Energy supply and consumption

2013, 3rd quarter

Use of wood and coal grew in energy production in January to September

According to Statistics Finland's preliminary data, total energy consumption in the January to September period amounted to around 1,039 petajoule (PJ), which is two per cent more than in the corresponding period of 2012. The consumption of electricity amounted to 61.7 terawatt hours (TWh), which is almost at the same level as one year before. Net imports of electricity went down by around 1.7 TWh, or by about 13 per cent. Imported electricity was replaced with domestic production, but mainly with imported fuels. The consumption of coal grew by 35 per cent (35 PJ) and that of wood fuels by 12 per cent (27 PJ). Separate production of electricity with hard coal quadrupled from one year before. The consumption of peat went down by 30 per cent, or 20 PJ. Carbon dioxide emissions increased by one per cent from the corresponding period last year.



Total energy consumption

*preliminary

In the third quarter, water reserves were smaller than average, for which reason the production of hydro power went down by 38 per cent. Net imports of electricity went up by nearly two per cent. The consumption of coal increased by 71 per cent in the third quarter. A decline could be seen in the consumption of domestic peat and forest chippings in the third quarter.

The consumption of nuclear energy grew by around six PJ, or some three per cent. Among individual energy sources, the largest reduction of 30 per cent was seen in the consumption of peat (27 PJ). The consumption of natural gas went down by four per cent (3 PJ) and the production of hydro power decreased by over 17 per cent (8 PJ) in the January to September period of 2013.

Domestic production of electricity increased by over three per cent. Nearly 19 per cent of the electricity consumed in Finland was covered with imported electricity. Net imports from the Nordic countries declined by 24 per cent. The production of condensate power grew by 76 per cent and combined heat and power production went up by more than two per cent. Combined heat and power production increased by over 13 per cent in industry's combined power plants, but decreased by five per cent in district heating plants in the January to September period of 2013.

In January to September, diverse energy products were imported into Finland to the value of EUR 10.4 billion, which was five per cent more than one year earlier. Most energy products were imported from Russia, to the value of EUR 6.9 billion. Correspondingly, energy products were exported from Finland to the value of EUR 5.1 billion, which was ten per cent more than one year previously. Most energy products were exported from Finland to Sweden. Growth was due to livelier exports and imports of medium distillates and petrol. In September, stocks of coal amounted to some 22 TWh, which was 25 per cent less than one year earlier. Stocks of energy peat were estimated to be around 16 TWh, which was 44 per cent more than one year ago.

Energy source	I-III/2013* ⁴⁾	Annual change-%*	Percentage share of total energy consumption*
Oil	233,468	-3	22
Coal ¹⁾	135,379	35	13
Natural gas	78,533	-4	8
Nuclear energy ²⁾	182,534	3	18
Net imports of electricity ³⁾	41,338	-13	4
Hydro and wind power ³⁾	37,828	-16	4
Peat	47,594	-30	5
Wood fuels	257,030	12	25
Others	25,745	0	2
TOTAL ENERGY CONSUMPTION	1,039,448	2	100
Bunkers	23,923	3	
CO2 emissions from energy sector	38	1	

Total energy consumption by source (TJ) and CO2 emissions (Mt)

1) Coal: includes hard coal, coke, blast furnace gas and coke oven gas.

2) Conversion of electricity generation into fuel units: Nuclear power: 10.91 TJ/GWh (33% total efficiency)

3) Conversion of electricity generation into fuel units: Hydro power, wind power and net imports of electricity: 3.6 TJ/GWh (100%)

4) *preliminary

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*preliminary, 12-month moving total



Appendix figure 2. Carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuels and energy peat use

*preliminary



Appendix figure 3. Hard coal consumption

*preliminary



Appendix figure 4. Natural gas consumption

Source: Gasum, * preliminary

Appendix figure 5. Energy peat consumption



Source: The Bioenergy Association of Finland/Association of Finnish Peat Industries, *preliminary



Appendix figure 6. Domestic oil deliveries

Source,: Finnish Petroleum Federation, *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).

Total energy consumption and quarter		Annual change (%)		Revision (%-point)
		1st release	Latest release 20.12.2013 (%)	-
Total energy consumption	I-IV/2012	-2	-2	0
	I/2012	-3	-7	-4
	II/2012	-1	-1	0
	III/2012	-1	0	1
	IV/2012	1	2	1
	I/2013	-1	0	1
	II/2013	2	3	1

Revisions to data on annual changes in total energy consumption¹⁾

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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