

# Solar Power Generation in China and Europe



## Overview

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Growth in utility-scale and distributed solar PV more than doubles, representing nearly 80% of worldwide renewable electricity capacity expansion. Low module costs, relatively efficient permitting processes and broad social acceptance drive the acceleration in solar PV. Globally, renewable power capacity is projected to increase almost 4 600 GW between 2025 and 2030 – double the deployment of the previous five years (2019-2024). Solar experienced the fastest growth among all power generation. Ember (2026); Energy Institute - Statistical Review of World Energy (2025) – with major processing by Our World in Data This dataset contains yearly electricity generation, capacity, emissions, imports and demand data for European countries. Here's what we can learn China's renewable energy buildout is unrivalled – but that does not mean it is without challenges. China's approach to renewable energy buildout combines large-scale investment, technological innovation and market. Wind and solar surpassed a quarter of China's electricity generation for the first time in April 2025. Its PV capacity crossed 1,000 gigawatt (one terawatt, 1 TW) in May 2025.

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### Solar power generation, 2025

Solar power generation, 2025 Electricity generation from solar, measured in terawatt-hours.

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