

# Analysis of the prospects of solar and wind power generation

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.

Are solar photovoltaics and wind power growing?

Solar photovoltaics (PV) and wind power have been growing at an accelerated pace, more than doubling in installed capacity and nearly doubling their share of global electricity generation from 2018 to 2023.

Are solar and wind the future of energy?

Solar and wind account for more of our nation's energy mix than ever before. To study America's growing renewable electricity capacity and generation, Climate Central analyzed historical data on solar and wind energy over a 10-year period (2014 to 2023).

Will wind power grow in 2023?

We expect that wind power generation will grow 11% from 430 billion kWh in 2023 to 476 billion kWh in 2025. In 2023, the U.S. electric power sector produced 4,017 billion kilowatthours (kWh) of electric power. Renewable sources--wind, solar, hydro, biomass, and geothermal--accounted for 22% of generation, or 874 billion kWh, last year.

Will solar power grow in 2025?

In our latest Short-Term Energy Outlook, we forecast that wind and solar energy will lead growth in U.S. power generation for the next two years. As a result of new solar projects coming on line this year, we forecast that U.S. solar power generation will grow 75% from 163 billion kilowatthours (kWh) in 2023 to 286 billion kWh in 2025.

What is the economic potential of wind and solar energy?

The economic potential of wind and solar energy exceeds the non-hydro RPS target in 2020 in more than half the provinces, dominated by onshore wind energy in the north and solar PV energy in the south (Fig. 4).

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