

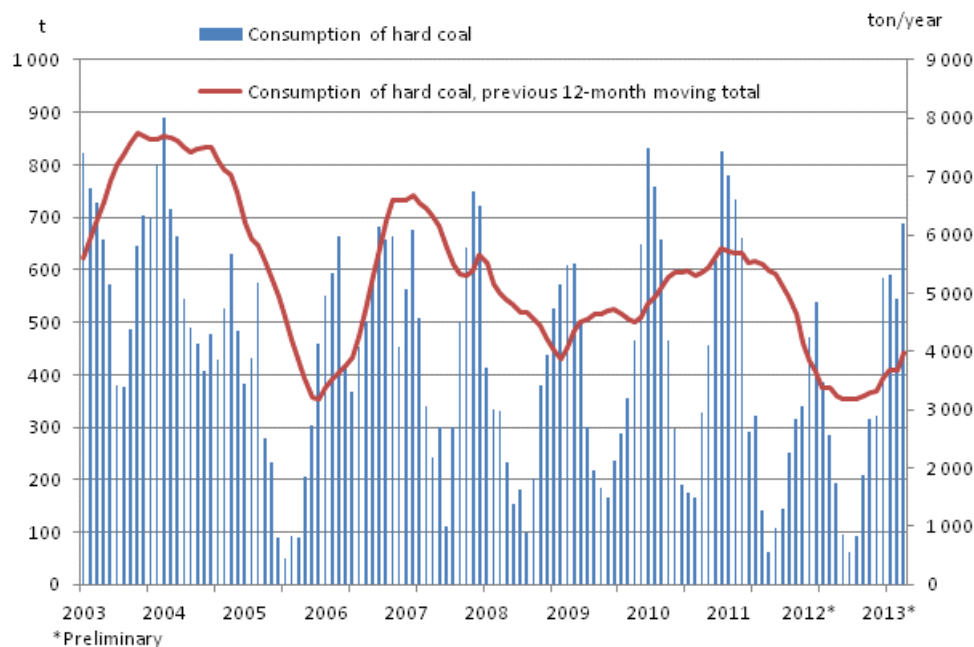
Consumption of hard coal

2013, 1st quarter

Consumption of hard coal grew by 31 per cent in January to March

According to Statistics Finland's preliminary data, consumption of hard coal increased by 31 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 1.8 million tonnes, corresponding to 45 petajoules in energy content. Use of hard coal increased in plants of separate production of electricity, which consumed 174 per cent more of it than a year earlier in 2012.

Consumption of hard coal, 1,000 tonnes



The data for years 2012 and 2013 are preliminary.

In January to March this year, the consumption of hard coal was four per cent up on the average for the 2000s. At the end of March 2013, stocks of hard coal totalled some 2.8 million tonnes, or 28 per cent less than one year earlier. Separate production of condensate power increased by 48 per cent in the early part

of the year. Net imports of electricity from the Nordic countries went down by 34 per cent and imports from Russia by over ten per cent in the first quarter of the year compared to one year earlier. The water situation has become worse than average in Norway and Sweden after the end of the year, which has had an effect on the production of inexpensive hydro power to the Nordic electricity markets.

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Appendix table 1. Consumption of hard coal

Period	2012*	2013*	Annual change %
	Quantity (1000 t)	Quantity (1000 t)	
January	470	590	26
February	539	546	1
March	387	688	78
April	286	.	.
May	193	.	.
June	95	.	.
July	63	.	.
August	93	.	.
September	208	.	.
October	315	.	.
November	321	.	.
December	583	.	.
YEAR TOTAL	3,554	.	.
1.quarter	1,396	1,823	31
2.quarter	574	.	.
3.quarter	364	.	.
4.quarter	1,219	.	.
January-March cumulative	1,396	1,823	31
January-June cumulative	1,971	.	.
January-September cumulative	2,335	.	.
January-December cumulative	3,554	.	.

1) *Preliminary

Appendix table 2. Hard coal stocks, month-end

Period	2013*	Annual change %
	Quantity (1000 ton)	
January	3,416	-23
February	3,280	-20
March	2,826	-28
April	.	.
May	.	.
June	.	.
July	.	.
August	.	.
September	.	.
October	.	.
November	.	.
December	.	.

1) *Preliminary

Revisions in these statistics

Revisions to data on annual changes in consumption of hard coal¹⁾

Consumption of hard coal and quarter		Annual change (%)		Revision (%-point)
		1st release	Latest release 29.4.2013 (%)	
Consumption of hard coal	I-IV/2012	-14	-14	0
	I/2012	-41	-36	5
	II/2012	-36	-24	12
	III/2012	11	15	4
	IV/2012	35	35	0
	I/2013	31	31	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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