

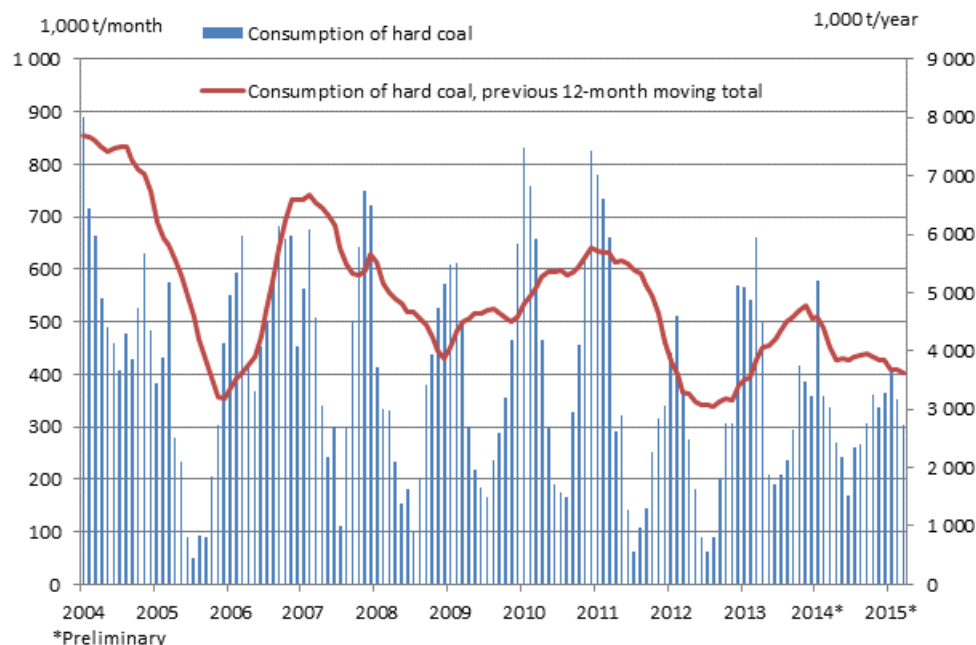
# Consumption of hard coal

2015, 1st quarter

## Consumption of hard coal decreased by 17 per cent in January to March

According to Statistics Finland's preliminary data, consumption of hard coal decreased by 17 per cent in the January to March period compared with the corresponding period of last year. Consumption as a fuel in the generation of electricity and heat amounted to 1.1 million tonnes, corresponding to around 27 petajoules in energy content. Compared to the average for the early 2000s, consumption of hard coal was now 36 per cent lower.

### Consumption of hard coal, 1,000 tonnes



The data for years 2014 and 2015 are preliminary.

The warmer January than last year in part influenced the use of hard coal in separate electricity production, which was 44 per cent lower in January to March than in the corresponding period of the previous year.

Hard coal consumption in Finland typically fluctuates seasonally. Some of the fluctuation is explained by the natural variation in the need for electricity and heat between the summer and winter seasons. The water situation in the Nordic countries also affects the demand for condensate production in particular. The varying production volumes of wind power can also contribute to it. Therefore, long-term consumption development cannot be deducted from the change in hard coal consumption in successive years.

At the end of March 2015, stocks of hard coal totalled 3.5 million tonnes, or 26 per cent more than one year earlier.

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# Appendix tables

**Appendix table 1. Consumption of hard coal**

Period	2014*	2015*	Annual change %
	Quantity (1000 t)	Quantity (1000 t)	
January	579	410	-29
February	359	351	-2
March	336	303	-10
April	271	.	.
May	243	.	.
June	168	.	.
July	260	.	.
August	266	.	.
September	305	.	.
October	361	.	.
November	338	.	.
December	363	.	.
YEAR TOTAL	3,849	.	.
Q1	1,274	1,064	-17
Q2	682	.	.
Q3	832	.	.
Q4	1,061	.	.
January-March cum.	1,274	1,064	-17
January-June cum.	1,956	.	.
January-September cum.	2,788	.	.
January-December cum.	3,849	.	.

1) \*preliminary

**Appendix table 2: Hard Coal Stocks, month-end**

Period	2015*	Annual change %
	Quantity (1000 t)	
January	3,817	23
February	3,574	22
March	3,493	26
April	.	.
May	.	.
June	.	.
July	.	.
August	.	.
September	.	.
October	.	.
November	.	.
December	.	.

1) \*preliminary

## Revisions in these statistics

The data of the statistics have become revised according to the table below. For more information about data revisions, see Section 3 of the quality description (only in Finnish).

### Revisions to data on annual changes in consumption of hard coal<sup>1)</sup>

Consumption of hard coal and quarter		Annual change (%)		Revision (%-point)
		1st release (%)	Latest release 29.4.2015 (%)	
Consumption of hard coal	I-IV/2014	-16	-16	0
	I/2014	-29	-28	1
	II/2014	-29	-24	5
	III/2014	4	13	9
	IV/2014	-9	-9	0
	I/2015	-17	-17	0

1) The revisions describe the difference between the annual change percentages of the latest and first releases in percentages. The first release refers to the time when preliminary data for the statistical reference quarter in question were released for the first time.

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