

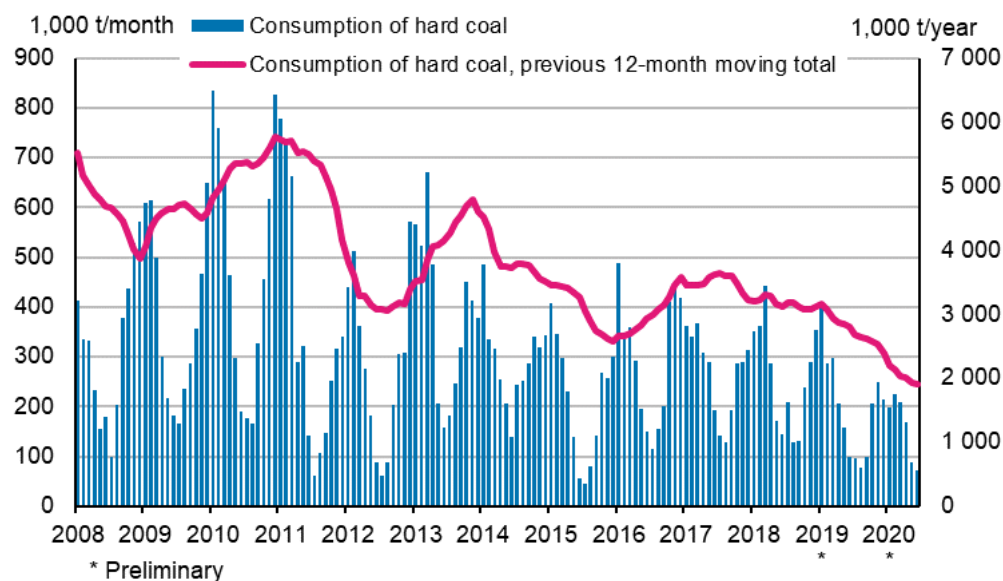
Consumption of hard coal

2020, 2nd quarter

Consumption of hard coal decreased by 34 per cent in January to June

According to Statistics Finland's preliminary data, the consumption of hard coal decreased by 34 per cent in January to June 2020 compared with the corresponding period of last year. The consumption of hard coal as a fuel in the generation of electricity and heat amounted to 0.963 million tonnes, corresponding to 25 petajoules in energy content.

Consumption of hard coal, 1,000 tonnes



Compared with the average for the last five years, 43 per cent less hard coal was consumed in the first half of 2020. Compared with one year ago, the consumption of hard coal contracted most in January, by 51 per cent.

Energy consumption in Finland typically fluctuates seasonally. Some of the fluctuation in the consumption of hard coal is explained by the natural variation in the need for electricity and heat between the summer and winter seasons. The difference between individual statistical reference years can be explained by variations in the demand for heating energy and the Nordic water situation, which particularly influences

the electricity exchange price and thus the demand for separate production of electricity as well. The use of fossil fuels has been replaced by renewable energy.

At the end of June, the stocks of coal amounted to 1.9 million tonnes. Compared with one year back, the stocks were two per cent lower. The time series has been corrected retrospectively until 2016.

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Appendix table 1. Consumption of hard coal

Period	2019*	2020*	Annual change %
	Quantity (1,000 t)	Quantity (1,000 t)	
January	405	199	-51
February	286	226	-21
March	297	208	-30
April	207	169	-19
May	157	89	-43
June	100	72	-29
July	95	.	.
August	78	.	.
September	100	.	.
October	205	.	.
November	248	.	.
December	214	.	.
YEAR TOTAL	2,393	.	.
Q1	988	633	-36
Q2	464	329	-29
Q3	273	.	.
Q4	668	.	.
January-March cum.	988	633	-36
January-June cum.	1,452	963	-34
January-September cum.	1,725	.	.
January-December cum.	2,393	.	.

1) *preliminary

Appendix table 2. Hard coal stocks, month-end

Period	2019	2020	Annual change %
	Quantity (1,000 t)	Quantity (1,000 t)	
January	2,251	2,190	-3
February	2,096	2,042	-3
March	1,913	1,904	-1
April	1,879	1,866	-1
May	1,831	1,851	1
June	1,922	1,882	-2
July	2,046	.	.
August	2,218	.	.
September	2,263	.	.
October	2,209	.	.
November	2,274	.	.
December	2,241	.	.

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 coal¹⁾

Consumption of hard coal and quarter	Annual change (%)		Revision (%-point)
	1st release (%)	Latest release 27th August 2020 (%)	
I-IV/2019	-25	-23	2
I/2019	-14	-15	-1
II/2019	-25	-23	2
III/2019	-43	-42	1
IV/2019	-25	-24	1
I/2020	-36	-36	0
II/2020	.	-29	.

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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