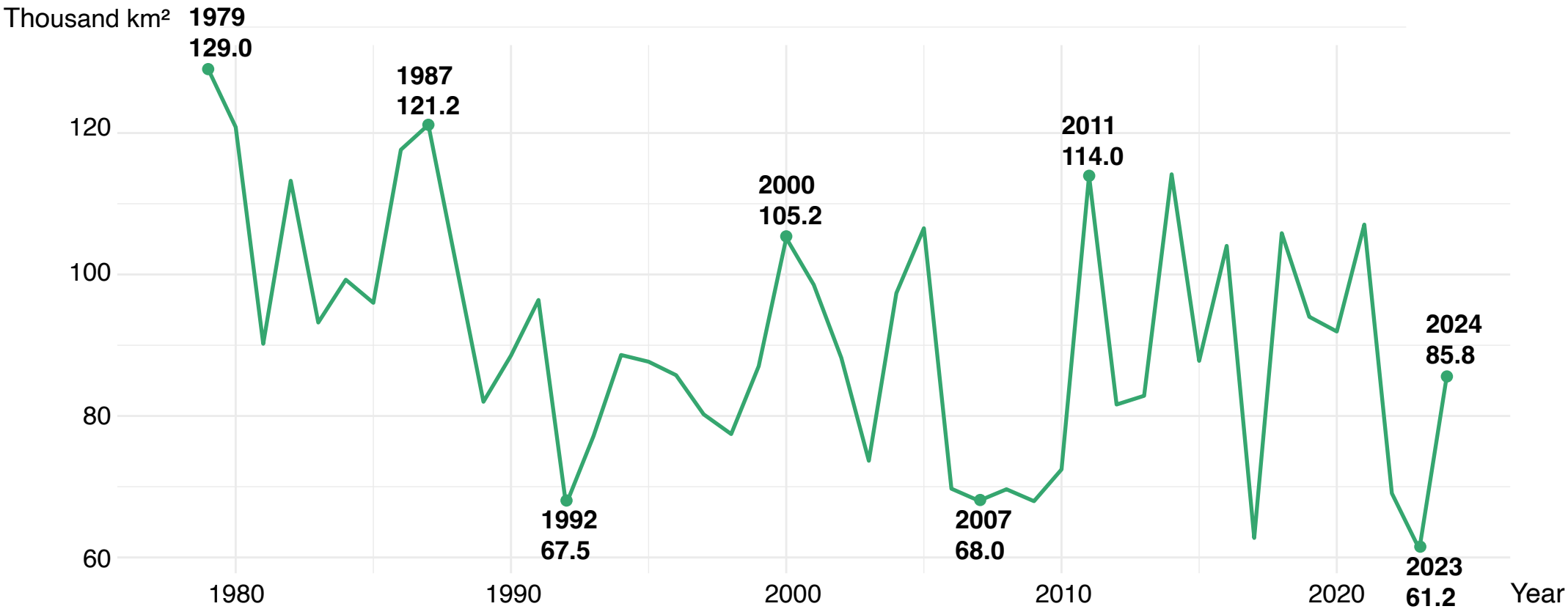


The South Pole ice area has decreased by 33% since 1979

Last year, the ice area hit a record low at approximately 61.2 km².



Source: National Snow & Ice Data Center
Note: Missing data in years of 1978 and 1988