 37 per cent down from the average for the corresponding period of the 2000s. At the end of December 2012, stocks of hard coal totalled close on four million tonnes, or 14 per cent less than one year earlier. Separate production of condensate power decreased by 42 per cent in 2012. The slight increase in electricity consumption in manufacturing, the cold last part of the year, smaller water reserves in the Nordic countries and low prices of emission rights and in part, availability of peat are the reasons for the growth in consumption of coal in the second half of the year. The consumption data for coal were updated until the year 2000 due to the revised annual data.

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Appendix table 1. Consumption of hard coal

Period	2011	2012*	Annual change %
	Quantity (1000 t)	Quantity (1000 t)	
January	779	470	-40
February	735	539	-27
March	662	387	-42
April	290	286	-1
May	322	193	-40
June	142	95	-33
July	62	63	1
August	108	93	-14
September	146	208	43
October	251	315	26
November	315	321	2
December	341	583	71
YEAR TOTAL	4,153	3,554	-14
1.quarter	2,177	1,396	-36
2.quarter	754	574	-24
3.quarter	316	364	15
4.quarter	906	1,219	35
January-March cumulative	2,177	1,396	-36
January-June cumulative	2,931	1,971	-33
January-September cumulative	3,246	2,335	-28
January-December cumulative	4,153	3,554	-14

1) *Preliminary

Appendix table 2. Hard coal stocks, month-end

Period	2012*	Annual change %
	Quantity (1000 ton)	
January	4,426	51
February	4,084	63
March	3,919	65
April	3,904	50
May	3,993	35
June	4,118	24
July	4,202	10
August	4,271	3
September	4,349	-1
October	4,284	-4
November	4,225	-8
December	3,968	-14

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