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Overview

What are some statistics about solar energy?

These include IEA, SEIA, Forbes, and official government reports. Each statistic has been verified for accuracy. The statistics cover many aspects of solar energy. These numbers tell a clear story. Solar energy is getting cheaper. Installation rates are rising. More people are choosing solar power than ever before.

How much solar energy does the world use?

The world currently has a cumulative solar energy capacity of 850.2 GW (gigawatts). 4.4% of our global energy comes from solar power. China generates more solar energy than any other country, with a current capacity of 308.5 GW. The US relies on solar for 3.9% of its energy, although this share is increasing rapidly every year.

How many homes are using solar energy?

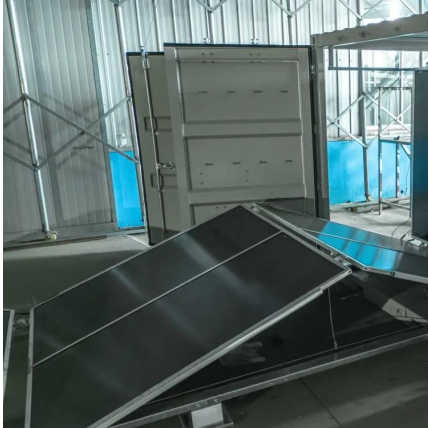
Over 7.3 million homes in the U.S. are using solar power. The U.S. has enough renewable energy resources to produce 100 times its yearly electricity needs. Every day, the Earth gets about 174 petawatts of solar energy. By 2050, solar energy is expected to provide half (50%) of the world's electricity.

How many solar panels are there in the United States?

Based on satellite data from Stanford researchers, over 1.47 million solar panels are in use across the 48 states. Even though renewable energy is growing fast, IRENA says the world is not on track to meet the goal of adding 7 TW of renewable capacity by 2030.



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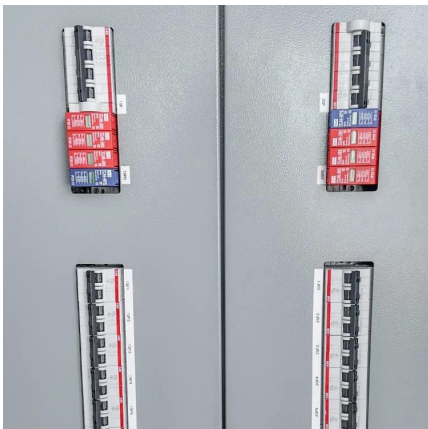
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