

# US Solar Power Generation Technology



## Overview

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Solar continues to be the main fuel type for new additions, with over 30,000 MW of solar energy added in 2024, nearly double the amount added in 2023. This report also analyzes prospective generation capacity in four categories — under construction, permitted, application. The oldest solar power plant in the world is the 354-megawatt (MW) Solar Energy Generating Systems thermal power plant in California. [5] The Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System is a solar thermal power project in the Mojave Desert, 40 miles (64 km) southwest of Las Vegas, with a gross. Electricity generation by the U. electric power sector totaled about 4,260 billion kilowatthours (BkWh) in 2025. In our latest Short-Term Energy Outlook (STEO), we expect U. 6% in 2027, when it reaches an annual total of 4,423 BkWh. On this page you'll find resources to learn what solar energy is; how you, your business, or your community can go solar; and find resources for every step of the way. It also. The United States is set to achieve its largest annual increase in electricity generation capacity in more than two decades. According to the US Energy Information Administration (EIA), developers plan to add 64 gigawatts (GW) of new utility-scale capacity in 2025, surpassing the previous record of. Solar energy can be harnessed two primary ways: photovoltaics (PVs) are semiconductors that generate electricity directly from sunlight, while solar thermal technologies use sunlight to heat water for domestic uses, to warm buildings, or heat fluids to drive electricity-generating turbines.

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### Record-breaking year ahead for US power generation with

The US is experiencing its most transformative year for electricity generation in over 20 years, driven by a surge in solar energy and backed by large-scale battery storage.

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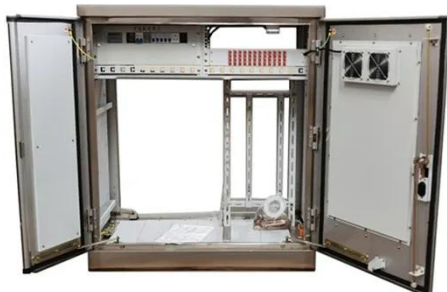
### Solar power in the United States

Solar power includes solar farms as well as local distributed generation, mostly on rooftops and increasingly from community solar arrays. In 2024, utility-scale solar power generated 219.8 terawatt ...



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Solar accounted for 58% of all new electricity-generating capacity added to the US grid through the third quarter of 2025, with more than 30 GW installed. Solar and storage, combined, ...

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## Solar Energy

There are two main types of solar energy technologies--photovoltaics (PV) and concentrating solar-thermal power (CSP). On this page you'll find resources to learn what solar ...

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## Solar, battery storage to lead new U.S. generating capacity additions

In 2024, generators added a record 30 GW of utility-scale solar to the U.S. grid, accounting for 61% of capacity additions last year. We expect this trend will continue in 2025, with 32.5 GW of new utility ...

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The facility will produce solar modules,



key hardware for solar technology projects, to help boost solar production in the US and meet growing global demand for the technology.

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## Solar power generation drives electricity generation growth over the

We expect the combined share of generation from solar power and wind power to rise from about 18% in 2025 to about 21% in 2027. In our STEO forecast, utility-scale solar is the fastest ...



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## America's Electricity Generating Capacity

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