

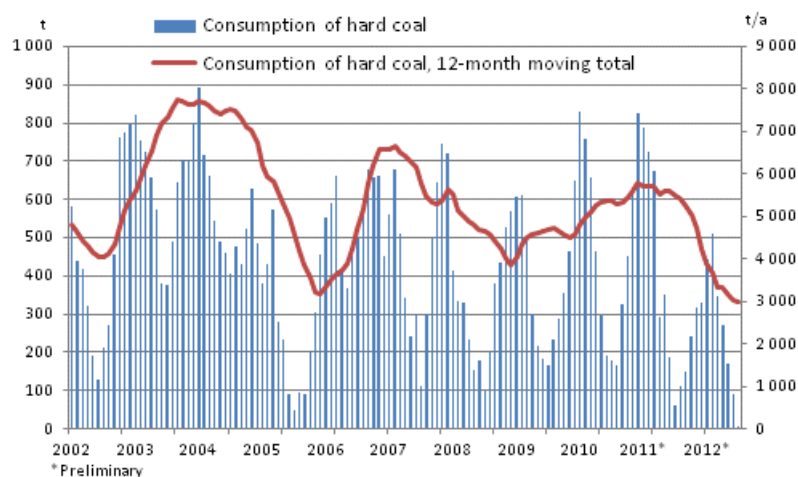
Consumption of hard coal

2012, 2nd quarter

Consumption of hard coal decreased by 39 per cent in January to June

According to Statistics Finland's preliminary data, consumption of hard coal decreased by 39 per cent in January to June this year from the respective period of last year. Its total consumption as fuel in the generation of electricity and heat amounted to 1.8 million tonnes, corresponding to 43 petajoules in energy content. Use of hard coal decreased in plants of separate production of electricity, which consumed 84 less of it than one year earlier in 2011.

Consumption of hard coal, 1,000 tonnes



The data for years 2011 and 2012 is preliminary.

In January to June this year, the consumption of hard coal was 36 per cent up on the average for the 2000s. At the end of March 2012, stocks of hard coal amounted to around 4.1 million tonnes, or 16 per cent more than one year earlier. Production of condensate power decreased by 64 per cent in the early part of the year. The better than average water situation in Norway, Sweden and Finland in the early part of the year made the production of hydro power for the Nordic market more economical than before.

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Appendix table 1. Consumption of hard coal

Period	2011*	2012*	Annual change %
	Quantity (1000 t)	Quantity (1000 t)	
January	790	442	-44
February	727	509	-30
March	675	345	-49
April	292	272	-7
May	353	172	-51
June	186	90	-52
July	62	.	.
August	113	.	.
September	148	.	.
October	240	.	.
November	319	.	.
December	332	.	.
1.quarter	2,192	1,297	-41
2.quarter	831	534	-36
3.quarter	323	.	.
4.quarter	891	.	.
January-March cumulative	2,192	1,297	-41
January-June cumulative	3,022	1,831	-39
January-September cumulative	3,345	.	.
January-December cumulative	4,236	.	.

1) *Preliminary

Appendix table 2. Hard coal stocks, month-end

Period	2012*	Annual change %
	Quantity (1000 ton)	
January	4,993	63
February	4,682	77
March	4,517	81
April	3,904	43
May	3,993	29
June	4,118	16
July	.	.
August	.	.
September	.	.
October	.	.
November	.	.
December	.	.

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