



# Wind power subsidies for generators

Does wind work without subsidies?

President Donald Trump has repeatedly questioned the economics of wind energy, saying that wind "doesn't work" without subsidies. Experts have differing assessments of that.

What incentives are available for wind projects?

As with all energy projects, federal, state, local, and utility financial incentives are also available for wind projects. The Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency (DSIRE) is a comprehensive source of information on incentives that promote renewable energy and energy efficiency.

How reliant is the wind industry on subsidies?

Experts have differing assessments of that. In the U.S., subsidies have played an important role in building the wind industry, which has grown from supplying almost none of the nation's electricity in 2000 to almost 7% in 2018. But when it comes to how reliant the industry is on subsidies today, analysts disagree.

How do tax incentives affect wind turbine installations?

The timing and magnitude of wind turbine installations in the United States are often driven by tax incentives. The U.S. production tax credit (PTC), a per-kilowatt-hour (kWh) credit for electricity generated by eligible renewable sources, was first enacted in 1992 and has been extended and modified in the years since.

What is the land-based wind energy economic development guide?

Our Land-Based Wind Energy Economic Development Guide is a comprehensive resource for community decision makers (such as county commissioners, local decision makers, economic development corporations, businesses, landowners, and interested community members) about economic considerations regarding land-based, utility-scale wind energy.

Is investing in wind turbines profitable?

Despite being a minor contributor to the U.S. grid, wind turbines are better constructed, more efficient, and less costly today due to state mandates and federal and state incentives.

WINDEXchange provides information related to the economic impacts from wind energy development, including wind energy's ability to offset energy costs, federal energy subsidies and other project financing incentives, policy effects on ...

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