

# China's Surface Solar Power Generation



## Overview

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Wind and solar surpassed a quarter of China's electricity generation for the first time in April 2025. China is the largest market in the world for both photovoltaics (PV) and solar thermal energy. Its PV capacity crossed 1,000 gigawatt (one terawatt, 1 TW) in May 2025. [1]. China installed a record 315 GW (AC) of new solar capacity in 2025, lifting cumulative installed PV capacity to 1. China's National Energy Administration (NEA) released its 2025 power sector statistics on Jan. The 277 GW of utility-scale solar capacity installed in China in 2024 alone is more than twice as. How China overcomes market, financing and systemic challenges holds lessons for other economies investing in renewables. China is the world's largest energy consumer and greenhouse gas emitter – it is also undergoing one of the most ambitious energy transitions in history. Guided by its goals of. (Yicai) Jan. To contextualize the magnitude, this figure is nearly 4X greater than May 2024's deployment and almost triples the annual solar capacity addition projected for the entire United States in.

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China was responsible for installing a massive 256 GW of that solar capacity. For context, it took until September last year to pass the 350 GW mark. This year, the milestone was achieved in

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The country added 120 GW of wind and solar power in 2022, 290 GW in 2023, 360 GW in 2024, and 434 GW last year, of which about 119 GW of wind power and 315 GW of solar power, ...



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