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Overview

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However, with the recent crash in lithium prices, battery costs have started to decline again. In 2023, the average price of a lithium-ion battery pack was \$139 per kWh, and it's expected to fall even further, potentially reaching \$78 per kWh by the end of 2024, as the market continues to be oversupplied.

Why is the price of lithium-ion batteries dropping?

The price of lithium-ion batteries, the essential power source behind electric vehicles (EVs) and renewable energy storage systems, is steadily dropping—and it shows no signs of stopping. This ongoing price decline is largely driven by a combination of oversupply in battery metals and a recent slowdown in electric vehicle adoption.

Will US-made batteries cost more than imports?

Still, Kikuma says that other research BNEF has undertaken shows that the cost of US-made batteries or energy storage systems will still be in a much more expensive price range than the imports.

How much does a battery cost in China?

On a regional basis, average battery pack prices were lowest in China, at \$94/kWh. Packs in the US and Europe were 31% and 48% higher, reflecting

the relative immaturity of these markets, as well as higher production costs and lower volumes.

Why are battery prices so low in China?

Companies in China faced fierce competition this year. These conditions resulted in falling battery prices and lower battery margins, forcing many battery manufacturers to enter new markets, including energy storage, while also eyeing overseas markets willing to pay more for batteries. The industry has also benefitted from low raw material prices.

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