

The lowest cost of wind power generation



Overview

Onshore wind is currently the cheapest source of energy for producing electricity, with a global average cost of \$0.034 per kilowatt-hour (or \$34 per megawatt-hour). Utility-scale solar comes in a close second at \$0.04 per kilowatt-hour. Even with recent inflation and supply chain challenges causing a dramatic cost range, wind turbine costs span from \$700 for small residential units to over \$20 million for offshore turbines, with total project costs varying from \$10,000 to \$4,000+ per kW installed depending on scale and location. Both are significantly cheaper than any fossil fuel or nuclear option for. Despite facing macro challenges and headwinds, utility-scale solar and onshore wind remain the most cost-effective forms of new-build energy generation on an unsubsidized basis (i.e., as such, renewable energy will continue to play a key role in the buildout of new power). The Levelized Cost of Energy (LCOE) represents the average cost per unit of energy generated across a power plant's lifetime.



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