

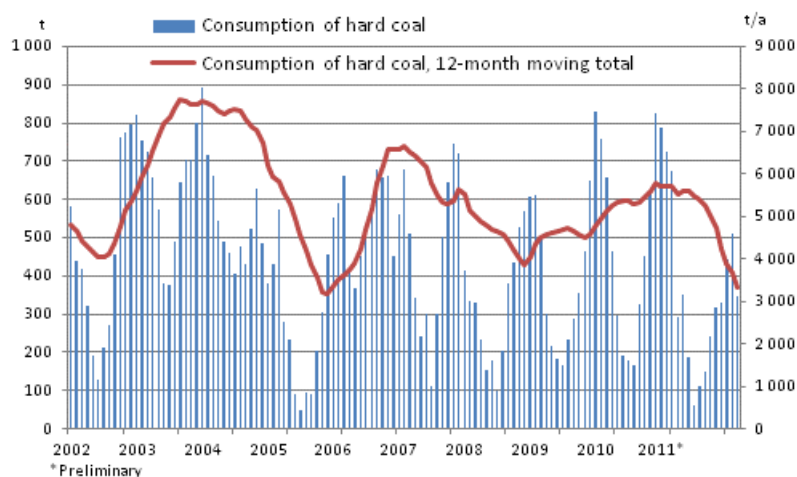
Consumption of hard coal

2012, 1st quarter

Consumption of hard coal decreased by 41 per cent in January to March

According to Statistics Finland's preliminary data, consumption of hard coal decreased by 41 per cent in January to March this year from the respective period of last year. Its total consumption as fuel in the generation of electricity and heat amounted to 1.3 million tonnes, corresponding to 30 petajoules in energy content. Use of hard coal decreased in plants of separate production of electricity, which consumed 80 less of it than one year earlier in 2011.

Consumption of hard coal, million tonnes



The data for years 2011 and 2012 is preliminary.

In January to March this year, the consumption of hard coal was 31 per cent up on the average for the 2000s. At the end of March 2012, stocks of hard coal amounted to around 4.5 million tonnes, or 81 per cent more than one year earlier. Separate production of condensate power decreased by 62 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	.	.
May	353	.	.
June	186	.	.
July	62	.	.
August	113	.	.
September	148	.	.
October	240	.	.
November	319	.	.
December	332	.	.
1.quarter	2,192	1,297	-41
2.quarter	831	.	.
3.quarter	323	.	.
4.quarter	891	.	.
January-March cumulative	2,192	1,297	-41
January-June cumulative	3,022	.	.
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	.	.
May	.	.
June	.	.
July	.	.
August	.	.
September	.	.
October	.	.
November	.	.
December	.	.

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