

Future solar energy storage scale



Overview

Let's cut to the chase - 2025 is shaping up to be the year solar energy storage goes from "nice-to-have" to "can't-live-without." With global market value surging from \$4.89 billion in 2024 to a projected \$17.64 billion by 2031 [1] [8], batteries are becoming the Robin to. We expect 63 gigawatts (GW) of new utility-scale electric-generating capacity to be added to the U.S. 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. Battery Storage Costs Have Reached Economic Viability Across All Market Segments: With lithium-ion battery pack prices falling to a record low of \$115 per kWh in 2024—an 82% decline over the past decade—energy storage has crossed the threshold of economic competitiveness. Utility-scale systems now. For solar-plus-storage—the pairing of solar photovoltaic (PV) and energy storage technologies—NLR researchers study and quantify the economic and grid impacts of distributed and utility-scale systems.) 1,000 GW of solar meets 40% of electric demand in 2035, 1,600 GW meets 45% in 2050. We must reshape workforce development, supply chains, siting. The US Energy Information Administration reports that US electricity generation totaled about 4,260 billion kilowatthours in 2025 and is projected to grow steadily through 2027, reaching roughly 4,423 BkWh, according to the latest Short-Term Energy Outlook.

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Solar, battery storage to lead new U.S. generating capacity additions

In 2025, capacity growth from battery storage could set a record as we expect 18.2 GW of utility-scale battery storage to be added to the grid. U.S. battery storage already achieved record growth in 2024 ...

Future of energy storage: 7 Powerful Trends in 2025

At COP29, world leaders recognized this potential by setting an ambitious target: we need 1,500 GW of storage capacity by 2030--a six-fold increase from today's levels. That's a tall ...



Solar Energy Storage Trends in 2025: What's Powering the Future?

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Solar Market Insight Report Q3

2025

Utility-scale solar installations decreased 28% year-over-year and 33% quarter-over-quarter with 5.7 GWdc installed. In Texas, the largest utility-scale solar market, average power prices ...



Solar-Plus-Storage Analysis , Solar Market Research & Analysis , NLR

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Renewable Energy Storage: Complete Guide To Technologies

Comprehensive guide to renewable energy storage technologies, costs, benefits, and applications. Compare battery, mechanical, and thermal storage systems for 2025.



2026 Renewable Energy Industry Outlook , Deloitte Insights

Beyond utility-scale wind and solar, phaseouts are reshaping other technologies. The residential solar 25D credit sunsets after 2025, pushing

installers toward leasing, power purchase agreements ...



Utility-Scale Solar and Battery Storage Fuel US Power Growth

While natural gas, coal, and nuclear power remain dominant, their combined share of generation is expected to decline as renewable energy expands. Utility-scale solar is the fastest ...



Global installed energy storage capacity by scenario, ...

Global installed energy storage capacity by scenario, 2023 and 2030 - Chart and data by the International Energy Agency.

Solar Futures Study: Overview

This includes solar, wind, energy storage, and other technologies. The grid will be reliable and resilient. Storage, transmission, and flexibility in load and generation are key. Expanding clean

electricity ...



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