

Domestic energy storage cost breakdown in Chile 2026

Will Chile be able to develop energy storage projects in 2024?

In 2022, Chile passed an energy storage and electromobility bill, which made stand-alone storage projects profitable, but the market is still expecting new rules on capacity payment for storage projects, which are to be approved in 2024. Chile has also put in place an auction procedure to award public land for the development of BESS projects.

How many energy storage projects are in Chile?

Currently, 36 of the 129 large-scale Latin America projects with an energy storage component under development are in Chile, including 32 out of 71 of the region's early works projects. The storage technologies either in use or being considered include:

Will Chile's storage capacity double in 2032?

The energy ministry spokesperson told Dialogue Earth that the country's environmental assessment body is currently assessing the viability of 300 more storage projects, with a total capacity of 16 GW. According to some projections, between 2026 and 2032, Chile's total storage capacity could double to 4 GW.

Where are Chile's battery energy storage facilities located?

Chile's first battery energy storage projects were commissioned in 2009, and all but two of its 16 administrative regions have facilities in operation, under construction or in the planning stage. The greatest installed capacity is found in the northern regions of Antofagasta and Tarapacá, the country's solar powerhouses.

How much battery storage capacity does Chile have?

According to data from Acera, the Chilean Renewable Energy Association, there are only 64 MW of battery storage capacity currently active, representing 0.2% of national capacity. AES Andes, a subsidiary of U.S. company AES Corp. operates all 64 MW at their Angamos and Los Andes substations.

How much energy will Chile have by 2026?

According to estimates of the national electric system of Chile (SEN) cited by Americas Market Intelligence, the country will have 13.2 GWh/2 GW (6-8-hour duration) of operating energy storage by 2026. The northern regions of Antofagasta and Atacama account for nearly 5 GW of the BESS pipeline.

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