



American Samoa power energy

What kind of energy does American Samoa use?

American Samoa uses imported fossil fuels for almost all of the territory's energy needs, including transportation, drinking and waste water treatment, and most (about 97% in 2020) of its electric power generation. Electricity prices in American Samoa vary with world petroleum prices.

Is American Samoa a renewable country?

American Samoa's energy sector relies almost entirely on imported fossil fuels, although renewables represent a small but growing power system contribution. The territory possesses substantial solar energy resources, as well as wind and biomass resource potential.

How much does electricity cost in Samoa?

Average U.S. and American Samoa Electricity Prices (2022) ASPA rates are down slightly as of January 2024--approximately \$0.41/kWh for residential and commercial customers and \$0.38/kWh for industrial customers. ASPA's total energy rates include a renewable energy flat rate charged at \$0.002/kWh across all service types (ASPA 2024).

Where does American Samoa get fuel?

Fuel for American Samoa comes from Singapore with Busan, South Korea as an alternate provider if needed. In the case of fuel disruption, Pacific Energy prioritizes serving ASPA to ensure power and water treatment services are not interrupted (Pacific Energy representative, personal communication, August 9, 2023).

Does American Samoa have energy issues?

Although energy burdens pose a real challenge in American Samoa, the territory is working to advance energy justice. For example, the Territorial Energy Office provides home energy efficiency programs to help reduce energy costs for low-income households.

Does American Samoa have a geothermal energy plan?

The 2016 American Samoa Energy Action Plan identifies some geothermal resources, but none of these are viable for commercial electricity generation. The 2016 plan instead emphasizes the development of wind and solar power (Ness, Haase, and Conrad 2016). American Samoa is exploring opportunities for both offshore and onshore wind power generation.

In 2022, the average electricity price for residential customers in American Samoa was approximately 45 cents/kilowatt-hour (kWh) - almost three times the U.S. average of 15 cents/kWh. Renewable energy represents a small but growing power system contribution, although American Samoa relies almost entirely on imported fossil fuels.

In 2016, the American Samoa Renewable Energy Committee set a goal to meet 50% of American Samoa's



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energy from renewable energy resources by 2025 and 100% by 2040, primarily with solar energy. In 2022, per capita electricity consumption in American Samoa was about 30% of the U.S. average.

American Samoa's 2023-2024 report provides a high-level overview of American Samoa's energy sector, the current climate and energy policy landscape in the territory, and the climate- and energy-specific challenges facing American Samoa.",

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emissions from renewable power is calculated as renewable generation divided by fossil fuel generation multiplied by reported emissions from the power sector. This assumes that, if renewable power did not exist, fossil fuels would be used in its place to generate the same amount of power and using the same mix of fossil fuels. In countries and ...

This factsheet provides a high-level overview of American Samoa's power and transportation sectors - as well as territorial policies, challenges, and opportunities related to renewable energy, energy efficiency, and resilience.

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