

# Energy-saving solar system production in New Zealand



## Overview

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In October 2022, Electricity Authority data showed 43,641 solar systems installed across New Zealand, adding up to 240 MW. This makes up an estimated contribution of under 1% of total electricity consumption. Globally, solar PV uptake has increased significantly over the past decade.

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### **Utility Solar**

New Zealand is experiencing a boom in the development of solar farms with multiple Giga-Watts of generation projects announced and in



### **Capitalizing on New Zealand's Solar Energy Surge**

In New Zealand, several community solar initiatives are currently in operation, showcasing the potential for collaborative investment in solar energy. These projects can serve as a model for

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Solar farms represent the single largest part of the pipeline, making up 44 percent of planned capacity or 20 gigawatts. If all the solar in the pipeline



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New Zealand's renewable energy supply increased on 2023 levels, with strong growth in geothermal, solar, and wind energy. The renewable share of total primary energy supply increased,

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### Solar power in New Zealand

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Solar power in New Zealand is a small but rapidly growing contributor to the country's electricity supply. In 2024, 601 gigawatt-hours of electricity was estimated to have been generated by grid-connected solar, 1.4% of all electricity generated in the country. As of the end of September 2025, New Zealand had 792 MW of grid-connected phot



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There is currently around 270 MW of installed solar generation in New Zealand. This adds up to about the same capacity of a coal or gas fired



### New Zealand Breaks Solar Generation Record

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