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Overview

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Each year, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Solar Energy Technologies Office (SETO) and its national laboratory partners analyze cost data for U.S. solar photovoltaic (PV) systems to develop cost benchmarks. These benchmarks help measure progress toward goals for reducing solar electricity costs.

The average U.S. construction costs for solar photovoltaic systems and wind turbines in 2022 were close to 2021 costs, while natural gas-fired electricity generators decreased 11%, according to our recently released data. Average construction costs for solar generators increased by 1.7% in 2022.

With the falling costs of solar PV and wind power technologies, the focus is increasingly moving to the next stage of the energy transition and an energy systems approach, where energy storage can help integrate higher shares of solar and wind power. Energy storage technologies can provide a range.

DOE's Energy Storage Grand Challenge supports detailed cost and performance analysis for a variety of energy storage technologies to accelerate their development and deployment. The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Energy Storage Grand Challenge is a comprehensive program that seeks to accelerate.

The US solar industry installed 7.5 gigawatts direct current (GW dc) of capacity in Q2 2025, a 24% decline from Q2 2024 and a 28% decrease since Q1 2025. Solar accounted for 56% of all new electricity-generating capacity

added to the US grid in the first half of 2025, with a total of 18 GW.

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