

# China plans to boost domestic coal production by 100 Mt in 2019



China expects to increase its coal production by 100 Mt in 2019 from the 3.5 Gt produced in 2018. Despite China's commitment to cut excess production capacity, production will be boosted by the 194 Mt/year of new coal mining capacity approved in 2018 and by the 29.5 Mt/year new coal mining capacity to be added in 2019. Consequently, coal imports could decrease by 10 Mt to 12 Mt in 2019.

China is by far the world's largest coal producer, with a production that increased by 3% in 2018 (+100 Mt). Coal production increased rapidly over 2000-2011 (almost 9%/year) before peaking in 2013 at 3.8 Gt and reducing until 2016. The trend shifted in 2017, when production grew again (+100 Mt or +3%). The northern and north-western regions are the main

production areas.

<https://www.enerdata.net/publications/daily-energy-news/china-plans-boost-domestic-coal-production-100-mt-2019.html>