

# **The cost of electricity generation from photovoltaic panels**





## Overview

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Are solar PV projects reducing the cost of electricity in 2022?

Between 2022 and 2023, utility-scale solar PV projects showed the most significant decrease (by 12%). For newly commissioned onshore wind projects, the global weighted average LCOE fell by 3% year-on-year; whilst for offshore wind, the cost of electricity of new projects decreased by 7% compared to 2022.

Where did photovoltaic cost data come from?

Photovoltaic cost data between 1975 and 2003 has been taken from Nemet (2009), between 2004 and 2009 from Farmer & Lafond (2016), and since 2010 from IRENA. Prices from Nemet (2009) and Farmer & Lafond (2016) have been converted to 2024 US\$ using the US GDP deflator, to account for the effects of inflation.

How much does it cost to build a photovoltaic park?

The Lieberose Photovoltaic Park – one of the largest in Germany – had a nameplate capacity at opening of 52.79 megawatt and cost some €160 million to build or €3,031 per kW. With a yearly output of some 52 GWh (equivalent to just over 5.9 MW) it has a capacity factor just over 11%.

How efficient is a residential PV system in 2024?

The representative residential PV system (RPV) for 2024 has a rating of 8 kW dc (the sum of the system's module ratings). Each module has an area (with frame) of 1.9 m<sup>2</sup> and a rated power of 400 watts, corresponding to an efficiency of 21.1%.



Is renewable power a viable source of least-cost new power generation?

Renewable power generation has become the default source of least-cost new power generation. The progress made in 2023 is a significant step toward transitioning to a system based on energy efficiency and renewable technologies.

What is NREL's PV cost benchmarking work?

NREL analyzes the total costs associated with installing photovoltaic (PV) systems for residential rooftop, commercial rooftop, and utility-scale ground-mount systems. This work has grown to include cost models for solar-plus-storage systems. NREL's PV cost benchmarking work uses a bottom-up approach.



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### Comparative Analysis of Electricity Generation Costs by Source

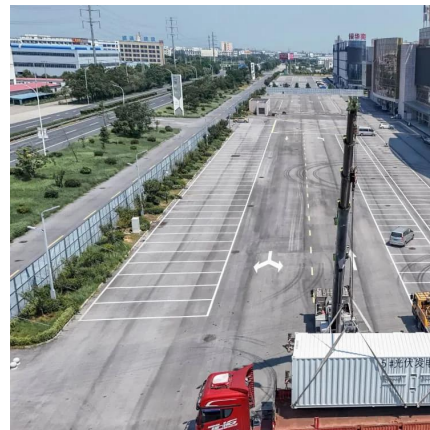
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In evaluating the financial benefits of solar photovoltaic (PV) power generation, one must understand various critical factors that contribute to its cost-effectiveness.

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