

# Is China still using solar power to generate electricity

Can China make more solar power?

China can now make more solar power than the rest of the world. Data released by China's National Agency last week revealed that the country's solar electric power generation capacity grew by a staggering 55.2 percent in 2023. The numbers highlight over 216 gigawatts (GW) of solar power China built during the year.

What is the future of solar energy in China?

China has already made major commitments to transitioning its energy systems towards renewables, especially power generation from solar, wind and hydro sources. However, there are many unknowns about the future of solar energy in China, including its cost, technical feasibility and grid compatibility in the coming decades.

Could solar power be China's new energy generation system?

Instead of nuclear, solar is now intended to be the foundation of China's new electricity generation system. Authorities have steadily downgraded plans for nuclear to dominate China's energy generation. At present, the goal is 18 per cent of generation by 2060.

How much solar power does China have in 2023?

China added almost twice as much utility-scale solar and wind power capacity in 2023 than in any other year. By the first quarter of 2024, China's total utility-scale solar and wind capacity reached 758 GW, though data from China Electricity Council put the total capacity, including distributed solar, at 1,120 GW.

Can China expand solar power generating capacity?

In fact, the Chinese central government had already actively tried to expand the solar electricity generating capacity in China back in 2009, through several subsidized projects, one of which was the infamous Golden Sun project ().

Will Chinese solar power the US?

Chinese solar is now expanding so fast that by the early 2030s, the country will generate more power from the sun than the amount of electricity the US will consume altogether, according to the International Energy Agency.

Analysis for this article shows this misses out about half of the electricity generated by solar overall. ... After these changes in output, China's power generation mix shifted significantly away from fossil fuels in May 2024. The ...



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