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## Overview

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This paper presents average values of levelized costs for new generation resources as represented in the National Energy Modeling System (NEMS) for our Annual Energy Outlook 2025 (AEO2025) Reference case. The estimates include only resources owned by the electric power sector, not those owned in. Numbers calculated by financial advisory Lazard as of June 2025 estimate price ranges for the generation of one MWh of energy by different sources. While the data shows that it is always cheapest to produce electricity from fully depreciated facilities, renewable energy can nevertheless compete in. The average cost per unit of energy generated across the lifetime of a new power plant. This data is expressed in US dollars per kilowatt-hour. It is adjusted for inflation but does not account for differences in living costs between countries. Data source: IRENA (2025); IRENA (2024) - Learn more.



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### Cost of electricity by source

Capital costs tend to be low for gas and oil power stations; moderate for onshore wind turbines and solar PV (photovoltaics); higher for coal plants and higher still for waste-to-energy, wave and tidal, solar ...

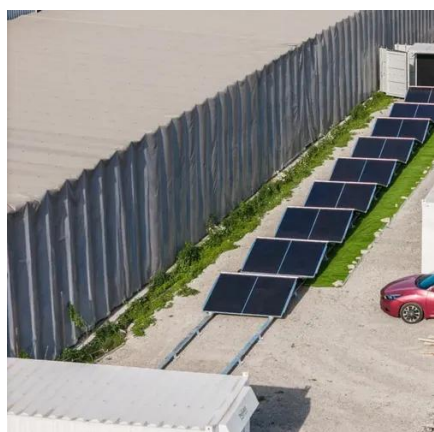
### Power Play: The Economics Of Nuclear Vs. Renewables

The global energy landscape is shifting as countries weigh the costs and benefits of nuclear power versus renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, and hydro.



### Levelized Costs of New Generation Resources in the Annual ...

A solar PV-battery (PV-battery) hybrid system is a single-axis PV system coupled with a four-hour battery storage system. Costs are expressed in terms of net AC (alternating current) power available ...



### Wind vs. Nuclear: The Real Cost Showdown!

I crunched the numbers on replacing an APR1400 nuclear reactor (1400 MW, 95% capacity) with Vestas V236-15.0 MW wind turbines (30% capacity in Australia). Over 80 years, you'd ...

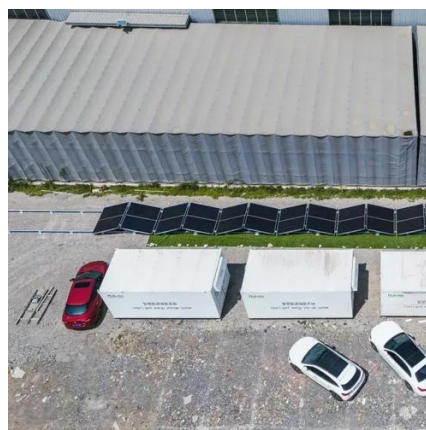


### Chart: The Cost of Energy , Statista

Offshore wind energy costs ran a little higher, at between \$70 and \$157 per MWh. Building these facilities can be more pricey, but typically solicits less pushback. The midpoint estimate for

### Economics of Nuclear Power

In assessing the economics of nuclear power, decommissioning and waste disposal costs are fully taken into account. Nuclear power plant construction is typical of large infrastructure ...



### Wind and Solar Energy Are Cheaper Than ...

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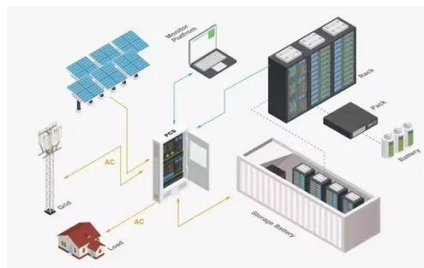


### [Comprehensive Analysis of Energy Costs:](#)



## Wind, Solar, and Nuclear

This report focuses on a comparison of energy costs based on cost per kWh, Levelized Cost of Energy (LCOE), and cradle-to-grave costs for wind, solar, and nuclear energy.



## Wind and Solar Energy Are Cheaper Than Electricity from Fossil-Fuel

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### **Cost of electricity by source**

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Cost factors  
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Global studies  
Regional studies  
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Notes

While calculating costs, several internal cost factors have to be considered. Note the use of "costs," which is not the actual selling price, since this can be affected by a variety of factors such as subsidies and taxes:

- o Capital costs tend to be low for gas and oil power stations; moderate for onshore wind turbines and solar PV (photovoltaics); higher for coal plants and higher still for waste-to-energy, wave and tidal



## Solar vs. Coal vs. Nuclear: Lazard's 2025 Report Reveals the ...

Wind & Solar Now the Cheapest: Lazard's latest analysis shows onshore wind costs around \$37-\$86 per MWh and utility solar \$38-\$78, beating fossil fuels on price Cbsnews. Even ...



## Levelized cost of energy for renewables, World

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