

# How much investment will be added to new energy storage







#### **Overview**

In 2025, capacity growth from battery storage could set a record as we expect 18.2 GW of utility-scale battery storage to be added to the grid. U.S. battery storage already achieved record growth in 2024 when power providers added 10.3 GW of new battery storage capacity. Why did energy storage surge in Q1 2025?

That makes Q1 2025 the biggest first quarter for energy storage in US history. The surge was led by utility-scale projects, which accounted for over 1.5 GW of the new capacity, a 57% jump compared to Q1 2024. Surging energy demand is putting the electric grid under strain," said John Hensley, SVP of markets and policy analysis at ACP.

Are energy storage technologies the key to reducing energy costs?

Energy storage technologies are also the key to lowering energy costs and integrating more renewable power into our grids, fast. If we can get this right, we can hold on to ever-rising quantities of renewable energy we are already harnessing – from our skies, our seas, and the earth itself. The gap to fill is very wide indeed.

How many GW of battery storage will we need by 2030?

The gap to fill is very wide indeed. The International Renewable Agency (IRENA) ran the numbers, estimating that 360 gigawatts (GW) of battery storage would be needed worldwide by 2030 to keep rising global temperatures below the  $1.5\,^\circ$  C ceiling. Only that will allow us to get almost 70% of our energy from renewable sources.

How many GW of solar & battery storage will be added in 2024?

Together, solar and battery storage account for 81% of the expected total capacity additions, with solar making up over 50% of the increase. Solar. In 2024, generators added a record 30 GW of utility-scale solar to the U.S. grid, accounting for 61% of capacity additions last year.



## Should storage projects be funded?

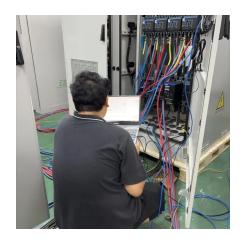
One large missing piece has been funding. Storage projects are risky investments: high costs, uncertain returns, and a limited track record. Only smart, large-scale, low-cost financing can lower those risks and clear the way for a clean future.

Which states will add more battery storage capacity in 2023?

In 2023, 6.4 GW of new battery storage capacity was added to the U.S. grid, a 70% annual increase. Texas, with an expected 6.4 GW, and California, with an expected 5.2 GW, will account for 82% of the new U.S. battery storage capacity.



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U.S. developers report half of new electric generating capacity will

Developers added 12 gigawatts (GW) of new utility-scale solar electric generating capacity in the United States during the first half of 2025, and they plan to add another 21 GW ...

# Grid infrastructure investments drive increase in utility spending ...

Utilities installed first natural gas-fired generation, then wind and solar generation, and, more recently, battery storage. New lines were connected to renewable resources. New ...



Solar, battery storage to lead new U.S. generating capacity ...

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