

Solar Power Generation Construction Report



Overview

Growth in utility-scale and distributed solar PV more than doubles, representing nearly 80% of worldwide renewable electricity capacity expansion. 7 gigawatts direct current (GWdc) of capacity in Q3 2025, a 20% increase from Q3 2024, a 49% increase from Q2 2025, and the third largest quarter for deployment in the industry's history. Following a low second quarter, the industry is ramping up as the end of. To accurately reflect the changing cost of new electric power generators in the Annual Energy Outlook 2025 (AEO2025), EIA commissioned Sargent & Lundy (S&L) to evaluate the overnight capital cost and performance characteristics for 19 electric generator types. The utility-scale data covers all operating solar farm phases with capacities. Each quarter, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory conducts the Quarterly Solar Industry Update, a presentation of technical trends within the solar industry. Each presentation focuses on global and U. ACP analyzed the PJM system under two scenarios—one with all resources available.

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o At the end of 2024, solar was the second-largest source of U.S. generation capacity, though still a growing percentage of the U.S. electric generation mix. o In 2024, solar represented ...

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To build a utility-scale solar plant [^1], you must budget approximately \$800,000 to \$1,200,000 per megawatt (MW) of installed capacity. The total cost is dominated by the solar panels, ...



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The utility-scale data covers all operating solar farm phases with capacities of 1 megawatt (MW) or more and all announced, pre-construction, construction, and shelved projects with capacities greater than ...



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These projects use the Section 48E credit and can utilize construction-start requirements to qualify for the tax credits and have four years to come online. But developers and asset owners ...



[Quarterly Solar Industry Update](#)

Each quarter, NREL conducts a presentation of technical trends within the solar industry.



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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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(GEM). The 339 GW of utility-scale solar and wind that have reached the construction stage accounts for one-third of all proposed wind and solar capacity in China, far surpassing the ...



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This report contains cost and performance estimates developed by Sargent & Lundy for 19 reference technology cases for different types of electric generators.



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