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## Overview

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China achieved a new milestone in its energy transition, with wind and solar power together generating a quarter (26%) of the country's electricity in April 2025, the highest monthly share on record, according to the latest data from global energy think tank Ember. China is the largest market in the world for both photovoltaics (PV) and solar thermal energy. Its PV capacity crossed 1,000 gigawatt (one terawatt, 1 TW) in May 2025. Guided by its goals of peaking carbon emissions before 2030 and achieving carbon neutrality by 2060, the country is rapidly reshaping its power. (Yicai) Jan.



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### Solar power in China

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Photovoltaic research in China began in 1958 with the development of China's first piece of monocrystalline silicon. Research continued with the development of solar cells for space satellites in 1968. The Institute of Semiconductors of the Chinese Academy of Sciences led this research for a year, stopping after batteries failed to operate. Other research institutions continued the development and research of sola...

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### Why China Built 162 Square Miles of Solar Panels on the World's ...

China is using the high-altitude expanse for immense solar panel farms and wind turbines and has begun work on the world's largest hydroelectric dams.

### China's solar power capacity is on



## course to surpass coal this year

China's solar generating capacity is expected to surpass coal for the first time this year, according to the country's top electricity industry group, marking a milestone in the country's



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China's installations of wind and solar in May are enough to generate as much electricity as Poland, as the world's second-biggest economy breaks further records with its rapid buildup of

## China's Wind, Solar Power Installed Capacity Exceeded 1,800 GW for

The country added 120 GW of wind and solar power in 2022, 290 GW in 2023, 360 GW in 2024, and 434 GW last year, of which about 119 GW of wind power and 315 GW of solar power, ...



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## H1 2025: China installs more solar



## than rest of the world combined

China was responsible for installing a massive 256 GW of that solar capacity. For context, it took until September last year to pass the 350 GW mark. This year, the milestone was achieved in



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