



# How many wind solar and energy storage power stations are there in China and Africa

How big is China's solar & wind power capacity?

Wind and solar now account for 37% of the total power capacity in the country, an 8% increase from 2022, and widely expected to surpass coal capacity, which is 39% of the total right now, in 2024. Cumulative annual utility-scale solar & wind power capacity in China, in gigawatts (GW)

What percentage of China's Electricity is generated by wind and solar?

In 2021, wind and solar combined generated 12% of China's electricity, according to our International Energy Statistics. As wind and solar play an increasingly significant role in China's electricity mix, the surplus energy generated will need to be stored.

How much solar power does China have in 2023?

China added almost twice as much utility-scale solar and wind power capacity in 2023 than in any other year. By the first quarter of 2024, China's total utility-scale solar and wind capacity reached 758 GW, though data from China Electricity Council put the total capacity, including distributed solar, at 1,120 GW.

Will wind and solar power be used in China?

As wind and solar play an increasingly significant role in China's electricity mix, the surplus energy generated will need to be stored. Otherwise, it will have to be curtailed, meaning some of the wind and solar power will not be used. Pumped-storage projects have advantages compared with other types of storage, such as batteries.

How many mega wind and solar bases are there in China?

The first wave of "mega wind and solar bases" was announced in 2021 and spanned across 19 provinces. Most of the 97 GW in this first wave began operating in 2023 as scheduled, accounting for a third of China's newly-operating capacity, pointing to a promising future for the second and third waves.

Why is China building pumped-storage hydropower facilities?

China is building pumped-storage hydropower facilities to increase the flexibility of the power grid and accommodate growing wind and solar power. As of May 2023, China had 50 gigawatts (GW) of operational pumped-storage capacity, 30% of global capacity and more than any other country.

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