

# COP26 deal aims to phase out coal power

Dozens of countries are committing to phase out their use of coal – the most polluting fossil fuel – in pledges made at the COP26 climate summit, the UK government says

## COAL CONSUMPTION BY YEAR (in exajoules)

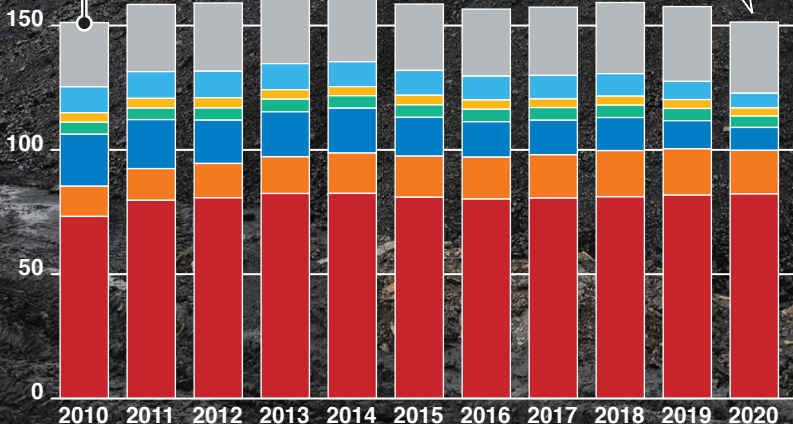


2010  
world total  
151.21



2020  
world total  
**151.42**  
Drop of 4% from  
2019 amid Covid  
pandemic

2009-2019: Worldwide growth rate of 0.9% per year



**COP26 pledge:** Over 40 countries agree to phase out coal power in 2030s for major economies, and 2040s for poorer countries. Big coal users like Poland and Vietnam have signed pledge, but China, India and U.S. have not