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Overview

Cells and wafers accounted for over 40% of China's product exports in the first half of 2025, according to the latest report from energy think tank Ember. What are China's solar PV exports?

In 2021, the value of China's solar PV exports was over USD 30 billion, almost 7% of China's trade surplus over the last five years. In addition, Chinese investments in Malaysia and Viet Nam also made these countries major exporters of PV products, accounting for around 10% and 5% respectively of their trade surpluses since 2017.

What is the global solar PV supply chain worth?

In that last year, the global solar PV chain reached an industrial business value of some 104.7 billion U.S. dollars, with China dominating the market, and followed by the United States and Malaysia. Discover all statistics and data on Global solar PV supply chain now on [statista.com](https://www.statista.com)!

How has China shaped the global supply and demand of solar PV?

Government policies in China have shaped the global supply, demand and price of solar PV over the last decade. Chinese industrial policies focusing on solar PV as a strategic sector and on growing domestic demand have enabled economies of scale and supported continuous innovation throughout the supply chain.

How has global solar PV manufacturing capacity changed over the last decade?

Global solar PV manufacturing capacity has increasingly moved from Europe, Japan and the United States to China over the last decade. China has invested over USD 50 billion in new PV supply capacity – ten times more than Europe – and created more than 300 000 manufacturing jobs across the solar PV value chain since 2011.



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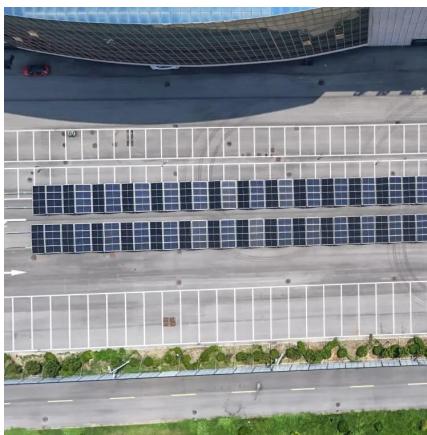
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