

# Cost of 50 kWh of electricity from wind solar and energy storage





## Overview

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How do I estimate the true cost of wind and solar energy?

To estimate the true cost of wind and solar energy when redundancy requirements are included, we must consider the following additional costs: Overbuild of Capacity: Since solar and wind have lower capacity factors, more generation capacity must be installed to match the output of coal or natural gas plants.

How much does solar power cost?

A recent study published in *Energy*, a peer-reviewed energy and engineering journal, found that—after accounting for backup, energy storage and associated indirect costs—solar power costs skyrocket from US\$36 per megawatt hour (MWh) to as high as US\$1,548 and wind generation costs increase from US\$40 to up to US\$504 per MWh.

How much does solar cost per MWh?

Here's a detailed breakdown of current costs by major renewable technology. Utility-scale solar photovoltaic installations now achieve LCOE ranges of \$28-117 per MWh, with the best projects in high-irradiance regions reaching the lower end of this range.

How much does wind energy cost?

It finds that those prices range from as low as \$71 per MWh for unsubsidized wind in the Midwest to as high as \$164 for solar-plus-storage in the mid-Atlantic. This story also appears in *Energywire*. Reprinted from *E&E News* with permission from POLITICO, LLC.



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