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# Armenia Wind Solar and Energy Storage Project Construction



## Overview

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How much wind power does Armenia have?

A 2003 study by the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) estimated Armenia's land areas with "good-to-excellent" wind resource potential to be around 1,000 km<sup>2</sup>. With a conservative assumption of 5 MW per km<sup>2</sup>, the authors noted that the area could support almost 5,000 MW of potential installed capacity.

How big is Armenia's solar power?

In 2017, Tamara Babayan, a sustainable energy expert, estimated the potential of Armenia's distributed solar power at 1,280 MW and almost 1,800 GWh in annual generation.

How many wind farms are there in Armenia?

Armenia's wind energy sector is minuscule. The entire country has just four wind farms with an installed capacity of 4.23 MW and an average annual generation of 3.97 GWh.

How much electricity does Armenia produce a year?

Last year Armenia produced 8,907.9 GWh of electricity, up 16% from 2021. The vast majority came from thermal power plants in Yerevan and Hrazdan (43.5%) and the Metsamor Nuclear Power Plant (32%). Hydropower accounted for 21.8%, while solar stood at 2.7% and wind power at just 0.02%.

Is geothermal energy viable in Armenia?

The geothermal energy potential of Armenia is significant, but is not considered economically viable, at least for now. The World Bank has estimated the total potential at around 150 MW. The Karkar site in Syunik, for instance, has an estimated capacity of 28 MW with a construction cost of nearly \$100 million, far pricier than solar.

How many solar farms are there in Armenia?

The installed capacities of Armenia's 60 solar farms range from 64.91 kW to 5,000 kW (5 MW). The majority (32 of 60) are at the upper range (5 MW), which seems to be the preferred size. The first license for a solar farm in Armenia was granted in November 2017, but only 12 were built in the first three years.

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