



# The path of solar power generation in the United States

What percentage of US electricity is generated by solar power?

According to our Electric Power Annual, solar power accounted for 3% of U.S. electricity generation from all sources in 2020. In our Short-Term Energy Outlook, we forecast that solar will account for 4% of U.S. electricity generation in 2021 and 5% in 2022.

Will solar and wind energy lead the growth in US power generation?

Solar and wind energy will lead the growth in U.S. power generation for at least the next two years, according to EIA estimates. This report uses data from the EIA to analyze solar and wind capacity and generation over the past decade (2014 to 2023) in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Does the US produce more solar power in 2023?

The U.S. produced more solar power in 2023 than ever before—part of a decade-long growth trend for renewable energy. Climate Central's new report, *A Decade of Growth in Solar and Wind Power*, analyzed U.S. solar and wind energy data from 2014 to 2023 for all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Which states generate the most solar power in 2023?

The most solar power generation came from California (68,816 GWh) and Texas (31,739 GWh) in 2023. Texas also led the country in power generated from wind (119,836 GWh). These data -- combined with federal capacity forecasts -- show how renewable energy growth is driving America's progress toward net-zero carbon emissions targets in the U.S.

Where did solar power grow in 2023?

Electricity generated from solar energy in 2023 was enough to power the equivalent of more than 22 million average American homes. California and Texas led in solar generation in 2023. But many other states have seen major growth in solar power during the last 10 years. Download the data and read the full report.

How many terawatt-hours does solar power generate a year?

In 2023, utility-scale solar power generated 164.5 terawatt-hours (TWh), or 3.9% of electricity in the United States. Total solar generation that year, including estimated small-scale photovoltaic generation, was 238 TWh.

The United States is one of the largest producers of solar power in the world and has been a pioneer in solar adoption, with major projects across different technologies, mainly photovoltaic ...

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our January Short-Term Energy Outlook (STEO), which contains new forecast data through December 2025, ...

As of the third quarter of 2012, the solar projects we analyze represent 72% of installed and under-construction utility-scale PV and CSP capacity in the United States. KW - ground-mounted ...

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As the pulsing heart of modern civilization, the power grid stands out as one of the most monumental structures ever conceived. From the flicker of a light bulb signifying ingenuity and convenience to the hum of factories ...

the last USA Country Update in 2015, competition from low-cost power sources (notably natural gas and solar) and the reduction in ... geothermal power generation in the United States, ...

The path of the eclipse, shown relative to the positions of major US solar power installations. US Energy Information Administration. Despite the rapid decline and rebound in solar power output ...

As modeled, wind and solar energy provide 60%-80% of generation in the least-cost electricity mix in 2035, and the overall generation capacity grows to roughly three times the 2020 level by ...

OverviewSolar potentialHistorySolar photovoltaic powerConcentrated solar power (CSP)Government supportSee alsoFurther readingSolar power includes solar farms as well as local distributed generation, mostly on rooftops and increasingly from community solar arrays. In 2023, utility-scale solar power generated 164.5 terawatt-hours (TWh), or 3.9% of electricity in the United States. Total solar generation that year, including estimated small-scale photovoltaic generation, was 238 TWh.

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In 2023, net generation of electricity from utility-scale generators in the United States was about 4,178 billion kilowatthours (kWh) (or about 4.18 trillion kWh). EIA estimates ...

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