

# Current status of solar power generation and energy storage

Is solar photovoltaic the new cornerstone of the global power sector?

In the past three months, the International Energy Agency, the International Renewable Energy Agency, and BloombergNEF published preliminary data for the power sector in 2024. These data hammer the same powerful message: solar photovoltaic (PV) has become the new cornerstone of the global power sector.

How many GW of solar generating capacity will come online in 2026?

Almost 70 gigawatts (GW) of new solar generating capacity projects are scheduled to come online in 2026 and 2027, which represents a 49% increase in U.S. solar operating capacity compared with the end of 2025. Much of the utility-scale solar generation capacity additions will come online in Texas.

What is the growth rate of solar energy generation in 2024?

In this context, electricity generation from solar PV grew by a record 475 TWh (30%), the largest increase of all electricity generating technologies by far (Chart 1). In 2024, the growth in electricity generation from solar PV alone surpassed that of all other renewable energy (RE) technologies combined.

Does solar power generation have a high-penetration scenario?

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