



# Solar power generation unit capacity





## Overview

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Solar energy generation, measured in gigawatt-hours (GWh) versus installed solar capacity, measured in gigawatts (GW). We expect 63 gigawatts (GW) of new utility-scale electric-generating capacity to be added to the U. This amount represents an almost 30% increase from 2024 when 48.6 GW of capacity was installed, the largest. The American Public Power Association is the voice of not-for-profit, community-owned utilities that power approximately 2,000 towns and cities nationwide. Our World in Data is free and accessible for everyone. Help us do this work by making a donation.



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### [U.S. developers report half of new electric generating capacity will](#)

Developers added 12 gigawatts (GW) of new utility-scale solar electric generating capacity in the United States during the first half of 2025, and they plan to add another 21 GW in the ...

### [FERC: Solar + wind made up 91% of new US power generating capacity ...](#)

Solar and wind accounted for 91% of new US electrical generating capacity added in the H1 2025, according to data just released by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), ...



### [A global inventory of photovoltaic solar energy generating units](#)

Here we provide a global inventory of commercial-, industrial- and utility-scale PV installations (that is, PV generating stations in excess of 10 kilowatts nameplate capacity) by using a

### [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 ...

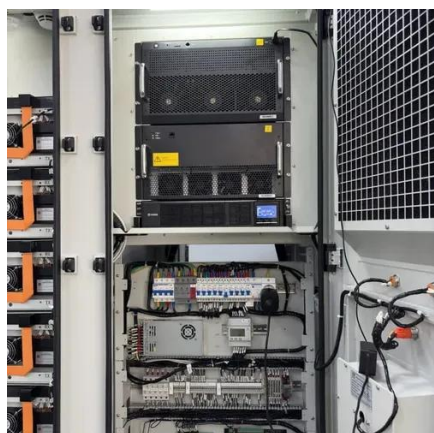


### [America's Electricity Generation Capacity, 2025 Update](#)

Solar is the leading resource for permitted plants, accounting for more than 70% of the 78,039 MW of permitted generation capacity. Wind and natural gas account for another quarter of capacity in this ...

### [Capacity and Generation by State, Energy Markets](#)

Data from 2007 through 2024. Source: Berkeley Lab, Utility-Scale Solar Data Update 2025



### **Solar energy generation vs. capacity**

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### **What is Generation Capacity?**



Capacity is not the same as electricity generation. Power plants have a capacity to produce a certain amount of power during a given time, but if they are taken offline (i.e. for ...



[Utility-Scale PV , Electricity , 2024 , ATB , NLR](#)

Utility-Scale PV Units using capacity above represent kWAC. 2024 ATB data for utility-scale solar photovoltaics (PV) are shown above, with a base year of 2022. The Base Year estimates rely on ...



### Solar PV Energy Factsheet

PV modules typically comprise 60-72 cells arranged in a rectangular grid, laminated between transparent front and structural back surfaces. They usually have metal frames and weigh 34-62 lbs. ...





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