

# Demand for energy storage from January to September

Is China entering a new era of energy storage demand?

Mainland China accounts for most of the global energy storage demand, driven in the near term by regional requirements for new utility-scale wind and solar projects to include energy storage capacity. However, the Chinese market is entering an era of change.

What is the future of energy storage?

Global installed energy storage is on a steep upward trajectory. From just under 0.5 terawatts (TW) in 2024, total capacity is expected to rise ninefold to over 4 TW by 2040, driven by battery energy storage systems (BESS). Last year saw a record-breaking 200 gigawatt-hours (GWh) of new BESS projects coming online, a growth rate of 80%.

How will energy storage affect global electricity production?

Global electricity output is set to grow by 50 percent by mid-century, relative to 2022 levels. With renewable sources expected to account for the largest share of electricity generation worldwide in the coming decades, energy storage will play a significant role in maintaining the balance between supply and demand.

What drives energy storage project development?

Globally, energy storage project development is increasingly driven by the utility-scale segment, with mandates and targeted auctions driving gigawatt-hour projects in markets like China, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Australia and Chile.

Should energy storage be removed from energy grid connection?

For energy storage, the new Chinese policy emphasized the need to remove energy storage as a prerequisite for renewable energy project grid connection, a requirement that has been a major driver for battery build. Nonetheless, BNEF still expects strong demand for batteries, as the policy doesn't explicitly require mandates to stop.

What are the different types of energy storage technologies?

Pumped hydro, batteries, hydrogen, and thermal storage are a few of the technologies currently in the spotlight. The global battery industry has been gaining momentum over the last few years, and investments in battery storage and power grids surpassed 450 billion U.S. dollars in 2024. Find the latest statistics and facts on energy storage.



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