

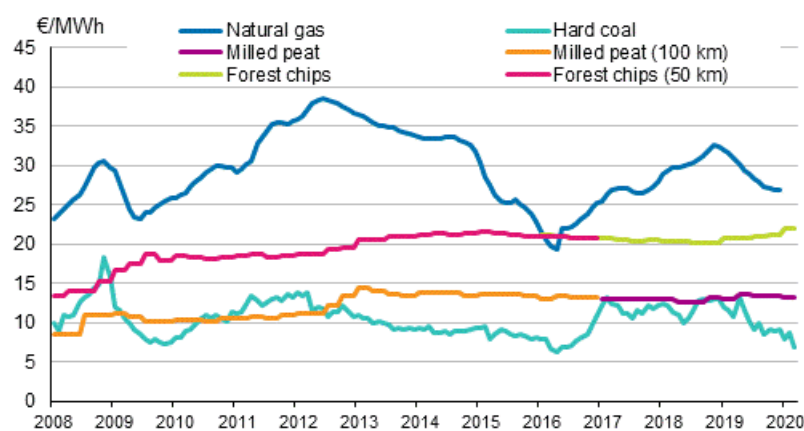
Energy prices

2020, 1st quarter

Fall in market prices of electricity and crude oil is already visible in consumer prices

The market price of electricity and crude oil fell strongly during the first quarter of the year. The consumer prices of oil products fell, the price of light fuel oil by nearly one quarter. The rise in the consumer prices of electricity also levelled off and the electricity prices of enterprises using much electricity made a downturn.

Fuel Prices in Electricity Production



The world market price of crude oil started to fall in the early part of the year as the corona pandemic weakened the demand for oil. In March, the barrel price collapsed from good USD 50 to around USD 20. At the beginning of March, Saudi Arabia increased oil production as the cooperation talks between the OPEC and Russia came to an end without results. The fall in world market prices was visible in the consumer prices of oil products. The price of motor gasoline was three per cent lower and that of diesel oil ten per cent lower than one year earlier. The corresponding drop in the price of light fuel oil was 23 per cent.

As other energy taxation, the taxation of liquid fuels has remained unchanged, but the strong fall in market prices raised the share of taxes in the prices of oil products. The share of taxes in the price of motor gasoline and diesel rose by good three percentage points from December 2019 to March. Taxes accounted for nearly

52 percentage points of the price of light fuel oil in March when compared with just short of 45 percentage points in December.

The tax-free price of hard coal made a downturn in summer 2019 and the fall has continued in the first quarter of 2020. In the first quarter of the year, the tax-free price of coal was around 30 per cent lower than one year previously. The Balticconnector pipeline was launched for commercial use at the beginning of 2020. At the same time, Finland's gas market was liberalised. So far, data concerning the price development of gas are uncertain and no data specific for customer groups are available.

The rise in the prices of domestic fuels continued in the first quarter of the current year as well. The price of forest chippings was six per cent higher than one year ago, that of milled peat around one per cent. The rise in the price of peat appears to be levelling off, as the price of peat stayed at the same level with the previous quarter.

The system price of the Nordic electricity exchange derived from the sell and buy bids on the exchange declined exceptionally much during spring. The system price was last this low in 1998 and 1999. Windy and rainy weather has increased the production of low-cost hydro and wind power. At the same time, demand for electricity has been lower than usual due to the warm winter both in Finland and in the other Nordic countries. Due to the limited transmission capacity, the area price for Finland is clearly higher than the system price. However, the price has halved from the previous year.

As the market prices of electricity fell, the rise in the prices of electricity for all household and business customers levelled off and the electricity prices of enterprises using much electricity made a downturn. These data derive from Statistics Finland's Price inquiry on electrical energy.

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Date	Fuels ¹⁾								Electricity				
	Motor-gasoline, unleaded ²⁾	Diesel fuel ³⁾	Light fuel oil ¹²⁾	Liquefied petroleum gas	Heavy fuel oil	Hard coal ¹¹⁾	Natural gas	Peat	Consumption		Production		
									Electricity, I ⁴⁾	Electricity, II ⁵⁾	Nuclear power	Hydro power	Imports
c/l			c/kg		€/t	€/MWh		c/kWh					
Excise taxes ¹⁰⁾													
1.1.1990	21,53	16,82	0,34	-	0,34	2,69	0,17	0,34	-	-	-	-	-
1.1.1991	26,57	17,49	0,35	-	0,35	2,83	0,18	0,35	-	-	-	-	-
1.1.1992	28,26	17,49	0,35	-	0,35	2,83	0,18	0,35	-	-	-	-	-
1.8.1992	31,62	17,49	0,35	-	0,35	2,83	0,18	0,35	-	-	-	-	-
1.1.1993	39,52	19,17	1,41	-	1,12	5,61	0,35	0,70	0,25	0,25	0,10	-	0,10
1.7.1993	39,52	16,65	1,41	-	1,12	5,61	0,35	0,70	0,25	0,25	0,10	-	0,10
1.1.1994	40,05	17,29	2,05	-	1,98	11,30	1,09	0,35	-	-	0,35	0,03	0,22
1.1.1995	45,12	27,50	3,02	-	3,12	19,53	0,94	0,59	-	-	0,40	0,07	0,37
1.1.1996	51,85	27,50	3,02	-	3,12	19,53	0,94	0,59	-	-	0,40	0,07	0,37
1.1.1997	51,85	27,50	4,88	-	3,72	28,42	1,19	0,71	0,40	0,40	-	-	-
1.4.1997	51,85	27,50	4,88	-	3,72	28,42	1,19	0,71	0,56	0,24	-	-	-
1.1.1998	55,22	30,02	5,50	-	4,34	33,40	1,40	0,82	0,56	0,34	-	-	-
1.9.1998	55,22	30,02	6,37	-	5,40	41,37	1,73	1,51	0,69	0,42	-	-	-
1.1.2003	58,08	31,59	6,71	-	5,68	43,52	1,82	1,59	0,73	0,44	-	-	-
1.7.2005	58,08	31,59	6,71	-	5,68	43,52	1,82	-	0,73	0,44	-	-	-
1.1.2007	58,08	31,59	6,71	-	5,68	43,52	1,82	-	0,73	0,22	-	-	-
1.1.2008	62,02	36,05	8,35	-	6,42	49,32	2,016	-	0,87	0,25	-	-	-
1.1.2011	62,02	36,05	15,70	-	18,51	126,91	8,94	1,90	1,69	0,69	-	-	-
1.1.2012	64,36	46,60	15,70	-	18,51	126,91	8,940	1,90	1,69	0,69	-	-	-
1.1.2013	64,36	46,60	15,99	-	18,93	131,53	11,38	4,90	1,69	0,69	-	-	-
1.1.2014	66,61	49,31	15,99	-	18,93	131,53	11,38	4,90	1,89	0,69	-	-	-
1.1.2015	67,45	50,26	18,39	-	21,84	153,24	15,36	3,40	2,24	0,69	-	-	-
1.1.2016	67,45	50,26	21,05	24,82	25,08	177,36	17,34	3,40	2,24	0,69	-	-	-
1.3.2016	67,45	50,26	21,05	24,82	25,08	177,36	17,34	1,90	2,24	0,69	-	-	-
1.1.2017	69,57	52,67	22,52	26,54	26,83	189,84	18,53	1,90	2,24	0,69	-	-	-
1.1.2018	69,57	52,67	24,04	28,32	28,64	202,69	19,78	1,90	2,24	0,69	-	-	-
1.1.2019	69,57	52,67	24,53	27,90	27,23	200,58	20,57	3,00	2,24	0,69	-	-	-
Energy content tax⁸⁾													
1.1.2011	50,36	-	7,70	-	8,79	54,54	3,00	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.1.2012	50,36	30,70	7,70	-	8,79	54,54	3,00	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.1.2013	50,36	30,70	6,65	-	7,59	47,10	4,45	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.1.2015	51,20	31,65	6,65	-	7,59	47,10	6,65	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.1.2016	51,20	31,65	6,65	8,50	7,59	47,10	6,65	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.1.2017	52,19	32,77	7,05	9,01	8,05	49,93	7,05	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.1.2018	52,19	32,77	7,50	9,58	8,56	53,13	7,50	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.1.2019	52,19	32,77	7,63	9,81	8,56	52,77	7,63	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carbon dioxide tax⁹⁾													
1.1.2011	11,66	-	8,00	-	9,72	72,37	5,94	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.1.2012	14,00	15,90	8,00	-	9,72	72,37	5,94	-	-	-	-	-	-

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c/l			c/kg		€/t	€/MWh		c/kWh					
1.1.2013	14,00	15,90	9,34	-	11,34	84,43	6,93	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.1.2014	16,25	18,61	9,34	-	11,34	84,43	6,93	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.1.2015	16,25	18,61	11,74	-	14,25	106,14	8,71	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.1.2016	16,25	18,61	14,40	16,32	17,49	130,26	10,69	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.1.2017	17,38	19,90	15,47	17,53	18,78	139,91	11,48	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.1.2018	17,38	19,90	16,54	18,74	20,08	149,56	12,28	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.1.2019	17,38	19,90	16,90	18,09	18,67	147,81	12,94	-	-	-	-	-	-
Energy tax ⁷⁾													
1.1.2011	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,90	1,69	0,69	-	-	-
1.1.2013	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,90	1,69	0,69	-	-	-
1.1.2014	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,90	1,89	0,69	-	-	-
1.1.2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,40	2,24	0,69	-	-	-
1.1.2016	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,40	2,24	0,69	-	-	-
1.3.2016	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,90	2,24	0,69	-	-	-
1.1.2019	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,00	2,24	0,69	-	-	-
Strategic stockpile fees													
1.7.1984	0,72	0,39	0,39	-	0,32	1,48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.1.1997	0,68	0,35	0,35	-	0,28	1,18	0,084	-	0,013	0,013	-	-	-
1.1.2016	0,68	0,35	0,35	0,11	0,28	1,18	0,084	-	0,013	0,013	-	-	-
Oil pollution fees ⁶⁾													
1.1.1990	0,28	0,031	0,031	-	0,037	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.1.2005	0,038	0,042	0,042	-	0,050	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.1.2010	0,113	0,126	0,126	-	0,150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1) Fuels in electricity production tax-exempt since 1 January 1997.

2) Reformulated, since 1 January 1993, also sulphur-free since 1 September 2004. Fossil fuel.

3) Sulphur-free, sulphur content < 50 ppm since 1 July 1993, sulphur content < 10 ppm since 1 September 2004. Fossil fuel.

4) Tax class I: others

5) Tax class II: industry and professional greenhouses

6) Fee for imported oil and oil products: 1,50 €/t

7) Energy tax included in excise taxes.

8) Energy content tax included in excise taxes.

9) Carbon dioxide tax included in excise taxes.

10) Excise taxes contain energy content tax, carbon dioxide tax, and energy tax.

11) Excise taxes for hard coal is in the heat production. In CHP use excise tax is lower.

12) Fossil fuel. Sulphur-free.

Appendix table 2. Energy prices in heat production in March 2020

Energy source ³⁾	Price €/MWh ¹⁾	Annual change-%
Hard coal (VAT 0%) ²⁾	36,16	-9,5
Natural gas (VAT 0%) ⁵⁾	.	.
Forest chips (VAT 0%) ⁴⁾	21,93	5,9
Milled peat (VAT 0%)	16,30	1,2

1) Inclusive of excise duties.

2) The price is preliminary.

3) Sources: Energy Authority, Finnish Customs, FOEX Indexes Ltd, The Bioenergy Association of Finland, Statistics Finland.

4) Price of forest chippings and milled peat, average for 1st quarter.

5) Publication of natural gas price discontinued for time being.

Appendix table 3. Consumer prices of heating energy in March 2020

Energy source ²⁾	Price €/MWh ¹⁾	Annual change-%
Light fuel (VAT 24%)	76,90	-22,4
Household electricity, L2 (VAT 24%)	138,40	-1,2
Wood pellet (VAT 24%) ⁴⁾¹⁾	.	.
District heat, terraced house / low-rise block of flats (VAT 24%) ¹⁾	82,51	0,8

1) The prices do not take into account energy conversion losses.

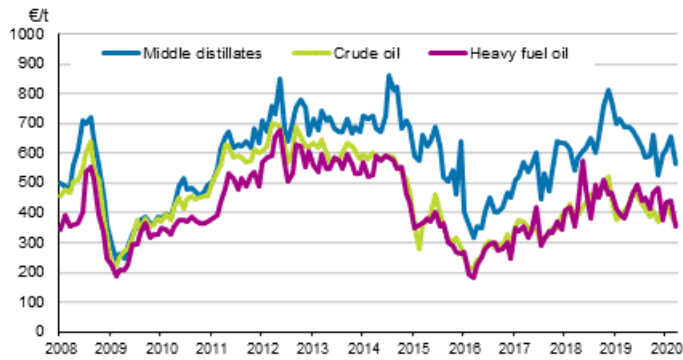
2) Sources: Finnish Energy, Energy Authority, Statistics Finland

3) The price of district heat is from January 2020.

4) Publication of wood pellet price is discontinued for time being.

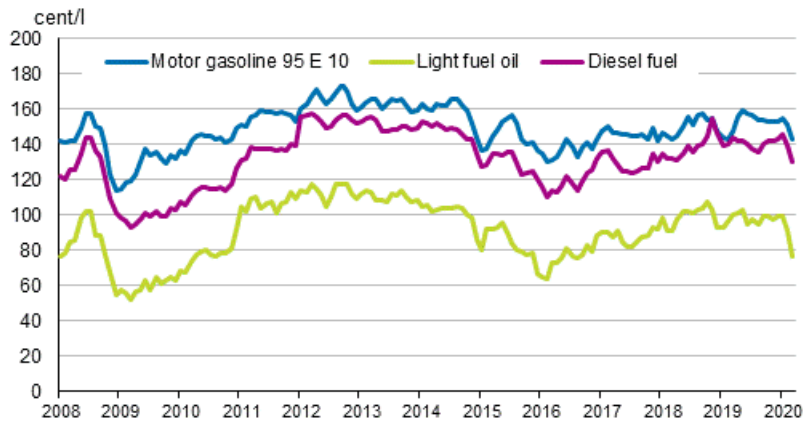
Appendix figures

Appendix figure 1. Import prices of oil



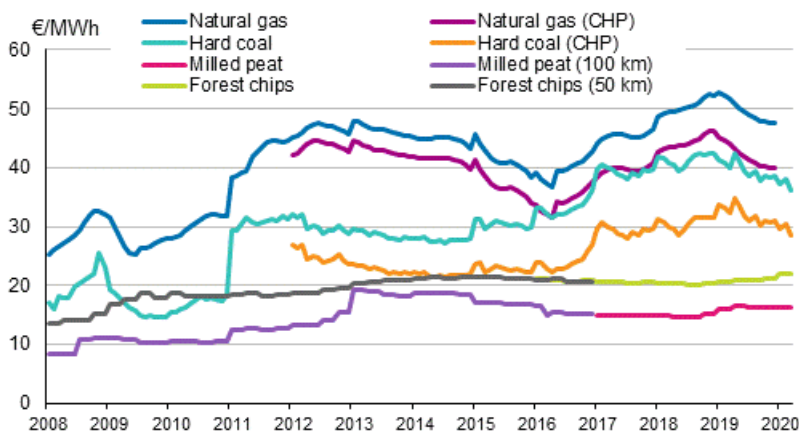
Source: Finnish Customs

Appendix figure 2. Consumer prices of principal oil products



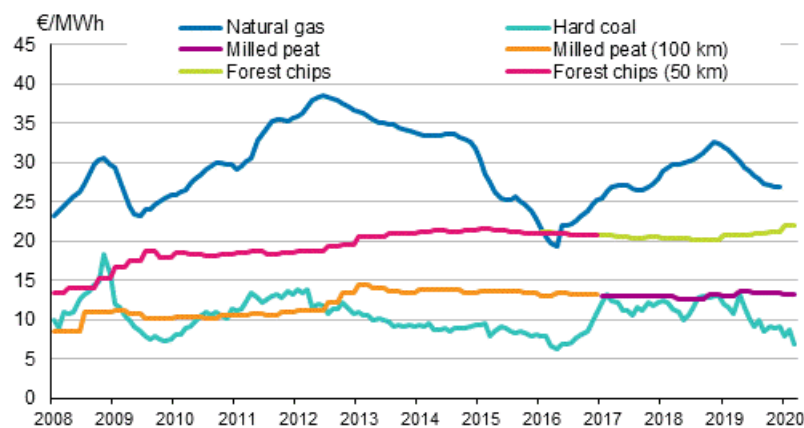
Source: Finnish Petroleum and Biofuels Association (-11/2018), Statistics Finland (12/2018-).

Appendix figure 3. Fuel prices in heat production



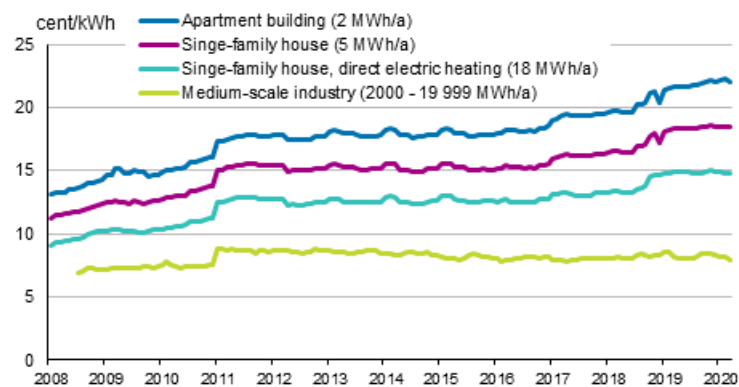
The prices include excise duties (VAT 0%). The energy content tax on natural gas and hard coal used in combined heat and power production has been reduced by € 7,63 per MWh from the beginning of 2019. Sources: Finnish Customs, Energy Authority, The Bioenergy Association of Finland, Statistics Finland, FOEX Indexes Ltd. Energy Authority's latest published natural gas price December 2019.

Appendix figure 4. Fuel prices in electricity production



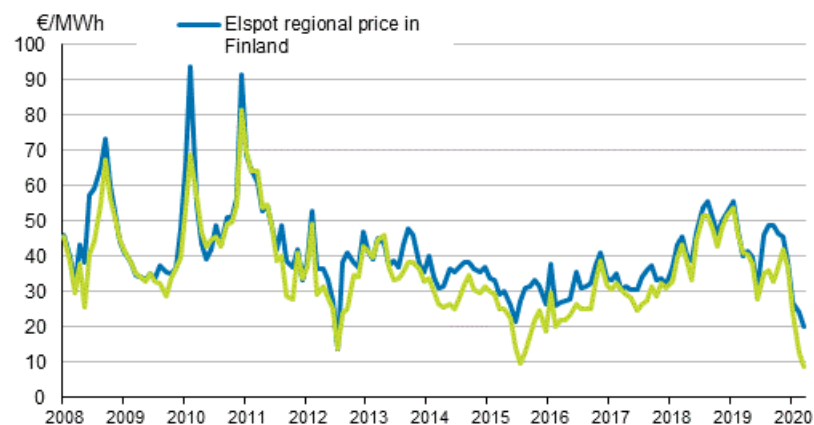
The fuels of electricity production are exclusive of tax. Sources: Finnish Customs, Energy Authority, The Bioenergy Association of Finland, Statistics Finland, FOEX Indexes Ltd. Energy Authority's latest published natural gas price December 2019.

Appendix figure 5. Price of electricity by type of consumer



The prices include electrical energy, transmission fee and taxes. Source: Energy Authority, Statistics Finland.

Appendix figure 6. Average monthly spot prices at the Nord Pool Spot power exchange



Source: Nord Pool Spot

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