

# Is solar energy the leader in power generation

Electricity generation by the U.S. electric power sector totaled about 4,260 billion kilowatthours (BkWh) in 2025. In our latest Short-Term Energy Outlook (STEO), we expect U.S. ...

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The first six months of 2025 saw wind and solar together pass a historic milestone, generating more power than coal for the first time and making renewables the world's leading source ...

Our nation has abundant solar, water, wind, and geothermal energy resources, and many U.S. companies are developing, manufacturing, and installing cutting edge, high-tech renewable energy ...

China now dominates the global renewable sector. In the first half of this year, China built more solar than the rest of the world combined.

Solar remains the third largest renewable electricity technology behind hydropower and wind -- but it accounted for just 4.5% of total global electricity generation in 2022. To meet net-zero ...

In the next three decades, the solar PV field can advance to become the second prominent generation source by constructing more solar farms, allowing countries to generate ...

Data and analysis including a list of solar power in every country in the world, countries with the most solar power, and countries that generate the highest percentage of their electricity from solar power.

Clean power surpassed 40% of global electricity generation in 2024, driven by record growth in renewables, especially solar. Heatwaves contributed to high growth in electricity demand ...

OverviewPotentialTechnologiesDevelopment and deploymentEconomicsGrid integrationEnvironmental effectsPoliticsSolar power, also known as solar electricity, is the conversion of energy from sunlight into electricity, either directly using photovoltaics (PV) or indirectly using concentrated solar power. Solar panels use the photovoltaic effect to convert light into an electric current. Concentrated solar power systems use lenses or mirrors and solar tracking systems to focus a large area of sunlight to a hot spot, often to drive a steam turbine.

IRENA data reveals that global renewable energy capacity additions reached a historic 582 GW in 2024, with solar power leading at 452 GW and renewables dominating new power generation ...

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