Solar power generation costs around the world

Overview

In 2024, solar photovoltaics (PV) were, on average, 41% cheaper than the lowest-cost fossil fuel alternatives, while onshore wind projects were 53% cheaper. Onshore wind remained the most affordable source of new renewable electricity at USD 0. 034/kWh, followed by solar PV at USD. Note: Costs are expressed in constant 2024 US$ per watt. Global estimates are used before 2010; European market benchmarks thereafter due to limited data availability. Solar photovoltaic module prices refer to the cost of the solar panel itself, and do not include installation or other system. Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 22 July 2025 - Renewables maintain their cost leadership in global power markets, IRENA's new report on Renewable Power Generation Costs in 2024 confirms. The report confirms that renewables maintained their price advantage over fossil fuels, with cost declines. By 2050, solar energy is expected to provide half (50%) of the world's electricity. The solar panel recycling industry will be worth $2. For newly commissioned onshore wind projects,the global weighted average LCOE fell by 3% year-on-year; whilst for offshore wind,the cost of electricity of new pr jects decreased by 7% compared to 202 of USD 30/tCO 2,the least cost options. Natural gas CCGTs. Storage Costs Have Plummeted: Battery storage costs have fallen by 89% between 2010 and 2023, now ranging from $988-4,774 per kW, making energy storage increasingly viable for addressing renewable intermittency challenges.

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Solar photovoltaic panel prices

Prices are compiled from three sources: Nemet (2009) for 1975-2003, Farmer & Lafond (2016) for 2004-2009, and IRENA for 2010 onward. Due to limited data availability, we use the Global ...

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