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Overview

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The Malalison Island solar photovoltaic hybrid power plant consists of a 50-kilowatt photovoltaic system with 273-kilowatt-hour lithium-ion batteries and a 54-kilowatt diesel back-up generator designed to produce 200 kilowatts power, around the clock. Photo credit: Courtesy of the Energy Sector.

Electricity generation on islands can cost 10 times more than on mainland territories and countries. In 2021, island nations had the most expensive average cost of electricity in the world; in the Solomon Islands, for example, electricity cost almost seven times more than in the United States.

Take control of your energy costs with solar power. Solar panels generate “free” electricity, but installing a system still costs money. A typical American household needs a 10-kilowatt (kW) system to adequately power their home, which costs \$28,241 in 2025. That price effectively drops to \$19,873.

The three big islands of Kauai, Hawaii, and Maui are required to obtain 100% of their electricity from renewables by 2035. In 2024, solar power provided about 22% of Hawaii's total electricity, about two-thirds of which came from small-scale, customer-sited solar panel systems. Hawaii has the.

According to the IEA, generating electricity on islands can cost up to 10 times more than on the mainland. With more than 730 million people living on 11,000 permanently inhabited islands around the world, and with the number of natural disasters having increased significantly in recent decades.

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