

# Hydropower and wind power generation share

How will solar PV & wind impact global electricity generation?

The share of solar PV and wind in global electricity generation is forecast to double to 25% in 2028 in our main case. This rapid expansion in the next five years will have implications for power systems worldwide.

Is hydroelectric power still a renewable source?

Hydroelectric generation at scale dates back more than a century, and is still our largest renewable source—excluding traditional biomass, it still accounts for approximately half of renewable generation. However, the scale of hydroelectric power generation varies significantly across the world.

Is wind a renewable source of electricity?

Wind is a renewable source of electricity. In 2019, U.S. annual wind generation exceeded hydroelectric generation for the first time, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration's Electric Power Monthly. Wind is now the top renewable source of electricity generation in the country, a position previously held by hydroelectricity.

What percentage of electricity is produced by hydropower?

The International Hydropower Association (IHA) says 16% of all electricity produced globally comes from hydro. The IHA says: hydropower installed capacity reached 1,330 gigawatts (GW) in 2020. China, Brazil, the USA, Canada and India are the largest hydropower producers by installed capacity, as the chart below shows.

Why do renewables have a higher share in the energy mix?

This includes not only electricity but also transport and heating. Electricity forms only one component of energy consumption. Since transport and heating tend to be harder to decarbonize - they are more reliant on oil and gas - renewables tend to have a higher share in the electricity mix versus the total energy mix.

What percentage of global electricity generation is renewable?

In 2028, renewable energy sources account for over 42% of global electricity generation, with the share of wind and solar PV doubling to 25%. IEA. Licence: CC BY 4.0 China accounts for almost 60% of new renewable capacity expected to become operational globally by 2028.

A recent report by the International Hydropower Association (IHA) suggests that hydropower-based electricity generation hit a record 4,306 terawatt hours (TWh) in 2019, whereas the total annual capacity for wind ...

In 2024, wind and solar PV together generate more electricity than hydropower. In 2025, renewables surpass coal to become the largest source of electricity generation. Wind and solar PV each surpass nuclear electricity generation in ...

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Most electric power plants use some of the electricity they produce to operate the power plant. Net generation excludes the electricity ... electricity generation from utility ...

Renewable generation, with a share of 57.7 percent of the net electricity generation for public power supply, that is, the electricity mix that comes out of the socket, was significantly higher than the first half of 2022 ...

In 2028, renewable energy sources account for 42% of global electricity generation, with the wind and solar PV share making up 25%. In 2028, hydropower remains the largest renewable electricity source. However, ...

Additionally, in terms of integrating wind and solar, the flexibility presented in existing U.S. hydropower facilities could help bring up to 137 gigawatts of new wind and solar online by 2035. ... Because hydropower plants can generate ...

"Renewables" include wind, hydro, solar including rooftop, geothermal, and biomass. More on them separately in a moment. Power generation from renewables. Wind power generation dipped in 2023 from the ...

Hydropower: what share of electricity comes from hydropower? Hydropower makes a large contribution to low-carbon electricity across the world: globally, it accounts for around one-sixth of production. This interactive map shows the ...

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